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UFO'S - PERSISTENT CORRESPONDENT
- DR DAVID CLARKE

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Reviewer's

Signature: _____

Reviewer's

Signature: _____

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Section 40

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Name: _____

(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: B2 Date: 31 JAN 07

Branch Title and Full Address:

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LEVEL 5, ZONE H

MAIN BUILDING

WHITEHALL

LONDON SW1A 2HB

Tel No:

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Dr Clarke.

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D/S4(Air)8/2/1/B - Copy on D/54(a) 8/1

HQ P & SS (UK) - [REDACTED]

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IN WALES

1. We have had two recent letters from Mr Nicholas Edwards MP, the Member for Pembroke, about local enquiries he has received on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. We have also had a number of letters direct from members of the public in Wales (although not from residents of Pembroke) and in addition there have been one or two quite lurid press reports. I attach copies of the relevant correspondence.
 2. We have not invoked the assistance of P & SS before on UFOs and as I explained on the telephone the last thing I want to do is to involve you in extraneous problems which would divert you from your more immediate work on low flying complaints. The standard procedure on UFOs is to send the reports to the various specialist authorities in MOD to make sure they contain no items of defence interest but to leave it there. We have followed the usual procedure in this case and nothing has come to light to suggest anything untoward in Wales and in the normal way we would have left it at that. I confess, however, that I find the correspondence a little puzzling. According to the press cuttings some of the "witnesses" are people who might be expected to be fairly level headed and Mr Edwards does say in his letter of 24th May that he has been inundated with enquiries (I should add however that the **Section 40** quote is known to be associated with a local UFO society and so may have a vested interest).
 3. I should be grateful if you would have a look at these papers and let me know whether you think some sort of discreet enquiry would be worthwhile and if so whether your staff could find time for it in view of your other pressing obligations. What I would really like to know is the volume of local interest and/or alarm and whether there is a readily discernible rational explanation for it (perhaps a practical joker) or even whether there is prima facie evidence for a more serious specialist enquiry. But I have not committed you in anyway and I have not even told the Minister I am consulting you. If you think a P & SS initiative is likely to be unfruitful I will drop the idea. Would you please let me know what you think.
- If you do decide to go ahead it would be helpful to have a short "initial" discussion.*

14 Jun 77

FILE
PART
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S4(Air)
MB 8241 MB

* Correspondence attached:-

Copies of PE - AF/SW 216/77, M.2, draft letter & m/s letter

" " AF/SW 199/77, m3, draft letter, m/s & constituents letter S4(Air) letter to CRO. S. Rowdy & CRO's report.

" " Six UFO reports rec'd in May 1977, Ref: S4(Air)/8/2/3/5/31

Copy extract from DPR (HQS) log 6/5/77
News cuttings, Daily Mail 29/4/77
Sun 16/5/77

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Hd of S4(Air) ✓



PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR DEFENCE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

MISS [REDACTED] (28)
It might be useful to
have a copy of the
CRO's letter for an
file
E18
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAIN BUILDING, WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1

TELEPHONE 01-XXXXXXX 218-6666 1/6

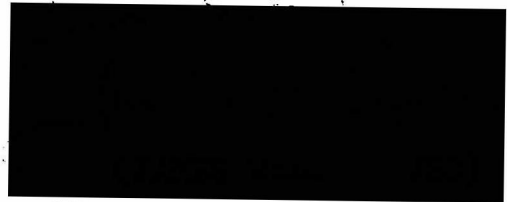
AF/JW 199/77

15 June 1977

Does Richard,

My Department have investigated the report about an Unidentified Flying Object which you referred to me on 17th May on behalf of Mrs Rose Granville of the Haven Fort Hotel. I regret to say however, that although a RAF officer has visited [REDACTED] we are unable to offer any further information. It is true that the Royal Observer Corps have a post in the adjoining field but there is no evidence that their activities could have seemed unusual in any way and we have no record of any other unusual activity in the area.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful



Nicholas Edwards Esq MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

AF/JW199/77

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M.2

APS/US of S(RAF)

I have asked the Community Relations Officer at RAF Brawdy to visit [REDACTED] to see what can be done to help her.

May I suggest in the meantime an interim to Mr Edwards as attached?

[REDACTED]

20 May 1977

S4 (Air)

M.3

APS/US of S(RAF)

The CRO has visited [REDACTED] but he tells us that he can offer no explanation for the phenomenon she believes she saw in April. She spoke I understand of an object the size of a mini bus which descended into the field and from which emerged two humanoid figures. They had gone when she returned with help. The CRO inspected the field but there was no trace of any unusual visitation. There is a fair amount of activity in the general area from the Royal Aircraft Establishment and also from civil aircraft although neither of these is a likely explanation. The CRO added that there is some general speculation in the neighbourhood that a practical joker may be at work. RAF Brawdy have had other enquiries about men in silver suits and it is perhaps not irrelevant that a local factory manufactures protective clothing of this type for the oil installation at Milford Haven. One of these "silver suits" is also on display in a shop at Brawdy village. I understand incidentally that RAF fire fighting suits (the nearest Service equivalent) are blue and that there is no possibility Brawdy personnel are involved. ROC uniforms are also blue.

2. I suggest a letter to Mr Edwards as attached.

[REDACTED]

14 June 1977

S4(Air)

MB8241

[REDACTED] MB

P.S. I enclose for the record the letter from the CRO which has since reached me.

[REDACTED]

Letter from US of S(RAF) to NICHOLAS EDWARDS ESQ MP

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My Department have investigated the report about an Unidentified Flying Object which you referred to me on 17 May on behalf of [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]

I regret to say however, that although a RAF officer has visited [REDACTED] we are unable to offer any further ⁱⁿ confirmation.

It is true that the Royal Observer Corps have a post in the adjoining field but there is no evidence that their activities could have seemed unusual in any way and we have no record of any other unusual activity in the area.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful

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Head of SH(Air) ✓

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB

Telephone 01-947 7000 X218-6666

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR DEFENCE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

AF/JW/199/77

25th May 1977

Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for your letter of 17th May covering the enquiry you have received from [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

My Department are investigating this question and I will write again as soon as I receive their report.



Nicholas Edwards Esq MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Yours

[REDACTED]
Would you please return when the CRO's letter arrives.

[REDACTED] 1/6

M.2

APS/US of S(RAF)

I have asked the Community Relations Officer at RAF Brawdy to visit [REDACTED] to see what can be done to help her.

May I suggest in the meantime an interim to Mr Edwards as attached? [REDACTED]

20 May 1977

S4 (Air)

Draft letter from US of S(RAF) to Nicholas Edwards Esq. MP.

Thank you for your letter of 17th May covering the enquiry you have received from [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

My Department are investigating this question and I will write again as soon as I receive their report.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL
S.W.1

With the Compliments of

the Private Secretary

to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary

of State for Defence

for the Royal Air Force

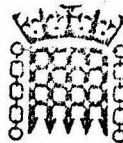
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Adc
18.5.77

Nicholas Edwards MP

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MD of S4 (Fiv)

rec'd 18th May



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

17 May 1977

See E-13.
19-20.

D JH

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] enquiring about a Ministry of Defence Post Shelter in the field adjoining her hotel where she claims to have seen a UFO. I should be grateful for further information.

J e
Ncl
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Dr John Gilbert, MP
Minister of State
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall Gardens
London SW1

[REDACTED] 11/2

Fully Licensed

AA **

[REDACTED]
Pembrokeshire

Proprietor : [REDACTED]

Manager :

Nicholas Edwards
M.P. for Pembrokeshire
Dear Sir,

With reference my reported sighting of a UFO in field, which is hotel property, which has left me great agitation and disturbed, and not the least bit desirous of another encounter, I am writing you, requesting information as to what is the Ministry of Defense Post Station in the field adjoining mine, and within yards of my sighting of the U.F.O. Could there possibly be a connection. Should there be, I would be pleased to hear of an explanation, it would greatly help to relieve the sense of shock I feel since my encounter.

Yours Sincerely
[REDACTED]

From: Mr [REDACTED]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone 01-218 [REDACTED] (Direct Dialling)

01-218 9000 (Switchboard)

See E 18.

Flight Lieutenant [REDACTED] RAF
Community Relations Officer,
RAF Brawdy.

Your reference

Our reference D/S4(Air)/8/3

Date 20 May 1977

Dear Flight Lieutenant [REDACTED],

I enclose a letter which Mr Nicholas Edwards MP has forwarded to US of S(RAF) on the subject of a UFO which is thought to have been seen near the [REDACTED]. There is also a cryptic reference to a "Ministry of Defence Post Shelter" in an adjoining field.

The Minister wishes to send as sympathetic a reply as possible and you agreed during our discussion on 19th May that a visit to [REDACTED] might be the best way of defining her problems and perhaps of allaying her fears.

I am most grateful for your co-operation and I would welcome your advice on the reply that should be sent to the Member of Parliament when you have made your enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Royal Air Force
Brawdy Haverfordwest Dyfed SA62 6NN

Telephone Haverfordwest 3404

ext [REDACTED]

Ministry of Defence
Dept S4 Air
(attn Mr [REDACTED])
Main Building
WHITEHALL
London SW1A 2HB

Your reference

D/S4(Air)/8/3

Our reference

BWY/130/10 /Air

Date

3 June 1977

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Following our recent communication I have visited Mrs [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED], Haverfordwest. [REDACTED] who is of French/Spanish extraction and in her early 50's told me that one night in April of this year she saw a round object 'like the moon falling down' land in a field at the back of her property. Two very tall, faceless 'humanoids' got out of this object (about the size of a mini bus) and appeared to 'take measurements or gather things'. When [REDACTED] returned after calling members of the family the objects had vanished.

I examined the suggested landing site, which is in a field adjacent to a Royal Observer Corp underground monitoring post (MOD Post Shelter?) but could find no evidence of a landing. I can offer no explanation of [REDACTED] sighting but can confirm that it is not connected with the operations of RAF Brawdy.

There have been numerous sightings of UFO's in what the popular press now call 'the Broad Haven Triangle'. A high level of flying activity is generated by the military and civil airfields and to a lesser extent the Royal Aircraft Establishments; the area is also overflown by trans-atlantic aircraft. It has also been suggested that a local prankster is at work. The majority of sightings are reported to a Mr [REDACTED] of Roch who is the 'regional investigating co-ordinator' for the British UFO Research Association.

I'm unable to offer any explanation other than above but should a UFO arrive at RAF Brawdy we will charge normal landing fees and inform you immediately!

[REDACTED]

Flt Lt
for Officer Commanding

8/2/3/5/31.

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Room 8249
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Civil Aviation Authority
Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport
Rhoose BARRY
South Glamorgan CF6 9BD

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT -

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting 20 May 1925 - 40 secs.
- B. Description of Object Shiney, Silvery, cigar-shaped, very long.
- C. Exact Position of Observer Beddau, Nr Pontypridd.
- D. How Observed Eyesight outside.
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen almost overhead.
- F. Angular Elevation of Object $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
- G. Distance of Object from Observer 200 yds.
- H. Movements of Object Hovering then faded.
- J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations Very clear.
- K. Nearby Objects -
- L. To Whom Reported Air Traffic Control (Rhoose)
- M. Name and address of Informant Mr [REDACTED] Penycoitre,
Nr Pontypridd.
- N. Any Background Information on the Informant that may be
Volunteered -
- O. Other Witnesses 4 companions
- P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report 1940 20.5.77
- Q. Is a Reply Requested? No

[REDACTED]
CAA CHIEF OFFICER
8GRA/O/4/9
23 May 1977

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FOR CAB

PRIORITY 202005Z MAY

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK AIR
UKRAOC
HQ 11 GP

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AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 201925Z MAY 40-50SECS

B SHINY SILVERY CIGAR SHAPED VERY LONG

C BEDDAU NR PONTYPRIDD STATIONARY

D NAKED EYE

E OVERHEAD

F 1/2 MILE ABOVE

G 200YDS AWAY

H FADING

J CLEAR

K NIL

L ATC RHOOSE

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M MR [REDACTED] PEN-Y-COITRE PONTYPRIDD

N NONE

O 4 COMPANIONS

P 201940Z MAY

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CAL	1	DI 55 b (SIC)			
CAV	2	DI 13 d			
CYD	1	Ops (GE)	2 (RAF)		
CAM	1	science	3 (RAF)		

*END

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D/SH(air)/8/2/3/5/33

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).

22nd May 1977 between 8.30 pm & 9.15 pm.

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc). Object looked like a very small stationary cloud, very high - higher than aircraft would normally fly - object seemed to shine, observer first thought it was reflecting the sun - moon was visible - object seemed to get larger & elongated, a crescent shaped object seemed to come from first object (with line thru it). Second object flew off in easterly direction, climbed & disappeared - watched for about 20 mins

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

In stationary car, at Caerleon, Gwent.

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

In westerly direction.

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

Second object flew off in easterly direction before climbing & disappearing

J. Metereological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze mist etc).

Very clear night.

by objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake
camp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires,
TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites
with flood-lights or other night lighting).

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

To Gwent Police

M. Name and address of informant.

MRS [REDACTED]

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N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

GWENT.

O. Other witnesses.

P. Date and time of receipt of report.

In S&F(AV) 12.45 23/5/77 from PC [REDACTED]

Gwent Police

[REDACTED]

D/S4(Air)/8/2/3/5/40

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.	24 May 1977 2200Z Approx 2 mins
B.	<u>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT</u> (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 Star like object but brighter & larger than a star.
C.	<u>EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER</u> (Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving)	Outdoor/Stationary Gwent, South Wales.
D.	<u>HOW OBSERVED</u> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical devices, still or movie)	Naked Eye
E.	<u>DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN</u> (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Travelling over Mynydd-Maen mountain easterly heading
F.	<u>ANGLE OF SIGHT</u> (Estimated heights are unreliable)	80 degrees
G.	<u>DISTANCE</u> (By reference to known landmark)	3 miles from mountain
H.	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Travelling due east, stopped over town then moved south towards Newport.
J.	<u>MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS</u> (Clouds, haze, mist etc.)	Clear with broken cloud

(Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with flood lights or night lighting)	High voltage cables running South to North across mountain.
L. <u>TO WHOM REPORTED</u> (Police, military, press etc)	PC [REDACTED] Gwent Police
M. <u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT</u>	Mr [REDACTED]
N. <u>BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED</u>	Civilian Communications Operator of Police HQ.
O. <u>OTHER WITNESSES</u>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Civilian of Police HQ
P. <u>DETAILED MET REPORT</u> (AFOR to obtain)	S/Wind -060/14 Kts Viz - over 10 Kms Cloud - $\frac{1}{8}$ at 12,000ft *sat 25,000ft
Q. <u>DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT</u>	242232Z May
R. <u>ADOC ASSESSMENT</u> (Check radars, ATCCs etc) 1. Aircraft. 2. Ranges 3. Gliding 4. Balloon 5. Air Sea Rescue Activities	[REDACTED]

Date 24 May 1977

Sqn Ldr. [REDACTED]

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8/2/3/5/42.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.	2300A 24 May 1977 2 minutes
B.	<u>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT</u> (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Large gold coloured light
C.	<u>EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER</u> (Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving)	Ynysddu Nr Blackwood. Gwent. Outside
D.	<u>HOW OBSERVED</u> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical devices, still or movie)	Naked eye
E.	<u>DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN</u> (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	East
F.	<u>ANGLE OF SIGHT</u> (Estimated heights are unreliable)	No data
G.	<u>DISTANCE</u> (By reference to known landmark)	Over Ynysddu mountain
H.	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Travelling N to S towards Newport
J.	<u>MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS</u> (Clouds, haze, mist etc.)	Clear sky

<u>NEARBY OBJECTS</u> (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with flood lights or night lighting)	No data
<u>TO WHOM REPORTED</u> (Police, military, press etc)	Police at Blackwood at 2020A 25May77
<u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT</u>	Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] Ynysddu
<u>BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED</u>	No data
<u>OTHER WITNESSES</u>	None
<u>DETAILED MET REPORT</u> (AFOR to obtain)	Clear sky
<u>DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT</u>	251935Z May
<u>ADOC ASSESSMENT</u> (Check radars, ATCCs etc) 1. Aircraft 2. Ranges 3. Gliding 4. Balloon 5. Air Sea Rescue Activities	[REDACTED]

Date 25 May 1977

Sqn Ldr. [REDACTED]

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 Rm 1800
 Main Bldg

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PRIORITY 261100Z MAY

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK-AIR
UKRAOC
HQ 11 GP

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

DIG LGZ221

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 242300A MAY 3MINS

B ONE BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT

C CARDIFF OUTDOORS STATIONARY

D NAKED EYE

E SOUTH

F 30DEG APPROX

G 10MLS APPROX

H MOVING VERY SLOWLY STEADY WEST-EAST

J CLEAR

K NONE

L ATC GLAMORGAN

PAGE 2 RBDPGA 009 UNCLAS

M Section 40 CARDIFF

O WIFE AND SON

P 261145A MAY

BT

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Civil Aviation Authority
Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport
Rhoose BARRY
South Glamorgan CF6 9BD

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT -

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting 24.5.77 2200Z 3 mins
- B. Description of Object Sharp bright white light
- C. Exact Position of Observer Cardiff
- D. How Observed Naked Eye
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen South
- F. Angular Elevation of Object 30° above horizontal
- G. Distance of Object from Observer 10 miles approx
- H. Movements of Object Straight line - west to east
- J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations Clear night
- K. Nearby Objects None
- L. To Whom Reported Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport ATC
- M. Name and address of Informant Mr [REDACTED]
Cardiff
- N. Any Background Information on the Informant that may be
Volunteered 15 years old
- O. Other Witnesses Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]
- P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report 1040Z 26.5.77
- Q. Is a Reply Requested? Yes

[REDACTED]
CAA CHIEF OFFICER
8GRA/O/4/9
27 May 1977

8/24/51/46

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

CWD038 25/1417 14502440

FOR CAB

PRIORITY 251325Z MAY

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK AIR
UKRAOC
HQ111 GP

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

DIG LGZ219

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 242300A MAY 3 MINS

B ONE STAR SHAPED WHITE OBJECT

C YSTRAD RHONDA OUTDOORS STATIONARY

D NAKED EYE

E NORTH

F 30 DEG APPROX

G 30 MILES APPROX

H SLOW MOVING STEADY SOUTHWARDS

J CLEAR SKY

K TELEVISION MAST

L ATC GLAMORGAN

PAGE 2 RBDPGA 012 UNCLAS

M MR [REDACTED] YSTRAD RHONDA

N NONE

O MR [REDACTED] YSTRAD RHONDA

P 251400A

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CAB046 27/1213 147C1752

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 270820Z MAY

FROM RAF ST ATHAN
TO MODUK AIR
HQSC

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DIG LQZ1293

A 262155Z MAY FOR ONE AND A HALF TO TWO MINUTES

B LIKE A VERY BRIGHT STAR

C OUTDOORS CMM RAF ST ATHAN MARRIED QUARTERS CMM EAST CAMP BARRY
S GLAMORGAN

D NAKED EYE THEN BINOCULARS

E WEST

F THIRTY DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON

G SEVERAL MILES AWAY

H FROM WEST TO THE SOUTH EAST

J CLEAR NIGHT

K NO OBJECTS NEARBY WITH LIGHTS

L SENIOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER RAF ST ATHAN

M CPL [REDACTED] ST ATHAN

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N NIL

O NONE

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AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 312225A MAY 2-3MINS

B ONE VERY LARGE RED FLASHING OBJECT LATER TURNED BLUE AND THEN WHITE

C B4281 CARDIFF-BRIDGEND ROAD IN A BUS MOVING

D NAKED EYE

E NORTH

F 40DEG APPROX

G 2 MILES APPROX

H STEADY NORTH-SOUTH

J CLEAR SKY

K NONE

L KENFIG HILL POLICE STATION

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M [REDACTED] PYLE, Glam.

N NONE

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HQ P & SS (UK) - [REDACTED]

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IN WALES

1. We have had two recent letters from Mr Nicholas Edwards MP, the Member for Pembroke, about local enquiries he has received on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. We have also had a number of letters direct from members of the public in Wales (although not from residents of Pembroke) and in addition there have been one or two quite lurid press reports. I attach copies of the relevant correspondence.

2. We have not invoked the assistance of P & SS before on UFOs and as I explained on the telephone the last thing I want to do is to involve you in extraneous problems which would divert you from your more immediate work on low flying complaints. The standard procedure on UFOs is to send the reports to the various specialist authorities in MOD to make sure they contain no items of defence interest but to leave it there. We have followed the usual procedure in this case and nothing has come to light to suggest anything untoward in Wales and in the normal way we would have left it at that. I confess, however, that I find the correspondence a little puzzling. According to the press cuttings some of the "witnesses" are people who might be expected to be fairly level headed and Mr Edwards does say in his letter of 24th May that he has been inundated with enquiries (I should add however that the [REDACTED] he quotes is known to be associated with a local UFO society and so may have a vested interest).

3. I should be grateful if you would have a look at these papers and let me know whether you think some sort of discreet enquiry would be worthwhile and if so whether your staff could find time for it in view of your other pressing obligations. What I would really like to know is the volume of local interest and/or alarm and whether there is a readily discernible rational explanation for it (perhaps a practical joker) or even whether there is prima facie evidence for a more serious specialist enquiry. But I have not committed you in anyway and I have not even told the Minister I am consulting you. If you think a P & SS initiative is likely to be unfruitful I will drop the idea. Would you please let me know what you think.

If you do decide to go ahead it would be helpful to have a short "internal" discussion.

14 Jun 77

S4(Air)

MB 8241

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* Correspondence attached:-

Copies of PE - AF/SW 216/77, M.2, draft letter & m/s letter

" " AF/SW 199/77, m3, draft letter, mP's & constituents' letter, S4(Air) letter to CRO. & CRO's report.

" " Six UFO reports rec'd in May 1977, Ref: S4(Air)/8/2/3/5/31

Copy extract from DPR (RDR) log 6/5/77

News cuttings, Daily Mail 29/4/77

Sum. 18/5/77

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Hd of S4(Air)✓

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR DEFENCE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

AF/JW 216/77

16th June 1977

Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for your letter of 24th May to [REDACTED] about the enquiries you have received recently on the phenomena which are thought to be Unidentified Flying Objects.

The Ministry of Defence has not the resources to conduct an objective scientific enquiry into the nature of UFOs and we do not undertake to identify objects that may be reported by members of the public. For obvious reasons, however, we look into detailed reports of unexplained phenomena to see if they have a bearing on the nation's defences. My Department have carried out that type of investigation on the reports received from Wales but these have been few in recent months. No evidence has been revealed to suggest that the alleged sightings in Wales, or indeed those reported from other parts of Great Britain in the past, contained anything of significance from a defence point of view. All I can tell you on the basis of the Department's past experience is that most reports of this nature can usually be referred to a common place object which may have been observed perhaps from an unusual angle or in somewhat unusual weather or lighting conditions.

I am sorry I cannot give you a more helpful reply to pass to [REDACTED] who I understand is a 'co-ordinator' for the British UFO Research Association.



Nicholas Edwards MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

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Dr Clarke.

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APS/US of S(RAF)

1. S4(Air) received only six UFO reports from South Wales in May and none in April or (so far) in June. None of the six came from Pembrokeshire. Mr Edwards has clearly had more but the only correspondent he quotes may not be disinterested; [REDACTED] is I understand a leading light in the British UFO Research Association.
2. There is no evidence in the reports we have received from Wales to indicate any defence implication. I suggest the attached reply to Mr Edwards.

14 Jun 77

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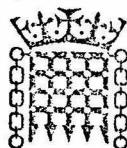
Letter from US of S(RAF) to Nicholas Edwards MP

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L. V. P. 26.5.77

Nicholas Edwards MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

24 May 1977

AP/3W 216/77

HA of S4(OW)
recd 26th MAY



J. J. M.

I am being inundated at the present time with representations about UFOs said to have been seen in Pembrokeshire and in particular I have been approached by

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Roch, near Haverfordwest, on the subject. I have only one enquiry at the present time and that is whether any official investigation is made by the Ministry of Defence on reported sightings of this kind. Perhaps you would also be kind enough to let me know whether anything of a concrete nature has been produced in this connection.

J. e

Dr. John Gilbert, MP
Minister of State
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall Gardens
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Hd of S4(Air) ✓



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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR DEFENCE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

AF/JW 199/77

15 June 1977

Dear Nicholas,

My Department have investigated the report about an Unidentified Flying Object which you referred to me on 17th May on behalf of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] I regret to say however, that although a RAF officer has visited [REDACTED] we are unable to offer any further information. It is true that the Royal Observer Corps have a post in the adjoining field but there is no evidence that their activities could have seemed unusual in any way and we have no record of any other unusual activity in the area.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful

Yours sincerely
(Signature)
(JAMES WELLBELOVED)

Nicholas Edwards Esq MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Letter from US of S(RAF) to NICHOLAS EDWARDS ESQ MP

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My Department have investigated the report about an Unidentified Flying Object which you referred to me on 17 May on behalf of [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]

I regret to say however, that although a RAF officer has visited Mrs Granville we are unable to offer any further ⁱⁿ confirmation. It is true that the Royal Observer Corps have a post in the adjoining field but there is no evidence that their activities could have seemed unusual in any way and we have no record of any other unusual activity in the area.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful

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M.2APS/US of S(RAF)

I have asked the Community Relations Officer at RAF Brawdy to visit [REDACTED] to see what can be done to help her.

May I suggest in the meantime an interim to Mr Edwards as attached? [REDACTED]

20 May 1977

S4 (Air)

M.3APS/US of S(RAF)

The CRO has visited [REDACTED] but he tells us that he can offer no explanation for the phenomenon she believes she saw in April. She spoke I understand of an object the size of a mini bus which descended into the field and from which emerged two humanoid figures. They had gone when she returned with help. The CRO inspected the field but there was no trace of any unusual visitation. There is a fair amount of activity in the general area from the Royal Aircraft Establishment and also from civil aircraft although neither of these is a likely explanation. The CRO added that there is some general speculation in the neighbourhood that a practical joker may be at work. RAF Brawdy have had other enquiries about men in silver suits and it is perhaps not irrelevant that a local factory manufactures protective clothing of this type for the oil installation at Milford Haven. One of these "silver suits" is also on display in a shop at Brawdy village. I understand incidentally that RAF fire fighting suits (the nearest Service equivalent) are blue and that there is no possibility Brawdy personnel are involved. ROC uniforms are also blue.

2. I suggest a letter to Mr Edwards as attached.

14 June 1977

S4(Air)

MB8241 [REDACTED] MB

P.S. I enclose for the record the letter from the CRO which has since reached me.

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Royal Air Force

Brawdy Haverfordwest Dyfed SA62 6NN

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Ministry of Defence

Dept S4 Air

(attn [REDACTED])

Main Building

WHITEHALL

London SW1A 2HB

Your reference

D/S4(Air)/8/3

Our reference

BWY/130/10 Air

Date

3 June 1977

Dear [REDACTED]

Following our recent communication I have visited [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED], Haverfordwest. [REDACTED] who is of French/Spanish extraction and in her early 50's told me that one night in April of this year she saw a round object 'like the moon falling down' land in a field at the back of her property. Two very tall, faceless 'humanoids' got out of this object (about the size of a mini bus) and appeared to 'take measurements or gather things'. When [REDACTED] returned after calling members of the family the objects had vanished.

I examined the suggested landing site, which is in a field adjacent to a Royal Observer Corp underground monitoring post (MOD Post Shelter?) but could find no evidence of a landing. I can offer no explanation of Mrs Granville's sighting but can confirm that it is not connected with the operations of RAF Brawdy.

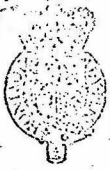
There have been numerous sightings of UFO's in what the popular press now call 'the Broad Haven Triangle'. A high level of flying activity is generated by the military and civil airfields and to a lesser extent the Royal Aircraft Establishments; the area is also overflowed by trans-atlantic aircraft. It has also been suggested that a local prankster is at work. The majority of sightings are reported to a [REDACTED] of Roch who is the 'regional investigating co-ordinator' for the British UFO Research Association.

I'm unable to offer any explanation other than above but should a UFO arrive at RAF Brawdy we will charge normal landing fees and inform you immediately!

[REDACTED]

Flt Lt
for Officer Commanding

From: Mr J A Redazio



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Your reference

Our reference D/S4(Air)/8/3

Date 20 May 1977

[REDACTED] RAF
Community Relations Officer,
RAF Brawdy.

Dear Flight Lieutenant Cowan,

I enclose a letter which Mr Nicholas Edwards MP has forwarded to US of S(RAF) on the subject of a UFO which is thought to have been seen near the [REDACTED]. There is also a cryptic reference to a "Ministry of Defence Post Shelter" in an adjoining field.

The Minister wishes to send as sympathetic a reply as possible and you agreed during our discussion on 19th May that a visit to Mrs Granville might be the best way of defining her problems and perhaps of allaying her fears.

I am most grateful for your co-operation and I would welcome your advice on the reply that should be sent to the Member of Parliament when you have made your enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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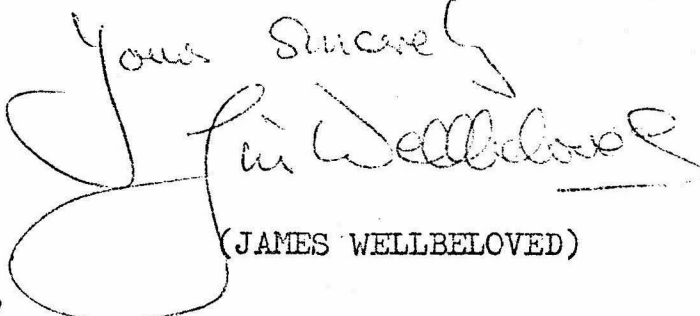
AF/JW/199/77

25th May 1977

Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for your letter of 17th May covering the enquiry you have received from [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

My Department are investigating this question and I will write again as soon as I receive their report.

Yours Sincerely

(JAMES WELLBELOVED)

Nicholas Edwards Esq MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Miss Jamieson

Would you please return when the CRO's letter arrives.

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M.2APS/US of S(RAF)

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20 May 1977

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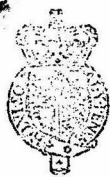
Draft letter from US of S(RAF) to Nicholas Edwards Esq. MP.

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From: Mr J A Peduzio

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See E18.

[REDACTED] RAF
Community Relations Officer,
RAF Brawdy.

Your reference

Our reference D/S4(Air)/8/3

Date 23 May 1977

Dear Flight Lieutenant Cowan,

I enclose a letter which Mr Nicholas Edwards MP has forwarded to US of S(RAF) on the subject of a UFO which is thought to have been seen near the [REDACTED]. There is also a cryptic reference to a "Ministry of Defence Post Shelter" in an adjoining field.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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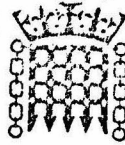
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10.5.77
Nicholas Edwards MP

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MD of S9 (Pw)
recd 18th May



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17 May 1977

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D. D.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from [redacted] at the [redacted] [redacted] enquiring about a Ministry of Defence Post Shelter in the field adjoining her hotel where she claims to have seen a UFO. I should be grateful for further information.

J. O.

Neil

Dr John Gilbert, MP
Minister of State
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall Gardens
London SW1

[REDACTED]

Fully Licensed

AA **

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Pembrokeshire

Proprietor : [REDACTED]

Manager : [REDACTED]

Nicholas Edwards
M.P. for Pembrokeshire.
Dear Sir,

With reference my
reported sighting of a U.F.O. in field,
which is hotel property, which has left me
great agitation and disturbed, and not the
least bit desirous of another encounter.
I am writing you, requesting information as
to what is the Ministry of Defence Post
Shelter in the field adjoining mine, and
within yards of my sighting of the
U.F.O. Could there possibly be
a connection. Should there be, I
would be pleased to hear of an explanation,
it would greatly help to relieve the
sense of shock I feel since my
encounter.

Yours Sincerely
[REDACTED]

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Civil Aviation Authority
Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport
Rhoose BARRY
South Glamorgan CF6 9BD

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT -

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting 20 May 1925 - 40 secs.
- B. Description of Object Shiney, Silvery, cigar-shaped, very long.
- C. Exact Position of Observer Beddau, Nr Pontypridd.
- D. How Observed Eyesight outside.
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen almost overhead.
- F. Angular Elevation of Object $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
- G. Distance of Object from Observer 200 yds.
- H. Movements of Object Hovering then faded.
- J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations Very clear.
- K. Nearby Objects -
- L. To Whom Reported Air Traffic Control (Rhoose)
- M. Name and address of Informant [REDACTED] Nr Pontypridd.
- N. Any Background Information on the Informat that may be Volunteered -
- O. Other Witnesses 4 companions
- P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report 1940 20.5.77
- Q. Is a Reply Requested? No

CAA CHIEF OFFICER
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AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 201925Z MAY 40-50SECS

B SHINY SILVERY CIGAR SHAPED VERY LONG

C BEDDAU NR PONTYPRIDD STATIONARY

D NAKED EYE

E OVERHEAD

F 1/2 MILE ABOVE

G 200YDS AWAY

H FADING

J CLEAR

K NIL

L ATC RHOOSE

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).

22nd May 1977 between 8.30 pm & 9.15 pm.

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc). Object looked like a very small stationary cloud, very high - higher than aircraft would normally fly - object seemed to shine, observer first thought it was reflecting the sun - moon was visible - object seemed to get larger & elongated, a crescent shaped object seemed to come from first object (with line thru it). Second object flew off in easterly direction, climbed & disappeared - watched for about 20 mins.

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

In stationary car, at Caerleon, Gwent.

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

In westerly direction.

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

Second object flew off in easterly direction before climbing & disappearing

J. Meteorological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze mist etc).

Very clear night.

by objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake
camp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires,
TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites
with flood-lights or other night lighting).

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

To Gwent Police

M. Name and address of informant.



N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

G.WENT.

O. Other witnesses.

P. Date and time of receipt of report.

In 54F(av) 12-45 23/5/77 from

Gwent Police



D/S4(air)/8/2/3/5/40

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.	24 May 1977 2200Z Approx 2 mins
B.	<u>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT</u> (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 Star like object but brighter & larger than a star.
C.	<u>EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER</u> (Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving)	Outdoor/Stationary Gwent, South Wales.
D.	<u>HOW OBSERVED</u> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical devices, still or movie)	Naked Eye
E.	<u>DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN</u> (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Travelling over Mynydd-Maen mountain easterly heading
F.	<u>ANGLE OF SIGHT</u> (Estimated heights are unreliable)	80 degrees
G.	<u>DISTANCE</u> (By reference to known landmark)	3 miles from mountain
H.	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Travelling due east, stopped over town then moved south towards Newport.
J.	<u>MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS</u> (Clouds, haze, mist etc.)	Clear with broken cloud

<u>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS</u> (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with flood lights or night lighting)	High voltage cables running South to North across mountain.
L. <u>TO WHOM REPORTED</u> (Police, military, press etc)	[REDACTED] Gwent Police
M. <u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT</u>	[REDACTED]
N. <u>BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED</u>	Civilian Communications Operator of Police HQ.
O. <u>OTHER WITNESSES</u>	[REDACTED] Civilian of Police HQ
P. <u>DETAILED MET REPORT</u> (AFOR to obtain)	S/Wind -060/14 Kts Viz - over 10 Kms Cloud - $\frac{1}{8}$ at 12,000ft $\frac{4}{8}$ at 25,000ft
Q. <u>DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT</u>	242232Z May
R. <u>ADOC ASSESSMENT</u> (Check radars, ATCCs etc) 1. Aircraft. 2. Ranges 3. Gliding 4. Balloon 5. Air Sea Rescue Activities	[REDACTED]

Date 24 May 1977

Sqn Ldr. DOO AFOR (RAF)

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.	2300A 24 May 1977 2 minutes
B. <u>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT</u> (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Large gold coloured light
C. <u>EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER</u> (Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving)	Ynysddu Nr Blackwood. Gwent. Outside
D. <u>HOW OBSERVED</u> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical devices, still or movie)	Naked eye
E. <u>DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN</u> (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	East
F. <u>ANGLE OF SIGHT</u> (Estimated heights are unreliable)	No data
G. <u>DISTANCE</u> (By reference to known landmark)	Over Ynysddu mountain
H. <u>MOVEMENTS</u> (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Travelling N to S towards Newport
J. <u>MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS</u> (Clouds, haze, mist etc.)	Clear sky

K.	<u>NEARBY OBJECTS</u> (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with flood lights or night lighting)	No data
L.	<u>TO WHOM REPORTED</u> (Police, military, press etc)	Police at Blackwood at 2020A 25May77
M.	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT</u>	 Ynysddu
N.	<u>BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED</u>	No data
O.	<u>OTHER WITNESSES</u>	None
P.	<u>DETAILED MET REPORT</u> (AFOR to obtain)	Clear sky
Q.	<u>DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT</u>	251935Z May
R.	<u>ADCC ASSESSMENT</u> (Check radars, ATCCs etc) 1. Aircraft 2. Ranges 3. Gliding 4. Balloon 5. Air Sea Rescue Activities	

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PRIORITY 261100Z MAY

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK-AIR
UKRAOC
HQ 11 GP

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

DIG LGZ221

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 242300A MAY 3MINS

B ONE BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT

C CARDIFF OUTDOORS STATIONARY

D NAKED EYE

E SOUTH

F 30DEG APPROX

G 10MLS APPROX

H MOVING VERY SLOWLY STEADY WEST-EAST

J CLEAR

K NONE

L ATC GLAMORGAN

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CARDIFF

O WIFE AND SON

P 261145A MAY

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT -

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting 24.5.77 2200Z 3 mins
- B. Description of Object Sharp bright white light
- C. Exact Position of Observer Cardiff
- D. How Observed Naked Eye
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen South
- F. Angular Elevation of Object 30° above horizontal
- G. Distance of Object from Observer 10 miles approx
- H. Movements of Object Straight line - west to east
- J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations Clear night
- K. Nearby Objects None
- L. To Whom Reported Glamorgan(Rhoose) Airport ATC
- M. Name and address of Informant [REDACTED] Cardiff
- N. Any Background Information on the Informant that may be
Volunteered 15 years old
- O. Other Witnesses [REDACTED]
- P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report 1040Z 26.5.77
- Q. Is a Reply Requested? Yes

[REDACTED]
CAA CHIEF OFFICER
8GRA/0/4/9
27 May 1977

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PRIORITY 251325Z MAY

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK AIR
UKRAOC
HQ111 GP

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DIG LGZ219

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 242300A MAY 3 MINS

B ONE STAR SHAPED WHITE OBJECT

C YSTRAD RHONDA OUTDOORS STATIONARY

D NAKED EYE

E NORTH

F 30DEG APPROX

G 30 MILES APPROX

H SLOW MOVING STEADY SOUTHWARDS

J CLEAR SKY

K TELEVISION MAST

L ATC GLAMORGAN

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[REDACTED] YSTRAD RHONDA

N NONE

[REDACTED] YSTRAD RHONDA

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ROUTINE 270820Z MAY

FROM

TO

MODUK AIR

HQSC

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DIG LGZ1293

A 262155Z MAY FOR ONE AND A HALF TO TWO MINUTES

B LIKE A VERY BRIGHT STAR

C OUTDOORS CMM RAF ST ATHAN MARRIED QUARTERS CMM EAST CAMP BARRY
S CLAMORGAN

D NAKED EYE THEN BINOCULARS

E WEST

F THIRTY DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON

G SEVERAL MILES AWAY

H FROM WEST TO THE SOUTH EAST

J CLEAR NIGHT

K NO OBJECTS NEARBY WITH LIGHTS

L SENIOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER RAF ST ATHAN

M CPL LOVERIDGE 14 SHACKLETON CLOSE ST ATHAN

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N NIL

O NONE

P 270800Z MAY

Q NO

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PRIORITY 312215Z MAY

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK AIR
UKRAOC
HQ111 GP

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DIG LGZ239

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 312225A MAY 2-3MINS

B ONE VERY LARGE RED FLASHING OBJECT LATER TURNED BLUE AND THEN WHITE

C B4281 CARDIFF-BRIDGEND ROAD IN A BUS MOVING

D NAKED EYE

E NORTH

F 40DEG APPROX

G 2 MILES APPROX

H STEADY NORTH-SOUTH

J CLEAR SKY

K NONE

L KENFIG HILL POLICE STATION

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N NONE

O NONE

P 312255A MAY

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15 December 2003

DAS(Sec)4a1

ENQUIRY FROM DR DAVID CLARKE

Reference: your recent telephone conversation with Trevor Isbell

1. You spoke to **Section 40** recently about two files cited in correspondence by Dr Clarke: MO9/18 Pt 1 and D/DPR(RAF)326/2 Pt A that he would like to obtain photocopies of.

2. I forward the two files.

- a. D/DPR(RAF)326/2 Pt A - is a general correspondence file that includes a number of enclosures (Es 70-73 and 75 - approximately 14 pages) on "UFOs". It is noted that the papers relate to internal discussion on policy for which DAS(Sec) has lead responsibility. I have to say that review is now due and this is the kind of file that I would expect to be destroyed!
- b. MO9/18 Pt 1 - an interesting Minister's file dealing with correspondence from the members of the public. If you decided that copies can be provided to Dr Clarke there will be some quite extensive redaction to remove personal information, not just names but also text ie the manuscript note of E 22 (reference to "No 10").

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Dr D Clarke

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11

Date
15 January 2003/4

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 2004.

I apologise for not including copies of the notes of the HQ Provost and Security Services (HQ P&SS) investigation into the sonic event near Sheffield on 24 March 1997, with my letter of 23 December 2003. These are now attached for your information.

With regard to your questions about whether HQ P&SS made enquiries with RAF Fylingdales about these events, it may be useful if I explain that HQ P&SS investigate reported sonic events to establish whether they could have been caused by military aircraft activity. Once it is established that there is no military link (as in this case), they do not pursue their enquiries to the point of positively identifying the cause. I can, therefore, confirm that they did not make any enquiries with RAF Fylingdales. During the investigation, the British Geological Survey stated that satellite or meteor re-entry have been known to cause sonic events and this comment was included in the HQ P&SS report.

In order to assist with your enquiries, I asked RAF Fylingdales to check their records for any details of satellite re-entries between 2150Z and 2230Z on 24 March 1997 and the following is the information they have provided. Please note that RAF Fylingdales track satellites and space debris and do not hold information on meteors, comets, etc.

“RAF Fylingdales have accurate information for all large object (> than 1 sq m) re-entries, but have none for the day in question (or several days before or after).

Data on small object re-entries are not so accurate. We are provided with a decay date (but no time) for these events, and the accuracy of these dates cannot be given high credence (most are OK +/- 1 day).

Between 23-25 March 1997 we have details of two small object re-entries:

Object 24010 (94029BF) and 24497 (94029 UW)

These were fragments from a Pegasus rocket 700-piece break-up. Both fragments will have been very small. Most from this break-up were thin shards of carbon-fibre wire a few centimetres in length.

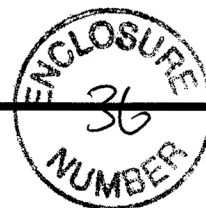
However, there is no evidence of anything that may cause a sonic boom”.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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DAS-Sec3



From: D UK-SO1 AIR OPS 2
Sent: 15 January 2004 11:30
To: DAS-Sec3
Subject: Dr Clarke's request - Response from Fylingdales

Importance: Low 

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Please see the response from Fylingdales.....you can release everything in the e-mail which may help to show that MOD is happy to release info that may be useful to assist with the explanation of the sonic event.

Please let me know if you need any further info or explanations.

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D UK, SO1 Air Ops 2
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-----Original Message-----

From: FYL-Strk-Ldr
Sent: 14 January 2004 15:43
To: FYL-Ops-OC; FYL-Space-SgtSINF
Cc: FYL-SPACE-CplSINF
Subject: RE: Dr Clarke's request

Fyl do not hold any info on meteors, comets, etc. We have accurate info for all large object (>1 sq m) re-entries but there were none for the day in question (or several days before or after).

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However, no evidence for anything that may cause a sonic boom.

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[FYL-Ops-OC] **Section 40** Space Track Leader

-----Original Message-----

From: D UK-SO1 AIR OPS 2
Sent: 14 January 2004 09:21
To: 3GP-C2SPT DACCs
Subject: FW: Dr Clarke's request
Importance: High

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The message below is all part of a UFO investigation following the BBC2 programme on Friday.

Please could you ask Fylingdales to check their logs/records and get back to me.

Thanks in anticipation.

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-----Original Message-----

From: DAS-Sec3
Sent: 14 January 2004 08:38
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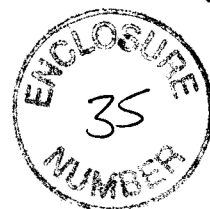
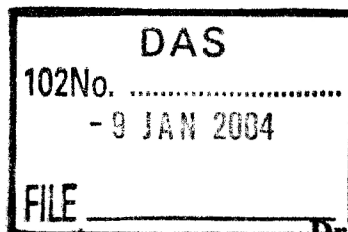
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As discussed yesterday, in order to answer Dr Clarke enquiry about a sonic event in 1997 near Sheffield, please could you check with RAF Fylingdales to see if they have any record of a satellite or meteor re-entry between 2150Z and 2230Z on 24 March 1997.

Thank you

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Dr David Clarke

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8 January 2004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 23 December 2003 responding to my requests under the Code of Practice for copies of MOD files relating to UFOs.

I intend to make an initial request for copies of specific files in the near future.

In the meantime I write to point out that in your letter you refer to the release of the RAF police investigation notes on the 24 March 1997 sonic event near Sheffield and write that "these [notes] have now been retrieved and copies are enclosed." However, there were no copies of any notes relating to this case attached to your letter, I presume as a result of an oversight. Please could you re-send these.

Further to this matter, I note that the letter from HQ Provost & Security Services dated May 1998 refers to "...sonic events can not be identified as being specifically caused by aircraft...other phenomena such as satellite or meteor re-entry have been known to cause sonic events and this may explain the happenings of 24 Mar 97."

I understand from one of your earlier letters (25 July 2001) that RAF Fylingdales has responsibility for reporting and tracking satellite and meteor re-entries and can be called upon by MOD to correlate these with sightings or reports of unusual phenomena.

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Can a check be made with records/logs kept by Fylingdales to ascertain if satellite or meteor re-entries were recorded between 2150Z and 2230Z on 24 March 1997?

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Could you also confirm whether or not checks were made with Fylingdales during the investigation of this incident in 1997-98.

I appreciate your attention to these matters and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr David Clarke

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
23 December 2003

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 26 November concerning MOD files relating to 'unidentified flying objects' and your comments regarding public access to those files. It may assist you if I explain the MOD's position with regard to the records we hold and the release of those records in light of Open Government Initiatives.

Government records which are not yet 30 years old, whether held in the National Archive or in MOD archives and offices, are not generally open for public inspection and access to information contained in them is granted at the discretion of the department to which the records belong. The Open Government Initiatives, including the White Paper on Open Government published in July 1993 and the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code), do not affect departmental discretion. In accordance with the Code, information will be released on request, providing it is not subject to Code exemptions, the provisions of the Data Protection Act, or any other relevant Act of Parliament. The Code will be superseded by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on 1 January 2005.

With regard to the granting of special access to selected individuals, this is inconsistent with the spirit of open government. Access to original documents is, therefore, only approved if the individual is involved in research which is commissioned, sponsored or approved by the MOD or is seen to be research from which HM Government or MOD will derive benefit. As you will be aware, the MOD has only a limited interest in 'UFO' matters and while it is entirely a matter for you to decide the course of your research, we do not believe that your studies would provide significant benefit to the MOD. That is not to say that we do not appreciate that there is a public interest in this material and for that reason we have included classes of information on 'UFO's' in the MOD's Freedom of Information Publication Scheme. It is also our intention to place additional classes in the Scheme and we are currently examining our files in order to make any release as comprehensive and logical as possible.

Turning now to your requests for an estimate of the cost of processing the files detailed in your letter, in accordance with the Code. Please see the attached table. As requested, I have provided a separate estimate for each of the numbered files/sets of files wherever possible. The estimate is based on the number of pages requiring examination on each individual file and the cost of each set is given in full. If you were to request these documents in batches, the first four hours of the first batch would be free of charge, thereby reducing that batch by £60. With regard to file set number 7 (shown as 6 in your letter), (D/DI55/108/15 Parts 4-7), these files are currently held in an archive which is subject to asbestos contamination and we do not have access to them at this time. It is impossible, therefore, to provide an estimate of the cost of processing. Also, the file at number 10 (9 in your letter)(DRP(RAF)326/2 Pt A) contains 282 pages, only 14 of which concern UFO matters. It appears that 'UFO' may have been added to the title of the file to highlight the fact that there are UFO papers on the file rather than that the whole file is about UFOs. To process the whole file would cost considerably more than just to process the UFO papers, so I have included both estimates for your information.

You also enquired about the RAF Police Investigator's notes requested in your previous letter dated 14 June, which the RAF Police were experiencing difficulties in retrieving. I apologise for the delay. These have now been retrieved and copies are enclosed. The final report may differ slightly from the copy sent with our earlier letter which we suspect was an earlier draft. While disclosing these papers the RAF Police have asked me to explain to you that civil police investigations are subject to "public interest immunity" which protects the freedom of communication between the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service. The military police have a similar system and this means that Service police reports are normally only disclosed to an accused's Commanding Officer and a limited number of Service legal personnel. Having examined these papers, however, the RAF Police have concluded that as there is no suspect, no interview transcript or written statements, they will make an exception on this occasion and disclose the papers to you.

Finally, you asked for clarification regarding information for which individuals are charged. The Code states that Departments, Agencies and public bodies should make their own arrangements for charging for information to take account of the additional costs to the Department of searching for the requested information, and processing it for release. The MOD deems it reasonable to conduct four hours work free of charge and after this time to make a charge of £15 per extra hour (or part thereof) worked. The Publication Scheme is part of the forthcoming Freedom of Information Act and is a means of informing the public what information is readily available and how they may gain access to it. Once information has been released into the public domain it therefore makes sense to add it to the Publication Scheme, something which is actively encouraged by the Information Commissioner. I do, however, understand your concerns regarding information for which individuals have paid a charge, and I have raised this issue with the Directorate who have the policy lead on both the Code and the Freedom of Information Act. I will write to you again in the new year about this matter. In the meantime, you may wish to take into account the fact that we are conducting a review of our files and do plan to release as much information as possible into the Publication Scheme in due course. Also, as you are probably aware, while this Department is the focal point within the MOD for UFO correspondence, at least two other branches have been involved in this subject and by examining all the available files, at the same time, we will aim to make the classes of information as comprehensive as possible. This is something that might not be achieved by looking at individual files in isolation.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

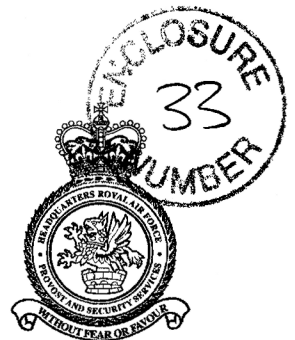
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2	D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt A-E	5	£720
3	D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt A-H	8	£1275
4	DD Ops(GE)10/8 Pt A	1	£120
5	DD Ops(GE)10/8 Pt J-K	2	£195
6	D Air Def/111/6/4 Pts F-H	3	£420
7	D/DI55/108/15 Pt 4-7	4	* Please see covering letter.
8	D/DI55/108/15/2	1	£60
9	MO/9/18 Pt I	1	£60
10	D/DPR(RAF)326 Pt A	1	* Please see covering letter. Whole file- £150 UFO papers - £15



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Reference: PSS/279/AIR

MOD (DAS- Sec 3)

Date: 8 Dec 03

DISCLOSURE OF DFCIT REPORT ON ALLEGED SONIC EVENT

Reference:

A. E-mail from DAS-Sec 3, transmitted 1 Dec 03.

1. At Reference A, you asked if DFCIT would release a copy of the DFCIT file papers to Dr Clarke, covering the investigation into an alleged sonic boom occurring in the Peak District near Sheffield on 24 Mar 97.
2. As you know we were experiencing difficulties in being able to retrieve information from Scanfile, and having found a floppy disc containing the final report, we forwarded an unsigned copy to you which, we understand was duly forwarded, in a suitably redacted manner, to Dr Clarke.
3. We have now retrieved the case file papers from Scanfile. Following advice from both the HQ P&SS, Data Protection Officer (DPO) and Legal Advisor (LA), DFCIT are content for you to release a copy to Dr Clarke. Two suitably redacted copies are attached, one for your retention. You will note that the covering report is slightly different to the one retrieved from the floppy disc. We suspect that the disc copy was the original draft.
4. For your background information, please be aware that in the civil system "public interest immunity" attaches to a report sent from the police to the CPS. The rationale behind such "public interest immunity" is that it is important for the proper functioning of the criminal process that there should be freedom of communication between the police and the CPS. Such a principle applies in the military investigative system as well. That is to say that public interest immunity should be considered to apply to service police reports and that they should only be disclosed to an accused's Commanding Officer, the Command Legal Cell, Higher Authority and the Royal Air Force Prosecuting Authority. No other service personnel or department should be supplied with a copy of the service police report.
5. Having considered the contents of the DFCIT file papers, both DPO and LA are of the view that to rely on "public interest immunity" defence would be difficult in that the DFCIT report does not appear to be a traditional police report. By this we mean there is no suspect as such and there is no interview transcript or written statements taken in accordance with S9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.



6. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact PS **Section 40** Ext **Section 40**

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Reference: PSS/261/L163/98/SIS

MoD(Sec(AS)1a)
(Attn Mr L)

Date: 27 May 98

ALLEGED SONIC EVENT - 24 MAR 97- SHEFFIELD, PEAK DISTRICT- FINAL REPORT

1. D/Sec(AS)/56/1 dated 25 Mar 98 tasked FCF with the investigation of an alleged sonic event which was reported to have happened on 24 Mar 97 in the Peak district near Sheffield.
2. Alfens Ops records revealed that there were no military fast jet aircraft booked into the night low flying area at the relevant times. Inquiries with all flying units failed to identify the ac concerned.
3. Mr [redacted], British Geological Survey (BGS), Edinburgh stated that on the 24 Mar 97 at 2152Z seismic monitors had recorded a signal consistent with a sonic event. A further signal consistent with a sonic event were recorded at 2206Z. These signals were monitored as coming from the area reported as the complaint location at the monitoring stations at Haverah Park (south west of Huddersfield) and Holmfirth (south west of Leeds). A low frequency microphone at Leeds University also recorded the sonic event. Mr [redacted] stated that although BGS can differentiate between sonic and seismic events, sonic events cannot be identified as being specifically caused by aircraft. Phenomena such as satellite or meteor re-entry have been known to cause sonic events and this may explain the happenings of 24 Mar 97.
4. AIS (Mil) at West Drayton were requested to provide a radar synopsis (Enclosure 1) and the radar tape for the 24 Mar 97 was still available. The tape was viewed between 242130ZMar97 and 242200ZMar97, using the Claxby and Great Dun Fell Radar Heads. The recording reveals that at 2139Z, a squawk of 2574/143(Orcam/Karlshrue), is in descent heading west. At 2145 ac squawk 2574/048 passes to the north by 2 nm of the plotted position and the aircraft lands at Manchester Airport at 2154Z. The Air Information Service Officer is of the opinion that this aircraft is too slow moving to have caused a sonic boom. No other aircraft were seen to be flying in the area.

It is therefore considered that no military link can be established to this reported event and the case is now considered closed.

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/56/1

25 March 1998

OC HQ P&SS(UK)FCF - by fax.

ALLEGED SONIC EVENT - 24 MARCH 1997

1. I have spoken with Flight Sergeant **Section 40** about the above incident and would be grateful if you could undertake as full an investigation as you can. The incident is something of a mystery: At the time I understand that witnesses thought a plane had crashed and both police and RAF SAR undertook a search of the area. No crash site was found and evidence has subsequently emerged that the bang heard may have been a sonic event. The details are as follows:

Date: 24 March 1997
Time: between 2145z and 2215z
Location: northwest of Sheffield in the Peak District.
Witness 1: 110/272968 Bolsterstone
Witness 2: 110/272968 Bolsterstone
Witness 3: 110/220900 Strines
Witness 4: 110/265963 Ewden (towards Pike Low)
Search Area: 110/1996;
110/1494; 110/1499; 110/2199; 110/2194

2. I appreciate that twelve months after the event is not an ideal time to begin an investigation, but it would seem that our reporting procedures may have broken down at the time. The renewed interest in the event has been generated by journalists and MPs keen to uncover the mystery.

3. Grateful for any light you may be able to shed on this incident.

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Please see attached, reference Telecan 1500hrs 7 MAY 98
Thank you once again for your assistance.

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FROM:- HEADQUARTERS PROVOST AND SECURITY SERVICES (UK)
FLYING COMPLAINTS SECTION

RANK/NAME

Sgt

TELEPHONE EXT

Section 40

YOUR REFERENCE

PSS1261/L163/98/SIS

YOUR PRIORITY

ROUTINE

TAPE INITIAL IMPOUND ONLY

(CAN BE UPGRADED ON REQUEST)

TAPE IMPOUND

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RADAR REPLAY

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WRITTEN SYNOPSIS

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REQUEST

INCIDENT DETAILS

DTG OF INCIDENT (ALL TIMES ZULU/UTC)

(Format 231200ZMay96)

242145Z MAR 97 - 242215Z MAR 97

TYPE OF INCIDENT

ALLEGED SONIC EVENT

POSITION OF INCIDENT

BY PLACE NAME

BULLCLOUGH (1 NM NE OF DERWENT RESERVOIR). SOUTH YORKS

BY LAT & LONG

N53 27.55 W001 43.37

BY NATIONAL GRID (LIST THEN CONVERT TO LAT & LONG)

SK

184

959

AIRCRAFT TYPE

N/K

IF NOT KNOWN, GENERIC TYPE AND NR OF ACFT INVOLVED

AIRCRAFT HEADING (MAGNETIC)

N/K

HEIGHT (FEET)

N/K

RADIO CALLSIGN

N/K

SSR CODE

N/K

MODE 'C'

N/K

HOME BASE

N/K

AIRBORNE FROM (IF DIFFERENT FROM HOME BASE)

N/K

LANDING AT (IF DIFFERENT FROM HOME BASE)

N/K

UNITED KINGDOM LOW FLYING SYSTEM BOOKINGS

(IF INCIDENT MORE THAN 30 DAYS OLD, CHECK TACTICAL BOOKING IF STATS - HELD BY HQPASS)

BOOKING NUMBER	AIRCRAFT TYPE	BASE	LEA/NS	TIME (ZULU/UTC)		HEIGHT (FEET)
				ENTRY	EXIT	
N424	JAGT (04304)	:	3B	2153	2230	250
N425	TORN (32166)	:	3A	2053	2107	

WHAT HAVE YOUR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS DISCOVERED:

Other ac were in 3A where the complainer location is situated earlier in the evening. No ac booked in at low level at complaint time. Example N425. Could Ac Booked to fly in adjacent 3B strayed? Was the ac responsible at high level.

BRITISH CREWION SURVEY CLAIM IT TO BE SONIC EVENT.

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Sgt I FCF INV	Sgt
Signature:	Signature:

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Ref Telecon with WO "RADAR TAPE 24 MAR 97"

Radar replay please

cheers

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P.S. Sorry for delay went to archives and checked TBC Working sheets with negative results.

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	DERA BOSCOMBE DOWN	Channel No / system
		Time
		Operator
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		SIC(s)
		12D

IN OC OPS WGT MOD PE FOR D FLYING MOD FOR AS2LO REQUEST IDENTIFICATION
 ANY FIXED WING AC WITHIN 4NM OF POSITION N53 27.55 W001 43.37,
 SK184959 ON 24 MAR 97 AT BETWEEN 2145Z AND 2200Z AT ANY HEIGHT.
 REQUEST REPLY BY SIGNAL OR PHONE Section 40 BY 8 APR 98, TASKING FOR
 (SEC(AS)IA) FOR PQ. QUOTE L163/98 ON REPLY. NIL RETURNS ARE REQUIRED
 BENSON, BRIZENORION, LYNEHAM, NORTHOLT, ODIHAM AND SHAWBURY
 CORNEO SORRY FOR DELAY

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	FLC HQ PSS(UK) EXN 5564		
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thanks

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REQUEST IDENT CHECK LIST

Investigator:

Request Ident No: PSS/261/L163/98

DTG: 242145Z MAR 97 - 242210Z M.

Unit	SIG	PHONE	INITIALS RM-ST		SIG	PHONE	INITIALS RM-ST
AACC Middle Wallop				RAF Northolt			
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RAF Bruggen		NIL	Section 40	RAF Valley		NIL	Section 40
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RAF Cottesmore				RAF Alconbury			
RAF Cranwell		NIL	Section 40	RAF Bentwaters			
RAF Finningly				RAF Lakenheath			Section 40
RAF Honington		NIL	Section 40	RAF Mildenhall	7/6/98 NIL		
RAF Kinloss		NIL		RAF Upper Heyford			
RAF Laarbruch		NIL		3 Air COM			
RAF Leeming				7 AACREGT Netheraven			
RAF Leuchars		NIL	Section 40	202 SONDET Boulmer			
RAF Linton ON Ouse		NIL		202 SONDET Leconfield			
RAF Lossiemouth		NIL		656 AACSON Netheraven			
RAF Lyneham				657 AACSON Dishforth			
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AAC Middle Wallop

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30 MAR 1998

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R 301535Z MAR 98

FM RAF ST MANGAN

TO HQ P AND SSUK ←

BT

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SIC I2D

REFERENCE YOUR I2D OF 261120Z MAR 98. RAF ST MANGAN HAS NIL RETURN.

L163/98

BT

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End of Message 301649Z MAR

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 Hawthorn Wiltshire
 SN13 0PQ
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Prox (P) Number	N/A	J	N/A	Accident (C) NO	134	1	98	Version Type Number (S)	131	000	000
Date of Occurrence	242145ZMAR97		Day	Monday		Your Reference		PSS/261/L163/97/SIS			
Location of Occurrence	5327n00135w/Bolsterstone										
Reporting Aircraft Type					Call sign				SSR Code	0000	IC
Reported Aircraft Type	Fast Jet				Call sign				SSR Code	0000	IC
Radar Heads Used	Claxby				Great Dun Fell				Not used		
Recording Start (DTG)	242130zMar97				Recording Ends (DTG)				242200zMar97		
Location	Manchester		Code	MCT	081	Day	1	024	NM	Plus	1
Ops Requested	No		Radar Head Photographed				Not required		Times as indicated on prints		

Claxby Radar head used:- At 2139z a squawk of 2574 /143(ORCAM/KARLSHRUE) in descent hdg West. At 2145 : 09z 2574 / 048 passes to the North by 2 nm of the Plotted Position aircraft then lands at Manchester at 2154z

Comments by AISO

appears to be too slow moving to cause Sonic Boom. Nothing else seen in area.

Signature	
Name	
Date	18 May 1998
Warrant Officer	Section 40
Duty AISO	



Dr David Clarke

Section 40



Section 40

Directorate Air Staff
Ministry of Defence
Metropole Building
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26 November, 2003

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters of 28 July and 28 August in response to my requests for UFO-related information under the Code of Practice. Further to my request for a copy of the investigation file relating to the alleged sonic event near Sheffield on 24 March 1997, I note that you are in the process of retrieving the notes made by the RAF police. Has there been any progress in obtaining a copy of these notes?

RAF Police

I now turn to your letter of 28 July in response to my offer of assistance towards your on-going review of UFO records, and my request for access to MOD archives as part of my postgraduate research application. I do of course appreciate the logistical and security problems that would be entailed in involving non-MOD personnel access to sites where records are filed. I also appreciate the fact that many contain correspondence subject to the Data Protection Act and other sensitive information.

However, I do not accept these reasons are sufficient ones to deny access to public records – already earmarked for eventual release - by a qualified historian who is working on a research project accredited by a leading UK university. I would point out that many other academic projects deal with source material that is subject to Data Protection legislation and university researchers are as equally bound by that legislation as are MOD personnel.

Advice from AHB

I would also point out that the Department of Constitutional Affairs own guidance on handling requests under the Code of Practice states that *even when* exemptions under the Data Protection Act and national security apply “there is a presumption of disclosure unless the likely harm would outweigh the public interest in making the information available.”

Given the MOD's public commitment to the release of UFO material and the impending FOIA I believe the Parliamentary Ombudsman may take a different view of this matter. I would therefore appreciate details of the procedure I should take should I wish to appeal.

In the meantime, I wish to thank you for the list of UFO-related records held by MOD from 1976-present. Having scrutinised this comprehensive list in some detail I note that only a limited number of files are directly of interest to my research proposal. If it were possible to obtain copies of these via one application under the Code of Practice it may not be necessary to make any further requests.

I have listed the files that are of specific interest below. I would appreciate it if you could supply a quote for processing them under the Code of Practice for Access to Government Information. It would be helpful if you could provide a separate estimate for each of the numbered file/set of files listed below:

- Hayes*
1. D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A – UFO Policy 1985
 2. D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pts A-E (5 files) – UFO Policy 1995-2002
 3. D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pts A-H (8 files)– Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries Sept 1995-Dec 2002
- DUK*
- ✓3. DD Ops(GE) 10/8 Pt A – UFO debate, House of Lords 1982
 - ✓4. DD Ops(GE) Pts J and K (2 files) – Admin & Gen – UFOs 1983
 5. D Air Def/111/6/4 Pt F, G & H (3 files) – Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control – Low Flying UFOs, 1992-1995
- Info Records*
6. D/DI55/108/15 Pts 4,5,6,7 (4 files) – UFO Policy, 1971-2002
 7. D/DI55/108/15/2 – UFO – Cosford Incident, 1993
 8. MO/9/18 Pt I (?) – UFO Policy 1996
 9. DRP (RAF) 326/2 Pt A – Security Matters – Correspondence UFOs, 2000.

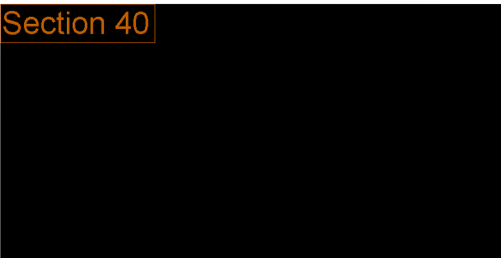
Finally, I would appreciate clarification of a point arising from the MOD Publication Scheme. Currently, individual members of the public are charged at an hourly rate for the copying and processing of files requested under the Code/FOIA. If those requested files, duly processed, are then made available at a future date to other members of the public via a separate personal request under the Code/FOIA will they also be charged at the same rate?

Furthermore, what if the processed material is then, at some future date, made available free of charge under your Publication Scheme? If that happens, should not the individual who made the original request and originally paid for the processing of the file be entitled to a refund?

DGHP?

Yours Sincerely,

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FILE	CLASS	PAGES	WHERE HELD	TIME & COST
D/Sec(AS)12/1 A	Secret	341	Hayes	11 hours 22 min Total £180
D/Sec(AS)64/1 A	Confidential	260	In Office	8 hours 40 min Total £135
D/Sec(AS)64/1 B	Secret	384	In Office	12 hours 48 min Total £195
D/Sec(AS)64/1 C	Confidential	305	In Office	10 hours 10 min Total £165
D/Sec(AS)64/1 D	Restricted	211	In Office	4 hours 2 min Total £60
D/Sec(AS)64/1 E	Restricted	325	In Office	10 hours 50 min Total £165
D/Sec(AS)64/4 A	Restricted	281	In Office	9 hours 22 min Total £150
D/Sec(AS)64/4 B	Confidential	414	In Office	13 hours 48 min Total £210
D/Sec(AS)64/4 C	Restricted	295	In Office	9 hours 50 min Total £150
D/Sec(AS)64/4 D	Restricted	344	In Office	11 hours 28 min Total £180
D/Sec(AS)64/4 E	Confidential	338	In Office	11 hours 16 min Total £180
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D/Sec(AS)64/4 F	Restricted	354	In Office	11 hours 48 min Total £180
D/DAS(Sec)64/4 G	Restricted	294	In Office	9 hours 48 min Total £150
D/DAS(Sec)64/4 H	Restricted	128	In Office	4 hours 16 min Total £75
DD Ops(GE)10/8 A	Confidential	227	In Office	7 hours 34 min Total £120
DD Ops(GE)10/8 J	Restricted	162	In Office	5 hours 24 min Total £90
DD Ops(GE)10/8 K	Restricted	197	In Office	6 hours 34 min Total £105
D Air Def/111/6/4 F	Secret	304	In Office	10 hours 8 min Total £165
D Air Def/111/6/4 G	Restricted	452	In Office	15 hours 4 min Total £240
D Air Def/111/6/4 H	Restricted	11	In Office	0 hours 22 min Total £15
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 4			OWO Archive	

D/DI55/108/15 Pt 5			OWO Archive	
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 6			OWO Archive	
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 7			OWO Archive	
D/DI55/108/15/2			DI55	£60
MO/9/18 Pt I	Confidential	102	In Office	3 hours 22 min Total £60
D/DPR(RAF)326 A	Secret	282 14	In Office	<u>Whole file</u> 9 hours 24 min £150 <u>UFO papers</u> 0 hours 28 min Total £15

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 Queries,
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Public Access to Records less than 30 years old

9.1 Criteria for Access

9.2 Sponsored Access

9.1 Criteria for Access

9.1.1 Access to records which are not yet 30 years old, whether in the Public Record Office (PRO) or held by MOD, is granted at the discretion of the government department to which the records belong. The Open Government Initiatives, including the White Paper on Open Government published in July 1993 and the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, do not affect departmental discretion. They do, however, seek to reduce the amount of material which is closed for longer than 30 years and make provision for more records to be released by:

- use of more exacting criteria to justify continued closure;
- re-review of previously withheld information;
- identification of material which is less than 30 years old but may be suitable for accelerated release;
- response to ad hoc requests.

9.1.2 In addition, information and, in certain circumstances, documents, can be made available in response to requests under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

9.1.3 The guiding principle in these initiatives is to make as much as possible of the original record available to the public. On receipt of requests for access to material before it is 30 years old MOD is required to consider whether the material is suitable for early release. If it is the Lord Chancellor's approval must be sought. If it is not suitable for release, or resources are not available for the process of transfer to the PRO, MOD must consider whether granting access can be justified and defended as being in the public interest.

9.2 Sponsored Access

9.2.1 "Privileged access", meaning the granting of special access to selected individuals, is inconsistent with the spirit of open government. Access by individuals should therefore only normally be approved if the individual is involved in research which is commissioned, sponsored or approved by MOD or is seen to be research from which HMG or MOD will derive benefit, and can be justified as being in the public interest. Such "sponsored access" can be agreed at the discretion of the business unit holding the records concerned.

9.2.2 Such access should only be approved if the work involved in making the appropriate records available does not detract significantly from the ongoing work of the business unit.

9.2.3 In cases of doubt about the merit of allowing sponsored access, or for more detailed advice on

the subject, please contact DG Info-Records1.



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From: **Section 40**

Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace)
Operations & Policy 1

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Section 40

Dr David Clarke

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
28 August 2003

Dear Dr Clarke

Further to my letter of 28 July 2003, please find enclosed a copy of the RAF Police report into an alleged sonic event near Sheffield on 24 March 1997, as requested in your letter of 14 June 2003. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

With regard to your request for the full investigation file into this incident, there is no actual investigation file, but the investigator's notes which would have been used to compile this report are held electronically. The RAF Police are currently experiencing some difficulties with retrieving this information which they hope will be solved shortly. I will write to you again as soon as possible concerning this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Headquarters Provost and Security Services
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Royal Air Force Rudloe Manor Hawthorn
Wiltshire SN13 OPQ

Telephone Hawthorn [REDACTED] fax [REDACTED]

Attn: [REDACTED]
MoD (Sec(AS)) [REDACTED]

Please reply to
The Officer Commanding
Your reference D/Sec(AS)/56/1

Our reference PSS/261/L163/98/SIS

Date May 98

ALLEGED SONIC EVENT - 24 MAR 97- SHEFFIELD, PEAK DISTRICT- FINAL REPORT

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2. A search of TBC records from archives revealed that there was no military fast jet aircraft booked into the relevant night low flying area at the relevant times.
3. [REDACTED] of The British Geological Survey in Edinburgh stated that on the 24 Mar 97 at 2152Z his seismic monitors had recorded a signal consistent with a sonic event. A further signal consistent with a sonic event were recorded at 2206Z. These signals were monitored as coming from the area reported as the complaint location and monitoring stations at Haverah Park, south west of Huddersfield, Holmfirth, south west of Leeds and a low frequency microphone at Leeds University all recorded the sonic event. [REDACTED] stated that although BGS can differentiate between sonic and seismic events, sonic events can not be identified as being specifically caused by aircraft as other phenomena such as satellite or meteor re-entry have been known to cause sonic events and this may explain the happenings of 24 Mar 97.
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5. This case is now considered closed.

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For OC

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FILE NOTE

Para 4 of the attached RAF Police report refers to particular radar heads. Before release to Dr Clarke, these details were checked with DAO-AIRC2-SO1 (Wg Cdr **Section 40**) who has confirmed that these are National Air Traffic Service (NATS) civilian radar heads and this information would already be publicly known. There is, therefore, no harm in releasing this information to Dr Clarke.

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Dear Section 40

ALLEGED SONIC EVENT,
24 MAR 97. SHEFFIELD, PEAK DISTRICT.
FINAL REPORT.

As Requested

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Attn: **Section 40**
MoD (Sec(AS)1a)



Please reply to
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Your reference D/Sec(AS)/56/1

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Section 40

Dr David Clarke

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
28 July 2003

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 14 June concerning your request to assist with the review of UFO material and your further requests for information. I apologise for the delay in answering your letter, but I have tried to gather as much of the information you requested as possible before replying.

We understand your interest in the future release of UFO material and I can assure you that we are looking carefully at ways to make as much material as possible available to the public. However, there are practical difficulties with involving non-MOD staff in this process. For example, the files are not held at one location, but spread between The National Archive (previously the Public Record Office), the MOD Records department, several MOD Archives and in the case of more recent files, in more than one MOD office. I hope you will appreciate the logistical and security problems with allowing non-MOD personnel access to all of these sites.

Then there is the matter of the contents of the files themselves. Many contain correspondence and reports from people whose confidentiality we have a duty to protect under the Data Protection Act 1998. In addition, some may also contain sensitive information which the MOD may be required to withhold under an exemption of the Code. As well as the obvious security issues of allowing access to such information, we believe MOD staff are in the best position to judge such sensitivities.

With regard to your comments about the need to put released material into historical context, it may be helpful if I explain that under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code) and the forthcoming Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000, the MOD is required to make requested information available wherever possible and, in the case of the FOI Act, to also operate a Publication Scheme to inform members of the public what information is published and how they can obtain access to it. We are not obliged to produce narratives, only to make information available so that individuals can conduct their own research.

We appreciate your offer of assistance, but given the above, we believe that we are able to conduct the review and release of future UFO information, and fulfil the requirements of the Code and the FOI Act without external assistance.

In your letter you also asked if we would be able to notify you in advance of any plans to release additional UFO material. It is not our practice to give any member of the public advanced notification before any other.

Turning to your four new requests for information, I will address these in the same order as your letter.

1. As requested, please find enclosed a list of UFO-related records held by MOD, 1976 to present, including the MOD file references, titles, date of contents and where appropriate The National Archive reference. Names of members of the public mentioned in the titles of some files have been excluded in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
2. Our records show that in June 1977, following two letters from Mr Nicholas Edwards MP and several UFO sighting reports from members of the public in Wales, the RAF Police were asked to consider whether they thought it would be worthwhile for them to conduct enquiries in order to gauge local interest and to see if there was a rational explanation for these reports. There is no record on our files as to whether the RAF Police made any such enquiries and the RAF Police do not retain records of correspondence for more than 7 years. I am therefore unable to supply the information you have requested here.
3. Please see attached a copy of a letter from US of S for Defence (James Wellbeloved MP) to Nicholas Edwards MP in response to a Parliamentary Enquiry about UFO reports in Pembrokeshire. Although this letter is dated 16th June 1977 and not the 15th June as stated in your letter, I believe this is one you have referred to. I also include a copy of the background note by S4(Air) and draft reply as requested. Although not requested, for completeness, I have also included a copy of Nicholas Edwards MP letter to Dr John Gilbert MP as mentioned in the above letter. Personal data concerning members of the public has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
4. Details of this request have been passed to the RAF Police and I will write to you again about this.

Finally, with regard to your enquiry about a clergyman's letter to the Chief of the Defence Staff in 1977 requested in your last correspondence, we have not yet located this document, but if it should come to light in the near future, we will of course send you a copy.

I hope this is helpful. I will write to you again as soon as possible regarding your fourth request.

Yours sincerely,

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MOD FILE REFERENCE	TITLE OF FILE	PERIOD OF CONTENTS	THE NATIONAL ARCHIVE REFERENCE WHERE ALLOCATED
AF/447	UFO Reports: Edited	1 Aug 1975 – 30 June 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref : AIR2/18949 Some papers duplicated in AIR 2/18968: 18969:18970:18971: 18972: 18973 &18974
AF/7464/72 Pt IV	UFO Reports	1975-76	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18920
AF/7464/72 Pt V	UFO Reports	1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18921
AF/608	UFO Reports	1-31 January 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18969
AF/609	UFO Reports	1-28 February 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18970
AF/610	UFO Reports	1-31 March 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18971
AF/611	UFO Reports	1-30 April 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18972
AF/612	UFO Reports	1-31 May 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18973
AF/613	UFO Reports	1-30 June 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18974
AF/616	UFO Reports	1-30 September 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18975
AF/617	UFO Reports	1-31 October 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18976
AF/618	UFO Reports	1-30 November 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18977
AF/619	UFO Reports	1-31 December 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18978
AF/BJ84/76	Sir John Langford Holt MO Mr ----- UFO enquiry	1976	Held in MOD
AF/JW260/76	Nigel Lawson MP Mr ----- UFO	1976	Held in MOD
AF/BJ76/76	Dr Coleman JP MP ----- UFO	1976	Held in MOD
MR/12554	Richard Luce MP ----- UFOs	1977	Held in MOD
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt A	UFO Reports	Jan-May 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE 71/34
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt B	UFO Reports	June-Sept 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE 71/35
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt F	UFO Reports	June-Aug 1978	Held in MOD
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt G	UFO Reports	Nov 1978	Held in MOD
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt H	UFO Reports	Dec 1978	Held in MOD

D/DS8/2/3 Pt C	UFO Reports	Oct –Dec 1977	For release in 2008. TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1205 (Provisional)
D/DS8/2/3 Pt D	UFO Reports	Jan-March 1978	For release in 2009 TNA DEFE 24/1207 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref:24/1206
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt A	UFO Reports: Edited	April – July 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/977
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt B	UFO Reports: Edited	April-September 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/978
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt C	UFO Reports: Edited	Sept – Dec 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/979
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt D	UFO Reports: Edited	1977	For release in 2009 TNA Ref to be allocated
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D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L	UFO Reports: Edited	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M	UFO Reports: Edited	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt D	UFO Reports & Correspondence	Jan- Mar 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1208 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt E	UFO Reports	April-May 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1209 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt F	UFO Reports	June-Aug 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1210 (Provisional)
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D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt J	UFO Reports	Dec 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1212 (provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/3	UFOs: Parliamentary Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	TV Discussion on UFOs	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/7 Pt A	Satellite Debris	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1981	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt B	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1981	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt D	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt E	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1983	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt F	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt G	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1983	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A	UFO Policy	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt A	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt B	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt C	UFO Reports	1986	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt D	UFO Reports	1987	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt E	UFO Reports	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt F	UFO Reports	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt G	UFO Reports	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt H	UFO Reports	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt I	UFO Reports	1990	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt J	UFO Reports	1990	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt K	UFO Reports	1991	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt L	UFO Reports	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt M	UFO Reports	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt N	UFO Reports	1994	Held in MOD

D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt O	UFO Reports	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2/1	UFOs – Report of Sighting, Rendlesham Forrest, December 1981	1980 –1996	File held in MOD Released into MOD FOI Publication Scheme Nov 2002
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt A	UFO Correspondence	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt B	UFO Correspondence	1986	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt C	UFO Correspondence	1987	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt D	UFO Correspondence	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt E	UFO Correspondence	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt F	UFO Correspondence	1989	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt I	UFO Correspondence	1991	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt J	UFO Correspondence	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt K	UFO Correspondence	1992	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt Q	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt R	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt S	UFO Correspondence	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/4 Pt A	UFO –Parliamentary Correspondence	N/K	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/4 Pt B	UFO – Parliamentary Correspondence	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/5	UFOs- Close encounter reports, alien entities, abductions etc	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/6	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident-Crash of Lightning F6 – 8 Sept 1970	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/7	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident 31 March 1993	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt A	UFOs –Policy	1995-97	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt B	UFOs –Policy	Jan – Sept 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt C	UFOs –Policy	Sept 1997 – April 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt D	UFOs –Policy	May 1998 – Oct 2000	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt E	UFOs – Policy	2000 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt A	UFO-Sighting Reports	Sept 1995 – Jan 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt B	UFO-Sighting Reports	Jan – June 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt C	UFO-Sighting Reports	June – Aug 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt D	UFO-Sighting Reports	Aug-Dec 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt E	UFO- Sighting Reports	Jan-July 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt F	UFO-Sighting Reports	July-Oct 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt G	UFO-Sighting Reports	Nov 1997 –July 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt H	UFO- Sighting Reports	July 1998 – Feb 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt I	UFO- Sighting Reports	Feb – Dec 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt J	UFO-Sighting Reports	Jan-June 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt K	UFO- Sighting Reports	July-Sept 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt L	UFO- Sighting Reports	Dec 2000 – Mar 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt M	UFO- Sighting Reports	March – Oct 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/2 Pt N	UFO- Sighting Reports	Oct 2001 – Oct 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/2 Pt O	UFO- Sighting Reports	Nov 2002 – Present	Held in MOD

D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt A	UFO-Public Correspondence	Sept-Nov 1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt B	UFO-Public Correspondence	Nov 1995 –Mar 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt C	UFO-Public Correspondence	Mar –April 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt D	UFO-Public Correspondence	April-July 1996	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt J	UFO-Public Correspondence	June – Aug 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt K	UFO-Public Correspondence	Aug – Dec 1997	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt P	UFO-Public Correspondence	Dec 1998 –April 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt Q	UFO-Public Correspondence	Mar – Sept 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt R	UFO-Public Correspondence	Sept – Dec 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt S	UFO-Public Correspondence	Dec 1999 –June 2000	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt T	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June – Sept 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3 Pt U	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Sept 2000 – Jan 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt V	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Feb – May 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt W	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	July – Nov 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt X	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Nov 2001 – June 2002	Held in MOD

D/DAS/64/3 Pt Y	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June – Nov 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Z	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Dec 2002 to 2003 (June)	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt AA	UFO –Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June 2003 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/1 Pt A	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent	1996-1999	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/1 Pt B	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1999 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/2	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1998 – 2000	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)64/3/6	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/7	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1994-1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/8	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1997-1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/9	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1996 – 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/10	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	2000 –2003	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt A	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	1999 –2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt B	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2001 –2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt C	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2002	Held in MOD

D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt D	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/12	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	2001 to Present	Held in MOD
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D/DAS/64/3/14	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	2000 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/15	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	2000 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt A	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Sept 1995 – Sept 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt B	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Sept – Nov 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt C	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Nov 1996 – July 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt D	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	July – Oct 1997	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt F	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	1998-2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/4 Pt G	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Mar – Oct 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/4 Pt H	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Dec 2001 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/5	UFOs-Press Cuttings	1996 to Present	Held in MOD
DD/Ops(GE)10/8 Pt A	UFO debate House of Lords	1982	Held in MOD
DD Ops(GE)10/8 Pt J	Admin & Gen – UFOs	1983	Held in MOD
DD Ops(GE) 10/8 Pt K	Admin & Gen - UFOs	1983	Held in MOD
D Air Def/111/6/4 Pt F	Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1991	Held in MOD
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Pt G	Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1992-95	Held in MOD
D Air Def/111/6/4 Pt H	Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1995	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt A	ADGE –UFO Reports	1995 – 1996	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt B	ADGE –UFO Reports	1996 – 1997	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt C	ADGE –UFO Reports	1997 – 1999	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt D	ADGE –UFO Reports	1999 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt E	ADGE –UFO Reports	2001 – 2003	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt F	ADGE UFO Reports	2003– Present	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 4	UFO Policy	1971 –1996	Held in MOD

D/DI55/108/15 Pt 5	UFO Policy	1996 – 2000	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 6	UFO Policy	2000 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 7	UFO Policy	2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 9	UFO Incident Reports	Period not known	Held in MOD
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D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 34	UFO Incident Reports	June 1983 – Mar 1985	Held in MOD
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D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 36A	UFO Incident Reports	Dec 1986 – Nov 1987	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 36B	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1987-July 1988	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 37	UFO Incident Reports	Aug 1988 – July 1989	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 38	UFO Incident Reports	July – Dec 1989	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 39	UFO Incident Reports	Jan 1990 – June 1991	Held in MOD
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D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 45	UFO Incident Reports	June – Nov 1994	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 46	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1994 – May 1995	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 47	UFO Incident Reports	June 1995 – Jan 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 48	UFO Incident Reports	Feb – July 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 49	UFO Incident Reports	Aug – Oct 1996	Held in MOD
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D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 51	UFO Incident Reports	Jan 1997 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/2	UFO –Cosford Incident	1993	Held in MOD
MO/9/18 Pt I(?)	UFO Policy	1996	Held in MOD
DRP(RAF)326/2 Pt A	Security Matters – Correspondence UFOs	2000	Held in MOD
2GP(BP)888772/10IST AR Pt A	UFO reports	2001	Held in MOD

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AF/JW 216/77

16th June 1977



Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for your enquiries you have received thought to be Unident

John Gilbert about the phenomena which are

The Ministry of objective scientific undertake to identify public. For obvious of unexplained phenomena defences. My Department have carried out that type of investigation on the reports received from Wales but these have been few in recent months. No evidence has been revealed to suggest that the alleged sightings in Wales, or indeed those reported from other parts of Great Britain in the past, contained anything of significance from a defence point of view. All I can tell you on the basis of the Department's past experience is that most reports of this nature can usually be referred to a common place object which may have been observed perhaps from an unusual angle or in somewhat unusual weather or lighting conditions.

I am sorry I cannot give you a more helpful reply to pass to [redacted], who I understand is a 'co-ordinator' for the British UFO Research Association.

Yours sincerely
James Wellbeloved
(JAMES WELLBELOVED)

Nicholas Edwards MP
House of Commons
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APS/US of S(RAF)

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1. S4(Air) received only six UFO reports from South Wales in May and none in April or (so far) in June. None of the six came from Pembrokeshire. Mr Edwards has clearly had more but the only correspondent he quotes may not be disinterested; [REDACTED] is I understand a leading light in the British UFO Research Association.
2. There is no evidence in the reports we have received from Wales to indicate any defence implication. I suggest the attached reply to Mr Edwards.

14 Jun 77

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S4(Air)

MB 8241 [REDACTED] MB

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Letter from US of S(RAF) to Nicholas Edwards MP

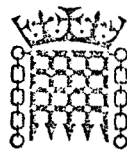
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Thank you for your letter of 24th May about the enquiries you have received recently on the phenomena which are thought to be Unidentified Flying Objects.

The Ministry of Defence has not the resources to conduct an objective scientific enquiry into the nature of UFOs and we do not undertake to identify objects that may be reported by members of the public. For obvious reasons, however, we look into detailed reports of unexplained phenomena to see if they have a bearing on the national defences. The Department have carried out that type of investigation on the reports received from Wales but these have been few in recent months and none has come from Pembrokeshire. No evidence has been revealed to suggest that the alleged sightings in Wales, or indeed those reported from other parts of Great Britain in the past, contained anything of significance from a defence point of view. All I can tell you on the basis of the Department's past experience is that most reports of this nature can usually be referred to a common place object which may have been observed perhaps from an unusual angle or in somewhat unusual weather or lighting conditions. I hope this helps to reassure your constituents.

*L. V. Ack
26.5.77*

Nicholas Edwards MP



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24 May 1977

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rec'd 26th MAY

J. J. M.

I am being inundated at the present time with representations about UFOs said to have been seen in Pembrokeshire and in particular I have been approached by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] near Haverfordwest, on the subject. I have only one enquiry at the present time and that is whether any official investigation is made by the Ministry of Defence on reported sightings of this kind. Perhaps you would also be kind enough to let me know whether anything of a concrete nature has been produced in this connection.

J. e

Dr. John Gilbert, MP
Minister of State
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall Gardens
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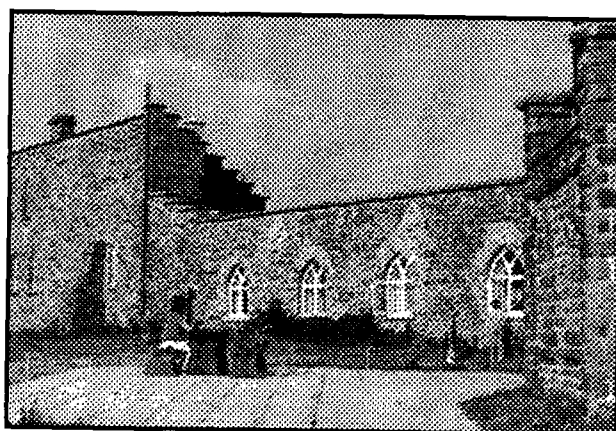
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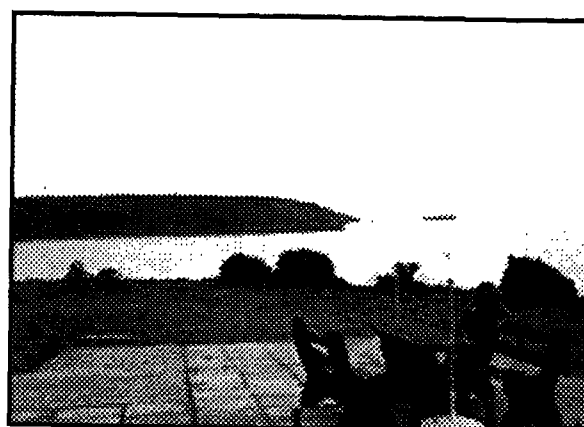


Haven Fort Hotel

Settlands Hill, Little Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, South Wales, SA62 3LA
Telephone: 01437 781401



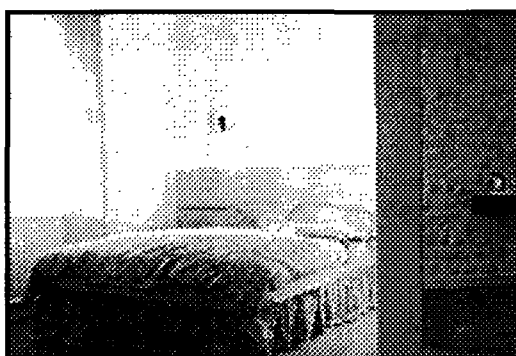
A uniquely attractive cliff top hotel, offering unsurpassed, breathtakingly beautiful views of St Bride Bay and the coastal national park. The hotel, standing in a magnificent position in its own grounds, dominates the picturesque village of Little Haven and commands superb panoramic views, from all angles of the hotel. Safe bathing can be enjoyed at Settlands, the hotels own beach, the whole area is renowned for its scenic beauty.



The national park offers something for everyone. There are miles of cliff top pathways for the walker offering views of unparalleled scenic splendour. The bays of Settlands, Little Haven and Broad Haven with their fine beaches are excellent for bathing, fishing, sailing, skin diving and surfing.

The hotel being of neo-Gothic architecture is fitted and furnished in the style of the medieval period.

There are 15 letting bedrooms with private bathrooms.



The restaurant and bar are open to non-residents. The restaurant caters for English and continental cooking of a high standard in beautiful surroundings: -

The hotel has been prominently featured in the books "The Welsh Triangle", "The Dyfed Enigma", and "The Uninvited".

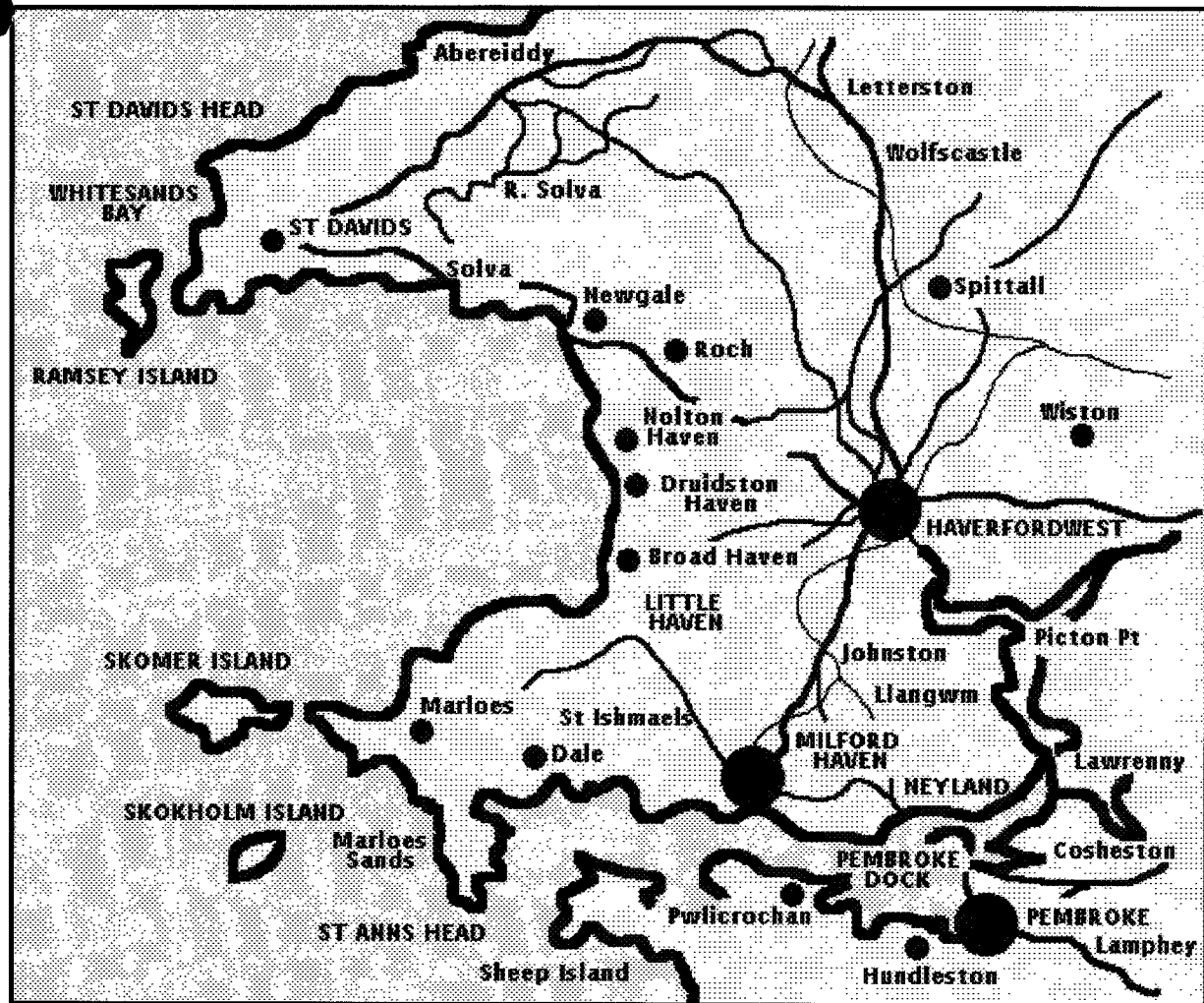
Open Easter - October.

Basic Tariff

Single bed and breakfast from £35.00

Double bed and breakfast from £55.00

Family bed and breakfast from £70.00 - £78.00



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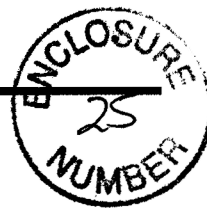
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Daily Mail 29/4/1977
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DPA - We need to have proof that
she has made her details public.

Parliamentary Privilege?

DAS-LA-Ops+Pol1



From: DAS-LA-Ops+Pol1
Sent: 08 July 2003 10:20
To: Info-Records1
Subject: Dr Clarke

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Dr Clarke has made 4 new requests for information under the Code. One of these is for "a list of UFO related records held by MOD, 1976-present, including MOD references and/or PRO references, with file titles and descriptions of contents where available".

I have prepared the attached list and would be grateful if you could have a quick look at it and let me know if there are any files (especially the earlier ones) which now have PRO/National Archive references which I have not included.



DR CLARKE - REQ
FOR LIST OF UF...

Thanks for your help.

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From: Info-Records1
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Subject: Dr CLARKE ENQUIRY

Section 40

Your email 8 July 2003 asked me to have a quick look at a list you have prepared for Dr Clarke.

My amended list is attached:

please note eight entries have been amended slightly - the inclusion of the word "provisional" in a number of instances (until the drafts are accepted by Kew the refs can change), the inclusion of Nat Archives ref in one case and the removal of Nat Archives ref in one other (it duplicated the ref of another file and is best left "to be allocated").

Additionally, I attach at the end of the end a separate list of ten files we located in the archives a few months ago.

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MOD FILE REFERENCE	TITLE OF FILE	PERIOD OF CONTENTS	THE NATIONAL ARCHIVE REFERENCE WHERE ALLOCATED
AF/447	UFO Reports: Edited	1 Aug 1975 – 30 June 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref : AIR2/18949 Some papers duplicated in AIR 2/18968: 18969:18970:18971: 18972: 18973 &18974
AF/7464/72 Pt IV	UFO Reports	1975-76	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18920
AF/7464/72 Pt V	UFO Reports	1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18921
AF/608	UFO Reports	1-31 January 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18969
AF/609	UFO Reports	1-28 February 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18970
AF/610	UFO Reports	1-31 March 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18971
AF/611	UFO Reports	1-30 April 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18972
AF/612	UFO Reports	1-31 May 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18973
AF/613	UFO Reports	1-30 June 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18974
AF/616	UFO Reports	1-30 September 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18975
AF/617	UFO Reports	1-31 October 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18976
AF/618	UFO Reports	1-30 November 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18977
AF/619	UFO Reports	1-31 December 1976	For release in 2007 TNA Ref: AIR 2/18978
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt A	UFO Reports	Jan-May 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE 71/34
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt B	UFO Reports	June-Sept 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE 71/35
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt F	UFO Reports	June-Aug 1978	Held in MOD
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt G	UFO Reports	Nov 1978	Held in MOD
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt H	UFO Reports	Dec 1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/2/3 Pt C	UFO Reports	Oct –Dec 1977	For release in 2008. TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1205 (Provisional)
D/DS8/2/3 Pt D	UFO Reports	Jan-March 1978	For release in 2009 TNA DEFE 24/1207 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref:24/1206
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD

D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt A	UFO Reports: Edited	April – July 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/977
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt B	UFO Reports: Edited	April-September 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/978
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D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
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D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/3	UFOs: Parliamentary Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	TV Discussion on UFOs	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/7 Pt A	Satellite Debris	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1981	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt B	General Briefs &	1981	Held in MOD

	Reports, UFO Correspondence		
D/DS8/10/209 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt D	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD
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D/DS8/10/209 Pt F	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt G	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1983	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A	UFO Policy	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt A	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt B	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt C	UFO Reports	1986	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt K	UFO Reports	1991	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt L	UFO Reports	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt M	UFO Reports	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt N	UFO Reports	1994	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt O	UFO Reports	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2/1	UFOs – Report of Sighting, Rendlesham Forrest, December 1981	1980 –1996	File held in MOD Released into MOD FOI Publication Scheme
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt A	UFO Correspondence	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt B	UFO Correspondence	1986	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt C	UFO Correspondence	1987	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt F	UFO Correspondence	1989	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt K	UFO Correspondence	1992	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt O	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt P	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt Q	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt R	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt S	UFO Correspondence	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/4 Pt A	UFO –Parliamentary Correspondence	N/K	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/4 Pt B	UFO – Parliamentary Correspondence	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/5	UFOs- Close encounter reports, alien entities, abductions etc	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/6	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident-Crash of Lightning F6 – 8 Sept 1970	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/7	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident 31 March 1993	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt A	UFOs –Policy	1995-97	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt B	UFOs –Policy	Jan – Sept 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt C	UFOs –Policy	Sept 1997 – April 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt D	UFOs –Policy	May 1998 – Oct 2000	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt E	UFOs – Policy	2000 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt A	UFO-Sighting Reports	Sept 1995 – Jan 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt B	UFO-Sighting Reports	Jan – June 1996	Held in MOD
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D/DAS/64/2 Pt O	UFO- Sighting Reports	Nov 2002 – Present	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt D	UFO-Public Correspondence	April-July 1996	Held in MOD
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D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt T	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June – Sept 2000	Held in MOD
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D/DAS/64/3 Pt W	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	July – Nov 2001	Held in MOD
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D/DAS(Sec)64/3/1 Pt B	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1999 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/2	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1998 – 2000	Held in MOD

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D/Sec(AS)64/3/10	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	2000 –2003	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt A	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	1999 –2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt B	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2001 –2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt C	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt D	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/12	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	2001 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/13	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	2000 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt A	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Sept 1995 – Sept 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt B	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Sept – Nov 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt C	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Nov 1996 – July 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt D	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	July – Oct 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt E	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	1997-1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt F	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	1998-2001	Held in MOD

D/DAS(Sec)64/4 Pt G	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Mar – Oct 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/4 Pt H	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Dec 2001 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/5	UFOs-Press Cuttings	1996 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Pt F	Command, Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1991	Held in MOD
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Pt G	Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1992 - 1995	Held in MOD
D Air Def/111/6/4 Pt H	Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1995	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt A	ADGE –UFO Reports	1995 – 1996	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt B	ADGE –UFO Reports	1996 – 1997	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt C	ADGE –UFO Reports	1997 – 1999	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt D	ADGE –UFO Reports	1999 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt E	ADGE –UFO Reports	2001 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt F	ADGE UFO Reports	2002 – Present	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 4	UFO Policy	1971 –1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 5	UFO Policy	1996 – 2000	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 6	UFO Policy	2000 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 7	UFO Policy	2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 9	UFO Incident Reports	Period not known	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 32	UFO Incident Reports	Feb 1978 – Jan 1983	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 34	UFO Incident Reports	June 1983 – Mar 1985	Held in MOD
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D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 36A	UFO Incident Reports	Dec 1986 – Nov 1987	Held in MOD
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D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 37	UFO Incident Reports	Aug 1988 – July 1989	Held in MOD
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D/DI55/108/15/2	UFO –Cosford Incident	1993	Held in MOD

AF/BJ84/76	Sir John Langford Holt MC Section 40	1976	Held in MOD
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	UFO enquiry		
AF/JW260/76	Nigel Lawson MP Section 40 UFO	1976 Section 40	Held in MOD
AF/BJ76/76	Dr Coleman JP MP Section 40 UFO	1976 Section 40	Held in MOD
MR/12554	Richard Luce MP Section 40 UFOs	1977 Section 40	Held in MOD
DD Ops(GE)10/8 Pt A	UFO debate House of Lords	1982	Held in MOD
DD Ops(GE)10/8 Pt J	Admin & Gen – UFOs	1983	Held in MOD
DD Ops(GE) 10/8 Pt K	Admin & Gen - UFOs	1983	Held in MOD
MO/9/18 Pt I(?)	UFO Policy	1996	Held in MOD
DRP(RAF)326/2 Pt A	Security Matters – Correspondence UFOs	2000	Held in MOD
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LETTER FROM DR CLARKE DATED 14 JUNE 2003

1. Thank you for a copy of Dr Clarke's latest letter of 14 June 2003 and his requests for information. I have consulted DI55B and we can see no reason why he cannot have a copy of the list of DIS files that we hold on UFOs. However, we would be grateful if you could amend your list to show the file titles as "UFO Incident reports". I have annotated the attached file list accordingly.

2. Meanwhile, I have asked DI54 to seek out the file record sheet for the file DSTI 107/27 from December 1977 which might contain the letter from the **Section 40** [REDACTED] This should reveal whether the file is still in existence or not. I will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Section 40 [REDACTED]
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MOD FILE REFERENCE	TITLE OF FILE	PERIOD OF CONTENTS	PRO REFERENCE WHERE ALLOCATED
AF/447	UFO Reports: Edited	1 Aug 1975 – 30 June 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18949
AF/7464/72 Pt IV	UFO Reports		uplicated 8: 18971: &18974
AF/7464/72 Pt V	UFO Reports		2007 2/18920
AF/608	UFO Reports		2007 2/18921
AF/609	UFO Reports	1-28 February 1976	2007 2/18969
AF/610	UFO Reports	1-31 March 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18970
AF/611	UFO Reports	1-30 April 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18971
AF/612	UFO Reports	1-31 May 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18972
AF/613	UFO Reports	1-30 June 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18973
AF/616	UFO Reports	1-30 September 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18974
AF/617	UFO Reports	1-31 October 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18975
AF/618	UFO Reports	1-30 November 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18976
AF/619	UFO Reports	1-31 December 1976	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18977
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt A	UFO Reports	Jan-May 1977	For release in 2007 PRO Ref: AIR 2/18978
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt B	UFO Reports	June-Sept 1977	For release in 2008 PRO Ref: DEFE 71/34
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt F	UFO Reports	June-Aug 1978	For release in 2008 PRO Ref: DEFE 71/35
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt G	UFO Reports	Nov 1978	Held in MOD
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt H	UFO Reports	Dec 1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/2/3 Pt C	UFO Reports	Oct –Dec 1977	Held in MOD
D/DS8/2/3 Pt D	UFO Reports	Jan-March 1978	For release in 2008. PRO Ref: DEFE 24/1205
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1977	For release in 2009 PRO Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt A	UFO Reports: Edited	April – July 1977	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt B	UFO Reports: Edited	April-September 1977	For release in 2008 PRO Ref: DEFE24/977
			For release in 2008

			PRO Ref: DEFE24/978
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt C	UFO Reports: Edited	Sept – Dec 1977	For release in 2008 PRO Ref: DEFE24/979
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt D	UFO Reports: Edited	1977	For release in 2009 PRO Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt E	UFO Reports: Edited	April – Aug 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt F	UFO Reports: Edited	Aug-Oct 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L	UFO Reports: Edited	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M	UFO Reports: Edited	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt D	UFO Reports & Correspondence	Jan- Mar 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref: DEFE 24/1208
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt E	UFO Reports	April-May 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref: DEFE 24/1209
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt F	UFO Reports	June-Aug 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref: DEFE 24/1210
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt G	UFO Reports	Sept-Oct 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt H	UFO Reports	Nov 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref: DEFE 24/1211
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt J	UFO Reports	Dec 1978	For release in 2009 PRO Ref: DEFE 24/1212
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/3	UFOs: Parliamentary Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	TV Discussion on UFOs	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/7 Pt A	Satellite Debris	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1981	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt B	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1981	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt D	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD

D/DS8/10/209 Pt E	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1983	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt F	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt G	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1983	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A	UFO Policy	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt A	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt B	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt C	UFO Reports	1986	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt D	UFO Reports	1987	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt E	UFO Reports	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt F	UFO Reports	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt G	UFO Reports	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt H	UFO Reports	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt I	UFO Reports	1990	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt J	UFO Reports	1990	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt K	UFO Reports	1991	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt L	UFO Reports	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt M	UFO Reports	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt N	UFO Reports	1994	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt O	UFO Reports	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2/1	UFOs – Report of Sighting, Rendlesham Forrest, December 1981	1980 –1996	File held in MOD Released into MOD FOI Publication Scheme
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt A	UFO Correspondence	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt B	UFO Correspondence	1986	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt C	UFO Correspondence	1987	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt D	UFO Correspondence	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt E	UFO Correspondence	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt F	UFO Correspondence	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt G	UFO Correspondence	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt I	UFO Correspondence	1991	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt J	UFO Correspondence	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt K	UFO Correspondence	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt L	UFO Correspondence	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt M	UFO Correspondence	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt N	UFO Correspondence	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt O	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt P	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt Q	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt R	UFO Correspondence	1994-95	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt S	UFO Correspondence	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/4 Pt A	UFO –Parliamentary Correspondence	N/K	Held in MOD

D/Sec(AS)12/4 Pt B	UFO – Parliamentary Correspondence	1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/5	UFOs- Close encounter reports, alien entities, abductions etc	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/6	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident-Crash of Lightning F6 – 8 Sept 1970	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/7	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident 31 March 1993	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt A	UFOs –Policy	1995-97	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt B	UFOs –Policy	Jan – Sept 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt C	UFOs –Policy	Sept 1997 – April 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt D	UFOs –Policy	May 1998 – Oct 2000	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt E	UFOs – Policy	2000 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt A	UFO-Sighting Reports	Sept 1995 – Jan 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt B	UFO-Sighting Reports	Jan – June 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt C	UFO-Sighting Reports	June – Aug 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt D	UFO-Sighting Reports	Aug-Dec 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt E	UFO- Sighting Reports	Jan-July 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt F	UFO-Sighting Reports	July-Oct 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt G	UFO-Sighting Reports	Nov 1997 –July 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt H	UFO- Sighting Reports	July 1998 – Feb 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt I	UFO- Sighting Reports	Feb – Dec 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt J	UFO-Sighting Reports	Jan-June 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt K	UFO- Sighting Reports	July-Sept 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt L	UFO- Sighting Reports	Dec 2000 – Mar 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt M	UFO- Sighting Reports	March – Oct 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/2 Pt N	UFO- Sighting Reports	Oct 2001 – Oct 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/2 Pt O	UFO- Sighting Reports	Nov 2002 – Present	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt A	UFO-Public Correspondence	Sept-Nov 1995	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt B	UFO-Public Correspondence	Nov 1995 –Mar 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt C	UFO-Public Correspondence	Mar –April 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt D	UFO-Public Correspondence	April-July 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt E	UFO-Public Correspondence	July-Aug 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt F	UFO-Public Correspondence	Aug-Oct 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt G	UFO-Public Correspondence	Nov 1996 –Jan 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt H	UFO-Public Correspondence	Jan – Feb 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt I	UFO-Public Correspondence	Mar – June 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt J	UFO-Public Correspondence	June – Aug 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt K	UFO-Public Correspondence	Aug – Dec 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt L	UFO-Public Correspondence	Dec 1997 –Mar 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt M	UFO-Public Correspondence	Mar-May 1998	Held in MOD

D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt N	UFO-Public Correspondence	May – Aug 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt O	UFO-Public Correspondence	Aug-Dec 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt P	UFO-Public Correspondence	Dec 1998 –April 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt Q	UFO-Public Correspondence	Mar – Sept 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt R	UFO-Public Correspondence	Sept – Dec 1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt S	UFO-Public Correspondence	Dec 1999 –June 2000	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt T	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June – Sept 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3 Pt U	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Sept 2000 – Jan 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt V	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Feb – May 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt W	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	July – Nov 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt X	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Nov 2001 – June 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Y	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June – Nov 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Z	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Dec 2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/1 Pt A	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent	1996-1999	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/1 Pt B	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1999 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/2	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1998 – 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/3	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1997 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/4	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1997-1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/5	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent	1996 –2001	Held in MOD

D/Sec(AS)64/3/6	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/7	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1994-1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/8	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1997-1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/9	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1996 – 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/10	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	2000 –2003	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt A	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	1999 –2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt B	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2001 –2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt C	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt D	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/12	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	2001 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/13	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	2000 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt A	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Sept 1995 – Sept 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt B	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Sept – Nov 1996	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt C	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Nov 1996 – July 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt D	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	July – Oct 1997	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt E	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	1997-1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt F	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	1998-2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/4 Pt G	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Mar – Oct 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/4 Pt H	UFOs-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	Dec 2001 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/5	UFOs-Press Cuttings	1996 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Pt F	Command, Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1991	Held in MOD

D/Air Def/111/6/4 Pt G	Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1992 - 1995	Held in MOD
D Air Def/111/6/4 Pt H	Command Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	1995	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt A	ADGE –UFO Reports	1995 – 1996	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt B	ADGE –UFO Reports	1996 – 1997	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt C	ADGE –UFO Reports	1997 – 1999	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt D	ADGE –UFO Reports	1999 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt E	ADGE –UFO Reports	2001 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAO/1/13 Pt F	ADGE UFO Reports	2002 – Present	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 4	UFO Policy	1971 –1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 5	UFO Policy	1996 – 2000	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 6	UFO Policy	2000 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 7	UFO Policy	2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 9	UFO Incident Reports	Period not known	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 32	UFO Incident Reports	Feb 1978 – Jan 1983	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 34	UFO Incident Reports	June 1983 – Mar 1985	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 35	UFO Incident Reports	April 1985 – Dec 1986	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 36A	UFO Incident Reports	Dec 1986 – Nov 1987	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 36B	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1987-July 1988	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 37	UFO Incident Reports	Aug 1988 – July 1989	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 38	UFO Incident Reports	July – Dec 1989	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 39	UFO Incident Reports	Jan 1990 – June 1991	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 40	UFO Incident Reports	June 1991 – Jan 1992	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 41	UFO Incident Reports	Feb 1992 – April 1993	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 42	UFO Incident Reports	April – Oct 1993	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 43	UFO Incident Reports	Oct 1993 –Jan 1994	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 44	UFO Incident Reports	Jan – May 1994	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 45	UFO Incident Reports	June – Nov 1994	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 46	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1994 – May 1995	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 47	UFO Incident Reports	June 1995 – Jan 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 48	UFO Incident Reports	Feb – July 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 49	UFO Incident Reports	Aug – Oct 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 50	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1996 – Dec 1997	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 51	UFO Incident Reports	Jan 1997 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/2	UFO –Cosford Incident	1993	Held in MOD



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LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAS/64/3/11

3 July 2003

DFCIT – Flt Sgt **Section 40**

REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE
ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

1. Further to my telephone conversation with Flight Lieutenant **Section 40** earlier today, I would be grateful for your assistance with the following request for information.
2. As you may be aware, this section of DAS deals with correspondence concerning 'unidentified flying objects' (UFOs). I attach a copy of a letter we have received from one of our regular correspondents, Dr David Clarke, who has made several requests for information in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code). At request number 4 and in the following paragraph he has requested a copy of an RAF Police report and the full investigation file concerning a sonic boom near Sheffield, Yorkshire on 24 March 1997. Dr Clarke has already been told the outcome of the investigation, namely, that no RAF or NATO aircraft were operating in the area at the time and that civilian aircraft in the area were travelling too slow to have generated a sonic boom.
3. Please could you locate the records requested by Dr Clarke and advise me as to whether they can be released.
4. Also attached for your information, is some details of Dr Clarke's interests in 'Unidentified Flying Objects', taken from his website www.flyingsaucery.com.
5. If you require any further information, please give me a call. Dr Clarke will be told that this aspect of his requests has been passed to the RAF Police and we will write to him as soon as possible.

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Dr David Clarke

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14 June, 2003

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your letter of 24 March and for the copies of outstanding papers arising from my request for UFO material under the Code of Practice. Since receiving your letter I am reminded that you were searching for a copy of the original letter from the clergyman to the Chief of Defence staff in 1977 that was the basis for my original request. Has this letter been located?

With reference to your point no. 2 in response to my offer of assistance towards your on-going review of UFO records. As I pointed out, I am currently preparing an application to the E.S.R.C., who are an academic research body recognised by the MOD, to undertake a two-year project that will examine the development of public policy towards the UFO problem. My proposal would seem to supplement both your review and your commitment to make further UFO material available to the public under the publication scheme .

Most importantly of all, it would provide vital historical context to primary documents that may otherwise be fragmentary and possibly even misleading. For example, the contents of file **DS8/75/3 Part A** relating to the preparation for the House of Lords debate of 1979 would, if released in its present form be confusing, if not meaningless, without the benefit of a introduction or a chronological index to assist members of the public. The PRO, for instance, routinely publish on their website detailed introductions to supplement their document releases that are prepared in advance by historians with an established interest in the subject area.

As you note it will be a significant task for someone without a detailed knowledge of the history of the subject to review and identify items hidden among the 250 plus files dating back to the 1970s. My offer was made on the understanding that, as you have previously stated, the Ministry has no special interest or expertise in respect of the UFO phenomenon or its interpretation.

For these reasons I hope you will reconsider your decision not to take up my offer to assist, and/or contribute, under the auspices of the E.S.R.C. The application form requires me to indicate if I believe my proposed project would be of interest to MOD, and urges applicants to approach the Ministry in advance of submission, hence my correspondence.

In the meantime would you be able to notify me in advance of any plans to publish or release additional UFO material – apart from the files routinely released at the PRO under the 30 year rule - during the period of my research proposal (2004-6)?

I now wish to make four new applications for copies of material under the Code of Practice for Access to Government Information. These are as follows:

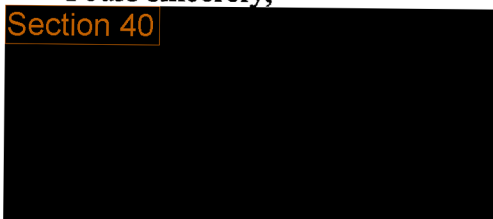
1. A listing of UFO-related records held by MOD, 1976-present, including MOD references and/or PRO references, with file titles and descriptions of contents where available.
2. Copy of file containing RAF Police report into UFOs reported in the Haverfordwest area of West Wales during the spring/summer of 1977. This may be filed alongside a sighting report made to MOD by Mrs Rosa Grenville of the Haven Fort Hotel, Pembrokeshire, on or about 19 April 1977.
3. Background briefing by S4 (Air) and copy of letter from the US of S for Defence (James Wellbeloved MP) to Nicholas Edwards MP for Pembroke, dated 15 June 1977 in response to a Parliamentary Enquiry concerning reports of UFO incidents made in his West Wales constituency.
4. Copy of RAF Police report on their investigation into reports of unidentified low flying aircraft and sonic booms reported near Sheffield, Yorkshire, on 24 March 1997.

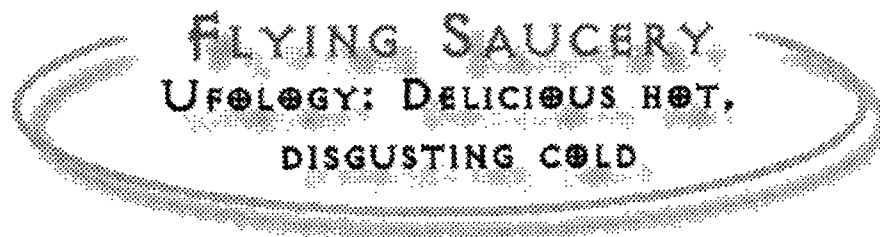
The existence of the report referred to in item (4) was confirmed in a letter I received from **Section 40** of Sec(AS)2a, dated 4 January 2000. He said although RAF police reports were 'classified' he was able to provide a summary of its content. However, under the Code I have already successfully applied for and received copies of RAF Police reports with personal details deleted. As no RAF/NATO aircraft were identified during the investigation and no further action taken I now wish to apply for a copy of the full investigation file under the term of the Code.

Thank you for your attention to my requests.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40





WHO ARE WE?

INTERESTS

Dave and Andy are working on a number of other UFO and fortean projects and would be interested in any information you may have on the following:

Flying Saucers & Unidentified Flying Objects

British contactees 1947-70/George Adamski in the UK
 UFOlogy in the 1950s
 'Death' rays and related phenomena
 Phantom airship sightings of the late 19th/early 20th centuries
 Foo Fighters
 Ghost aircraft/phantom helicopters
 Alleged crashed saucers in the UK
 The Berwyn Mountain 'UFO crash'
 Aerial Phenomena Enquiry Network (APEN)

Earth Mysteries/Fortean

The Big Grey Man of Ben McDhui (and other mountain panics)
 Pagan survivals in the UK
 Celtic stone heads and other "Cursed" objects
 Spring-heeled Jack
 Spooklights and Earthlights

BIOGRAPHY

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Is the author of

Catflaps: Anomalous Big Cats in the North, Brigantia Books 1986/CFZ 2001
 Phantoms of the Sky (with David Clarke), Robert Hale 1989/90
 Earthlights Revelation (contributing author), Blandford 1991
 Ghosts & Legends of Yorkshire, Jarrold 1992
 Twilight of the Celtic Gods (with David Clarke) Blandford, 1996/97
 The UFOs That Never Were (with Jenny Randles & David Clarke - Feb. 2000)

In addition Andy has contributed chapters to the following compilations:

UFOs 1947-87, Fortean Times, 1987
 Phenomenon, Macdonald & Co., 1988
 Fortean Studies 3, John Brown Publishing, 1996
 Fortean Studies 5, John Brown Publishing 1999

TV & Radio:

Andy has contributed to many local and national TV and radio shows. He worked as a consultant on and appeared in:

The Isle Is Full Of Noises, Everyman, BBC1, Broadcast 1/11/92
 and

Down To Earth, Fourwinds for Discovery channel, also shown on Channel 4
 Origin Unknown, Granada, Broadcast Jan/Feb 1999
 The Haunted Valley Granada, Broadcast, November 2000

Major Magazine Articles:

Andy edited the seminal UFO magazine, UFO Brigantia, for 25 issues and also edits the sporadic scandal-rag The Armchair UFologist.

In addition Andy has written for numerous publications including: The Dalesman, , Fortean Times, UFO Times, The Guardian, Yorkshire Post, Bradford Telegraph & Argus, Magonia, Northern Earth

His article, *Rocking the Alien*, dealing with pop music's fascination with UFOs was the cover feature article for the July 1996 issue of Fortean Times and was also printed in the G2 section of The Guardian

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Ph.D in English Cultural Tradition and Language, University of Sheffield (1999)
 Thesis subject was the cult of the human head in Celtic mythology, British tradition and folklore.

BA (Hons) dual honours Archaeology and Medieval History at Sheffield University (graduated 1990).

As a UFOlogist, I was a founder member of the Independent UFO Network (IUN) in 1987 and of the UFO Investigator's Network (UFOIN) in 1999. I have also served as a Council member of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) in the late 1980s.

As a journalist, I have worked for ten years on local newspapers including the Rotherham Advertiser and Sheffield Star and now work freelance as a journalist and full time as an author.

I hold a Honorary Research Fellowship in the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition and Language, University of Sheffield, where I teach Traditions of Supernatural Belief, a 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate option in the School of English.

My specialist areas of research interest are:

- contemporary legend and belief: specifically 'space age' folklore (conspiracy theories, 'flying saucer' and UFO beliefs);
- rumour transmission and rumour-panics within a supernatural context;
- the interface between archaeology, oral tradition and belief;
- custom and belief, specifically in the context of northern England and the Peak District

Books:

Phantoms of the Sky: UFOs - A Modern Myth? (with Andy Roberts), London: Robert Hale, 1990.

Ghosts and Legends of the Peak District, Norwich: Jarrold Publishing, 1991.

Strange South Yorkshire: Myth, Magic and Memory in the valley of the Don, Wilmslow: Sigma Press, 1994.

A Guide to Britain's Pagan Heritage, London: Robert Hale, 1995.

Twilight of the Celtic Gods: An exploration of Britain's hidden pagan traditions, London: Blandford Press, 1996.

The UFOs that Never Were, London (with Jenny Randles and Andy Roberts), Allison & Busby, 1999.

Supernatural Peak District, London: Robert Hale, 2000.

Contributor to:

Fortean Times, Fortean Studies, Folklore Journal, Peak and Pennine Magazine, UFO Magazine, UFO Brigantia, Third Stone, International UFO Reporter.

UFOs 1947-87 (Fortean Times)

Phenomenon (edited by John Spencer & Hilary Evans)

Earthlights Revelation (Paul Devereux)

Fortean Studies 3 (John Brown Publishing)

Fortean Studies 6 (John Brown Publishing)

Series contributor to:

LWT 'Strange But True' (2 series); BBC Mysteries; BBC Close Up North; Granada TV 'Origin Unknown,' Channel 4 Equinox, Four Winds Production, XYTV; Granad TV "The Haunted Valley" (November 2000)

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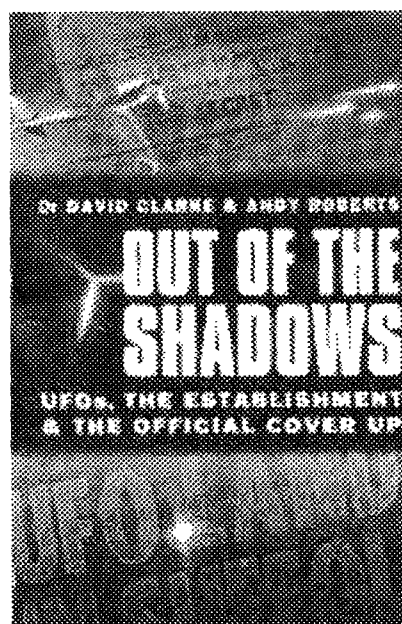
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UFØLOGY: DELICIOUS HØT, DISGUSTING CØLD

COMING SOON

Out of the Shadows UFOs, the Establishment & the official Cover-up

Out of the Shadows: UFOs, the Establishment & the official Cover-up is the new UFO book by David Clarke and Andy Roberts, published by Piatkus in 2002.



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Out of the Shadows takes a fresh look at the subject of UFOs, focussing upon the British Ministry of Defence's investigations into the phenomena since 1940. Clarke and Roberts have spent two years researching the book and have uncovered hundreds of previously unseen MOD documents relating to UFO activity in the UK.

The book sets the MOD policy on UFOs alongside the beliefs and attitudes of the British UFO community and the wider media towards both the subject and allegations of an official 'cover up'.

Out of the Shadows is not a sceptical book, nor is it written for 'believers.' We see it as a social history of the flying saucer/UFO phenomenon in the UK. It objectively traces the development of official interest and investigations into UFOs and reaches some startling conclusions.

Among its many and varied contents, the book features:

- Important new material on WWII UFO sightings and investigations
- Hitherto unseen Ministry of Defence and RAF files on UFO reports by service personnel.
- Interviews with and comments with numerous individuals who have worked at the highest level of governmental UFO investigation



- The MOD file on the Rendlesham Forest UFO case of 1980
- New information on the Men In Black mystery
- The involvement of the Royal Family, aristocracy and politicians in UFO studies

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From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: DAS-LA-Ops+Pol1
 To: 24 June 2003 16:36
 Subject: Info-Records1
 Request for files

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I have had another letter from Dr Clarke in which he makes 4 further requests for information under the Code. I would be grateful if you could retrieve the following files from the PRO for me.

D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt A for release in 2008	PRO Ref: DEFE 24/977 ✓	UFO Reports:edited	Due
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt C for release in 2008	PRO Ref: DEFE 24/979 ✓	UFO Reports:edited	Due
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt A release in 2008	PRO Ref: DEFE 71/34 ✓	UFO Reports	Due for
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt B release in 2008	PRO Ref: DEFE 71/35 ✓	UFO Reports	Due for
D/DS8/2/3 Pt C release in 2008	PRO Ref: DEFE 24/1205 ✓	UFO Reports	Due for

I also need to look at the following which according to my list should be at Hayes, but due to their age, I think they should be either at the PRO or with your staff for review prior to going to the PRO. Please could you advise on their whereabouts.

D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	1977	DEFE 24/1206 ✓	UFO Reports & Correspondence
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt D	1977	DEFE 24/1208 ✓	UFO Reports: edited

As always, thanks for your help.

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I attach five of the files that you requested, the other two will be ordered from the PRO and forwarded to you. These files have been prepared for despatch to the PRO, so please would you return them as quickly as you can.

Thanks.

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Receipt returned 3 July 2003

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject:

DI ISEC SEC4
Dr Clarke's Request

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Please see attached the list of files I have prepared in response to the first of Dr Clarke's new requests for information. As discussed, I do not think there is a strong reason for withholding this information even though I suspect he will use it to make further requests.



DR CLARKE - REQ
FOR LIST OF UF...

I will fax over a copy of his letter. Please let me know if you have any papers concerning his other requests, in particular the letter from the clergyman referred to in paragraph 1.

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SUBJECT: Dr Clarke

DATE: 2 July 2003

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) FILES
DIRECTOR OF AIR OPERATIONS

Files open for viewing at the Public Record Office (PRO)

None.

Files known or thought to have been destroyed

FILE REF	DATE OF CONTENTS	TITLE	STATUS
D/Air Def /111/6/4 Pt A	1988 (Last Enc 9.4.88)	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 15.11.1989
D/Air Def /111/6/4 Pt B	1988(Last Enc 2.8.88)	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 2.8.1988
D/Air Def /111/6/4 Pt C	1989(Last Enc 27.1.89)	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 15.11.1989
D/Air Def /111/6/4 Pt D	1989(Last Enc 17.10.89)	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 26.11.1982
D/Air Def /111/6/4 Pt E	1990	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 26.11.1991

Files held in Directorates and Archives

FILE REF	DATE OF CONTENTS	TITLE	STATUS
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Pt F	1991 (From 15.3.91)	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file Held in Records 2 (Hayes)
D/Air Def/ 111/6/4 Pt G	1992 (From 4.1.92)	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file Held in Records 2 (Hayes)

D/Air Def /111/6/4 Pt H	1995 (From 6.11.95)	Command, Control, Communication & Information –Air Traffic Control-Low Flying UFOs	MOD Registered file Held in Records 2 (Hayes)
D/DAO/1/13 Pt A	1995-96	ADGE – UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Opened 6.1.1995 (Held in Records 2 Hayes)
D/DAO/1/13 Pt B	1996-97	ADGE- UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Opened 8.12.1996 (Held in Records 2 Hayes)
D/DAO/1/13 Pt C	1997-1999	ADGE- UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Opened 13.12.1997 (Held in Records 2 Hayes)
D/DAO/113 Pt D	1999 – 2001	ADGE- UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Opened 16.11.1999 (Held in Records 2 Hayes)
D/DAO/1/13 Pt E	2001 –2002	ADGE- UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Opened 13.12.1997 Held in DAO

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	AF/X58/64 Pt 1	1968 (Last enclosure 22.2.1968)	UFO Policy & Policy Statements	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 16.3.1990
	AF/X58/64 Pt 2	1970 (Last enclosure 31.3.1970)	UFO Policy & Policy Statements	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 15.3.1990
	AF/1505 Pt 2	1970 (Last enclosure 1.7.70)	Parliamentary Enquiries on UFOs – Prime Minister's Folders Section 40	MOD Registered File FILE DESTROYED 15.3.1990
Q.3	AF/1505 Pt 3	1977 (Last Enc 13/1)	Parliamentary Questions and Enquiries on UFOs	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 5.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/2/1/1 Pt I	1978 (Last Enc 11/1)	UFOs-Reports Correspondence – Section 40	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 19.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt D	1978 (Last Enc 25/8)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 19.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt E	1978-79 (Last Enc 10/1)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 19.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/3/1 Pt A	1979 (Last Enc 15/1)	UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence House of Lords Debate January 1979	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 22.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/3/1 Pt B	1979 (Last Enc 15/2)	UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence House of Lords Debate January 1979	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 22.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/1 Pt A	1979 (Last Enc 18/1)	UFO Policy Statements	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 16.3.1990
Q.3	D/DS8/75/3 Pt B	1979 (Last Enc 25/1)	UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 20.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt C	1979 (Last Enc 24/9)	UFO Reports June-Oct 1979	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 22.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/1 Pt B	1979 (Last Enc 4/12)	UFO Policy Statements	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 20.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/5	Not Known	UFOs – Solar Satellite Power Station	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 19.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/3 Pt C	1982 (Last Enc 11/2)	UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 22.3.1990
	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt I	?	?	No record of the creation or destruction of this part. Possible error in the lettering of this series of files

D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt J	1982 (Last Enc 12/2)	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 26.3.1990
D/DS8/10/209 Pt H	1984 (Last Enc 24/12)	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 26.3.1990

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AIR 20/12544	1973 (January)	UFO Reports	MOD Unregistered papers. At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/129
AIR 20/12545	1973 (February)	UFO Reports	MOD Unregistered papers At PRO for release
AIR 20/12546	1973 (March)	[Redacted]	8/130 Air Ministry/ MOD/ Unregistered papers At PRO for release
AIR 20/12547	1973 (April)		8/131 Air Ministry/ MOD/ Unregistered papers At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/132
AIR 20/12548	1973 (May)		UFO Reports Air Ministry/ MOD/ AHB Unregistered papers At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/133
AIR 20/12549	1973 (June)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD/ AHB Unregistered papers At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/134

AIR 20/12550	1973 (July)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD/ AHB Unregistered papers At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/135
AIR 20/12551	1973 (August)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD/ AHB Unregistered papers At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/136
AIR 20/12552	1973 (September)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD/ AHB Unregistered papers At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/137
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AIR 20/12555	1973 (December)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD/ AHB Unregistered papers At PRO for release 2004 Ref ID/48/140
AIR 2/18873	1973-74	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt II
AIR 2/19083	1974(1 Jan- 28 Feb)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/584
AIR 2/18950	1974 (01-28 February)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/585
AIR 2/18951	1974 (01-31 March)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry, MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/586

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AIR 2/18956	1974 (01-31 August)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/591
AIR 2/18957	1974 (01-30 (Sept)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/592
AIR 2/18958	1974 (01-31 October)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/593
AIR 2/18959	1974 (01-30 Nov)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/594
AIR 2/18960	1974 (01-31 Dec)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/595
AIR 2/18874	1974-75	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt III
AIR 2/18961	1975 (01-31 January)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/596

AIR 2/18962	1975 (01-28 February)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/597
AIR 2/18963	1975 (01-31 March)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/598
AIR 2/18964	1975 (01-30 April)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/599
AIR 2/18965	1975 (01-31 May)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/600
AIR 2/18966	1975 (01-30 June)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/601
AIR 2/18967	1975 (01-31 July)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/602
AIR 2/18949	1975 (01 August) to 1976 (30 June)	UFO Reports: edited	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/447 Edited very badly. Some papers duplicated in AIR 2/18968 : 18969: 18970: 18971: 18972: 18973 & 18974
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AIR 2/18920	1975-76	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt IV
AIR 2/18921	1976	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt V

AIR 2/18969	1976 (1-31 January)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/608
AIR 2/18970	1976 (01-31 February)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/609
AIR 2/18971	1976 (01-28 March)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/610
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AIR 2/18973	1976 (01-30 May)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/, MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/612
AIR 2/18974	1976 (01-31 June)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/613
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DEFE 24/1205	1977 (Oct-Dec)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2008. Ref: D/DS8/2/3 Pt C
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PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Aug – Oct)	UFO Reports: edited	Defence Secretariat Registered File. At PRO for release in 2009. Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt F
DEFE 24/1208	1978 (Jan – Mar)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref: D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt D
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DEFE 24/1209	1978 (April-May)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref: D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt E

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DEFE 24/1212	1978 (Dec)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt J
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D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Pt F	1978 (Last Enc 14/8)	UFO Reports June-August	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 13.9.1978
D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Pt G	1978 (November)	UFO Reports – November	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 15.2.1979
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D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	1979	TV Discussion on UFOs	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
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D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L	1980	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
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D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M	1980	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
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D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B	1980	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
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D/DS8/10/209 Pt C	1982	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
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D/Sec(AS)12/2/1	1982 ? (Papers cover 1980-96)	UFOs Report of sighting, Rendlesham Forest, December 1981	MOD Registered file Compilation of papers from various files Held in DAS. Released under Code of Practice. Included in FOI Publication Scheme.
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A	1983	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B	1984	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/DS8/10/209 Pt F	1984	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/DS8/10/209 Pt G	1984	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt C	1985	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A	1985	UFOs Policy	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt A	1985	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt B	1985	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt A	1985 ?	UFOs- Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt B	1986	UFOs-Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt C	1986	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt D	1987	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt C	1987	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt D	1988	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt E	1988	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt F	1988	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt E	1989	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes

D/Sec (AS)12/3 Pt F	1989	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt G	1989	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt G	1989	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt H	1989	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt I	1990	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt J	1990	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt K	1991	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt I	1991	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt L	1992	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt J	1992	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt K	1992	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/5	1992	UFOs – Close encounter reports, Alien entities, Abductions etc	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/6	1992	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident- Crash of lightning F6 – 8 Sept 1970	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt M	1993	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt L	1993	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt M	1993	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt N	1993	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/7	1993	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident 31 March 1993	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes

D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt N	1994	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt O	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec (AS)12/3 Pt P	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt Q	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt R	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt S	1995	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt O	1995	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS)/12/4 Pt A	?	UFO-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec (AS)12/4 Pt B	1995	UFO-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt A	1995 (Sept-Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt A	1995 (Sept) to 1996 (Oct)	UFOs –Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt A	1995-97	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt A	1995 (Sept) to 1996 (Jan)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt B	1995 (Oct) to 1998 (March)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt B	1996 (Jan-June)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt C	1996 (Feb – April)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt D	1996 (April-July)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt C	1996 (June-Aug)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt E	1996 (July – Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol

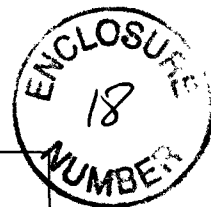
D/Sec (AS) 64/3 Pt F	1996 (Aug – Oct)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt D	1996 (Aug-Dec)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt B	1996 (Sept-Nov)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt G	1996 (Nov) to 1997 (Jan)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt C	1996 (Nov) to 1997 (July)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt H	1997 (Jan – Feb)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt E	1997 (Jan-July)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt B	1997 (Jan-Sept)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt I	1997 (March – June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt J	1997 (June-Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt F	1997 (July-Oct)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt D	1997 (July –Oct)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt K	1997 (Aug-Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt C	1997 (Sept) to 1998 (April)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt G	1997 (Nov) to 1998 (July)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt L	1997 (Dec) to 1998 (March)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt E	1997-1998	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt M	1998 (March – May)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt D	1998 (May) to 2000 (October)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol

D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt N	1998 (May-Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt O	1998 (Aug –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt P	1998 (Dec) to 1999 (April)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt F	1998-2001	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquires	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt H	1998 (July) to 1999 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt I	1999 (Feb-Dec)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt Q	1999 (March-Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt R	1999 (Sept –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt F	1998-2001	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquires	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt H	1998 (July) to 1999 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt I	1999 (Feb-Dec)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt Q	1999 (March-Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt R	1999 (Sept –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt F	1998-2001	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquires	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt H	1998 (July) to 1999 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt I	1999 (Feb-Dec)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt Q	1999 (March-Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt R	1999 (Sept –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt S	1999 (November) to 2000 (June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol

D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt J	2000 (Jan-June)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt T	2000 (June –Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec) 64/2 Pt k	2000 (July – Dec)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sec(AS) merged with DAS. Change of name to DAS(Sec) Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3 Pt U	2000 (Sept) to 2001 Jan)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec) 64/2 Pt L	2000 (Dec) to 2001 (March)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt E	2000 – 2002	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(LA Ops + Pol 1)/64/3 Pt V	2001 (Feb – May)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Change of Branch name from DAS(Sec) to DAS(LA)Ops + Pol File held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt M	2001 (March – Oct)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec) 64/4 Pt G	2001 (March – Oct)	UFOs –Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(LA Ops + Pol 1)/64/3 Pt W	2001 (July – Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS/64/2 Pt N	2001 (Oct) to 2002	UFOs _ Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(LA Ops + Pol 1)/64/3 Pt X	2001 (Nov –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(LA)Ops+Pol/6 4/4 Pt H	2001 (Dec) to 2002	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Y	2002 (June – Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Z	2002 (Dec) to	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol

D/DAS/64/2 Pt O	2002 (Nov) to	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
PERSISTENT CORRESPONDENTS			
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/1 Pt A	1996-1999	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/1 Pt B	1999 – 2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/2 Pt A	1998-2000	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol MOD
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/3 Pt A	1997-2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40 UFO Monitors of East Kent)	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/4 Pt A	1997-1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/5 Pt A	1996-2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/6 Pt A	1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/7 Pt A	1994-1999	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Councillor W F Buchanan	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec (AS)64/3/8 Pt A	1997-1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/3/10 Pt A	2000	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Mr Eric Morris	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt B	2001- To date	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Dr David Clarke	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS/64/3/12	2001 – To date	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol

DAS/64/3/13	2000 –To date	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops +Pol
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AIR 2/18962	1975 (01-28 February)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/597
AIR 2/18963	1975 (01-31 March)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/598
AIR 2/18964	1975 (01-30 April)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/599
AIR 2/18965	1975 (01-31 May)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/600
AIR 2/18966	1975 (01-30 June)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/601
AIR 2/18967	1975 (01-31 July)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/602
AIR 2/18949	1975 (01 August) to 1976 (30 June)	UFO Reports: edited	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/447 Edited very badly. Some papers duplicated in AIR 2/18968 : 18969: 18970: 18971: 18972: 18973 & 18974
AIR 2/18968	1975 (01-31 Dec)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/607
AIR 2/18920	1975-76	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt IV
AIR 2/18921	1976	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt V

AIR 2/18969	1976 (1-31 January)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/608
AIR 2/18970	1976 (01- 21 ²³ February)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/609
AIR 2/18971	1976 (01- 26 ³¹ March)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/610
AIR 2/18972	1976 (01-30 April)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/611
DEFE 24/978	197 6 ⁷ (April-Sept)	UFO Reports: edited	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file AT PRO for release 2008 Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 PtB
AIR 2/18973	1976 (01-30 May)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/, MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/612
AIR 2/18974	1976 (01-30 June)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/613
AIR 2/18975	1976 (01-30 Sept)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/616
AIR 2/18976	1976 (01-31 Oct)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/617
AIR 2/18977	1976 (01-30 Nov)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/618
AIR 2/18978	1976 (01-31 Dec)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/619
DEFE 24/977	1977 (April to July)	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file AT PRO for release 2008 Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 PtA

D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	1977	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes ✓
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt D	1977	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes ✓ <i>PRO release in 2009</i>
DEFE 71/34	1977 (Jan-May)	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file. At PRO for release 2008 ✓ Ref: D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt A
DEFE 71/35	1977 (June-Sept)	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file. At PRO for release 2008 ✓ Ref: D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt B
DEFE 24/979	1977(Sept-Dec)	UFO Reports: edited	Defence Secretariat Registered Files AT PRO for release 2008 ✓ Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt C
DEFE 24/1205	1977 (Oct-Dec)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2008. ✓ Ref: D/DS8/2/3 Pt C
D/DS8/25/3	1978	UFOs: Parliamentary Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes. ✓
PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Apr – Aug)	UFO Reports: edited	Defence Secretariat Registered File. At PRO for release in 2009. ✓ Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt E
PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Aug – Oct)	UFO Reports: edited	Defence Secretariat Registered File. At PRO for release in 2009. ✓ Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt F
DEFE 24/1208	1978 (Jan – Mar)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. ✓ Ref: D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt D
PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Jan – Mar)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. ✓ Ref: D/DS8/2/3 Pt D
DEFE 24/1209	1978 (April-May)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. ✓ Ref: D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt E

DEFE 24/1210	1978 (June – Aug)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt F	✓
PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Sept –Oct)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt G	✓
DEFE 24/1211	1978 (November)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt H	✓
DEFE 24/1212	1978 (Dec)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt J	✓
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C	1978	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes.	✓
D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Pt F	1978 (Last Enc 14/8)	UFO Reports June-August	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 13.9.1978	✓
D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Pt G	1978 (November)	UFO Reports – November	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 15.2.1979	✓
D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Pt H	1978 (December)	UFO Reports- December	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 15.2.1979	✓
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F	1979	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G	1979	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H	1979	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J	1979	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K	1979	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A	1979	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B	1979	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓

D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D	1979	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	1979	TV Discussion on UFOs	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/7 Pt A	1979	Satellite Debris	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L	1980	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D	1979	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	
D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	1979	TV Discussion on UFOs	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	
D/DS8/75/7 Pt A	1979	Satellite Debris	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L	1980	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M	1980	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G	1980	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H	1980	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A	1980	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B	1980	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209 Pt A	1981	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209 Pt B	1981	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209 Pt C	1982	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209 Pt D	1982	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209 Pt E	1983	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓

D/Sec(AS)12/2/1	1982 ? (Papers cover 1980-96)	UFOs Report of sighting, Rendlesham Forest, December 1981	MOD Registered file Compilation of papers from various files Held in DAS. Released under Code of Practice. Included in FOI Publication Scheme.	✓
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A	1983	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B	1984	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209 Pt F	1984	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209 Pt G	1984	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt C	1985	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A	1985	UFOs Policy	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt A	1985	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt B	1985	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt A	1985 ?	UFOs- Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt B	1986	UFOs-Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt C	1986	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt D	1987	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt C	1987	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt D	1988	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt E	1988	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt F	1988	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt E	1989	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓

D/Sec (AS)12/3 Pt F	1989	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt G	1989	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt G	1989	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt H	1989	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt I	1990	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt J	1990	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt K	1991	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt I	1991	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt L	1992	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt J	1992	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt K	1992	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/5	1992	UFOs – Close encounter reports, Alien entities, Abductions etc	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/6	1992	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident- Crash of lightning F6 – 8 Sept 1970	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt M	1993	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt L	1993	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt M	1993	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt N	1993	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/7	1993	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident 31 March 1993	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓

D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt N	1994	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt O	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec (AS)12/3 Pt P	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt Q	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt R	?	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt S	1995	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt O	1995	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS)/12/4 Pt A	?	UFO-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec (AS)12/4 Pt B	1995	UFO-Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt A	1995 (Sept-Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/4 Pt A	1995 (Sept) to 1996 (Oct)	UFOs –Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt A	1995-97	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt A	1995 (Sept) to 1996 (Jan)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt B	1995 ^{Nov} (Oct) to 1996 (March)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt B	1996 (Jan-June)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt C	1996 (Feb) ^{Mar} – April	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt D	1996 (April-July)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt C	1996 (June-Aug)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt E	1996 (July – Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓

D/Sec (AS) 64/3 Pt F	1996 (Aug – Oct)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt D	1996 (Aug-Dec)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt B	1996 (Sept-Nov)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt G	1996 (Nov) to 1997 (Jan)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt C	1996 (Nov) to 1997 (July)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt H	1997 (Jan – Feb)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt E	1997 (Jan-July)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt B	1997 (Jan-Sept)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt I	1997 (March – June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt J	1997 (June-Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt F	1997 (July-Oct)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt D	1997 (July –Oct)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt K	1997 (Aug-Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt C	1997 (Sept) to 1998 (April)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt G	1997 (Nov) to 1998 (July)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt L	1997 (Dec) to 1998 (March)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt E	1997-1998	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt M	1998 (March – May)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt D	1998 (May) to 2000 (October)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓

D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt N	1998 (May-Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt O	1998 (Aug –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt P	1998 (Dec) to 1999 (April)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt F	1998-2001	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquires	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt H	1998 (July) to 1999 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt I	1999 (Feb-Dec)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt Q	1999 (March-Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt R	1999 (Sept –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt F	1998-2001	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquires	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt H	1998 (July) to 1999 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt I	1999 (Feb-Dec)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt Q	1999 (March-Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt R	1999 (Sept –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt F	1998-2001	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquires	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt H	1998 (July) to 1999 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt I	1999 (Feb-Dec)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt Q	1999 (March-Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt R	1999 (Sept –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt S	1999 (November) to 2000 (June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓

D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt J	2000 (Jan-June)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt T	2000 (June –Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/2 Pt k	2000 (July – Dec)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sec(AS) merged with DAS. Change of name to DAS(Sec) Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3 Pt U	2000 (Sept) to 2001 Jan)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/2 Pt L	2000 (Dec) to 2001 (March)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt E	2000 – 2002	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(LA)Ops + Pol -1)/64/3 Pt V	2001 (Feb – May)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Change of Branch name from DAS(Sec) to DAS(LA)Ops + Pol File held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt M	2001 (March – Oct)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/4 Pt G	2001 (March – Oct)	UFOs –Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(LA)Ops + Pol -1)/64/3 Pt W	2001 (July – Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS/64/2 Pt N	2001 (Oct) to 2002 (Oct)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(LA)Ops + Pol -1)/64/3 Pt X	2001 (Nov – Dec) 2002 (June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(LA)Ops + Pol/6 4/4 Pt H	2001 (Dec) to 2002	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Y	2002 (June – Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Z	2002 (Dec) to	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓

D/DAS/64/2 Pt O	2002 (Nov) to	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
PERSISTENT CORRESPONDENTS				
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/1 Pt A	1996-1999	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/1 Pt B	1999 – 2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/2 Pt A	1998-2000	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol MOD	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/3 Pt A	1997-2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – Section 40 (UFO Monitors of East Kent)	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/4 Pt A	1997-1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/5 Pt A	1996-2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/6 Pt A	1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/7 Pt A	1994-1999	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Councillor W F Buchanan	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec (AS) 64/3/8 Pt A	1997-1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/10 Pt A	2000	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Mr Eric Morris	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/11 Pt B	2001- To date	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Dr David Clarke	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓
D/DAS/64/3/12	2001 – To date	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- Section 40	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol	✓

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DAS/64/3/13	2000 -To date	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- <u>Section 40</u>	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops +Pol
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18 JUN 2003

Dr David Clarke

Section 40

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**Directorate Air Staff
Ministry of Defence
Metropole Building
Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BP**

14 June, 2003

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your letter of 24 March and for the copies of outstanding papers arising from my request for UFO material under the Code of Practice. Since receiving your letter I am reminded that you were searching for a copy of the original letter from the clergyman to the Chief of Defence staff in 1977 that was the basis for my original request. Has this letter been located?

DI Sec ✓

With reference to your point no. 2 in response to my offer of assistance towards your on-going review of UFO records. As I pointed out, I am currently preparing an application to the E.S.R.C., who are an academic research body recognised by the MOD, to undertake a two-year project that will examine the development of public policy towards the UFO problem. My proposal would seem to supplement both your review and your commitment to make further UFO material available to the public under the publication scheme .

Most importantly of all, it would provide vital historical context to primary documents that may otherwise be fragmentary and possibly even misleading. For example, the contents of file **DS8/75/3 Part A** relating to the preparation for the House of Lords debate of 1979 would, if released in its present form be confusing, if not meaningless, without the benefit of a introduction or a chronological index to assist members of the public. The PRO, for instance, routinely publish on their website detailed introductions to supplement their document releases that are prepared in advance by historians with an established interest in the subject area.

As you note it will be a significant task for someone without a detailed knowledge of the history of the subject to review and identify items hidden among the 250 plus files dating back to the 1970s. My offer was made on the understanding that, as you have previously stated, the Ministry has no special interest or expertise in respect of the UFO phenomenon or its interpretation.

For these reasons I hope you will reconsider your decision not to take up my offer to assist, and/or contribute, under the auspices of the E.S.R.C. The application form requires me to indicate if I believe my proposed project would be of interest to MOD, and urges applicants to approach the Ministry in advance of submission, hence my correspondence.

In the meantime would you be able to notify me in advance of any plans to publish or release additional UFO material – apart from the files routinely released at the PRO under the 30 year rule - during the period of my research proposal (2004-6)?

I now wish to make four new applications for copies of material under the Code of Practice for Access to Government Information. These are as follows:

1. A listing of UFO-related records held by MOD, 1976-present, including MOD references and/or PRO references, with file titles and descriptions of contents where available.
2. Copy of file containing RAF Police report into UFOs reported in the Haverfordwest area of West Wales during the spring/summer of 1977. This may be filed alongside a sighting report made to MOD by Mrs Rosa Grenville of the Haven Fort Hotel, Pembrokeshire, on or about 19 April 1977.
3. Background briefing by S4 (Air) and copy of letter from the US of S for Defence (James Wellbeloved MP) to Nicholas Edwards MP for Pembroke, dated 15 June 1977 in response to a Parliamentary Enquiry concerning reports of UFO incidents made in his West Wales constituency.
4. Copy of RAF Police report on their investigation into reports of unidentified low flying aircraft and sonic booms reported near Sheffield, Yorkshire, on 24 March 1997.

The existence of the report referred to in item (4) was confirmed in a letter I received from **Section 40** of Sec(AS)2a, dated 4 January 2000. He said although RAF police reports were 'classified' he was able to provide a summary of its content. However, under the Code I have already successfully applied for and received copies of RAF Police reports with personal details deleted. As no RAF/NATO aircraft were identified during the investigation and no further action taken I now wish to apply for a copy of the full investigation file under the term of the Code.

Thank you for your attention to my requests.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40





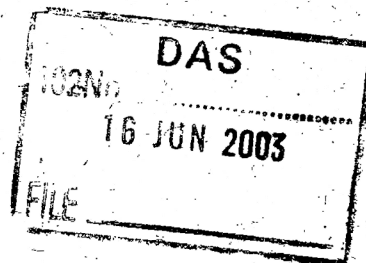
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Section 40

Dr David Clarke

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
24 March 2003

Dear Dr Clarke

1. Further to my letter of 30 January, please find enclosed the following documents:

- The remaining papers requested from file DS8/75/3 Part A. I apologise for the length of time it has taken to supply these documents which was due to the necessity to consult the Foreign and Commonwealth Office about the sensitivity of the information they contain. You will notice that the documents have been redacted in a different way to those previously sent to you, with in most cases the top and bottom of the document being removed. This is because although it is our practice to supply copies of documents requested wherever possible, the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code) (Part I paragraph 4) states "there is no commitment that pre-existing documents, as distinct from information, will be made available in response to requests". In light of this, the FCO have requested that if we wish to supply copies of the documents, rather than extracts, that we redact them in this way. The information removed concerns addresses of Departments and individuals within the FCO, contacts with them, and copy addressees.
- A second copy of the document referred to in paragraph 2 of my letter dated 30 January 2003. As we have now been able to release the documents mentioned above, I can also supply the information in paragraph 5, lines 7 to 9 of this paper which were previously withheld.
- A copy of an MP's letter to the Secretary of State dated 24 October 1996, the MOD response to which was sent to you with my letter of 9 December 2002.

2. Finally, thank you for your letter of 20 February in which you offer assistance with our review of UFO records. We recognise the public interest in UFO related records and are keen to add further UFO classes of information to the MOD FOI Publication Scheme. We will therefore, shortly be consulting with our colleagues in various branches including the Defence Intelligence staff, the Directorate of Air Operations, and those with responsibility for records management and the Publication Scheme, to decide what material could be released into the Scheme. While this is likely to be a significant task, we believe that the

Department has sufficient staff with the necessary expertise to undertake this work, without external assistance. However, thank you for your interest and should the situation change, we will certainly take your offer into consideration.

3. I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

MY TELNOS 2732 AND 2733 AND YOUR TELNO 1563. UFOS

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

1. THIS MORNING, THE SPC ADOPTED THE DECISION
REPORTED IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE, BY CONSENSUS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MY IPT. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.
REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT:

THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE
STATEMENTS MADE, AND DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY GRENADA
AT THE 32ND AND 33RD SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITES INTERESTED MEMBER
STATES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO CO-ORDINATE ON
A NATIONAL LEVEL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION
INTO EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE, INCLUDING UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS, AND TO INFORM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
OBSERVATIONS, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
TRANSMIT THE STATEMENTS OF THE DELEGATION OF GRENADA AND THE
RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES
OF OUTER SPACE, SO THAT THEY MAY CONSIDER THEM AT THEIR 1979
MEETING.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE WILL
PERMIT GRENADA, UPON ITS REQUEST, TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO THE
COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SESSION. THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATION
WILL BE INCLUDED IN ITS REPORT WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 34TH SESSION.

YOUR TELNOS 1537 AND 1539, MY TELNO 2698 AND [REDACTED]
LETTER OF 4 DECEMBER TO [REDACTED] UN DEPARTMENT: UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

1. THE AUSTRIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE GRENADANS AND THE RUSSIANS NOW ALSO HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE CONSENSUS TEXT (WHICH IS REPEATED IN MIFT IN CASE YOU STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED LETTER UNDER REFERENCE). THE AMERICANS DO NOT EXPECT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AND ALSO INTEND TO GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS. WE PROPOSE TO DO LIKEWISE. THE ISSUE IS DUE TO BE DECIDED IN THE SPECIAL POLIT/ CAL COMMITTEE ON 8 DECEMBER.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS TEXT IS NOT IDEAL, IT HAS NO FINANCIAL OR MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS FOR THE UN, DOES NOT COMMIT THE UN TO ANY SPECIFIC ACTION ON UFO'S AND PRECLUDES THE INSCRIPTION OF A SEPARATE UFO ITEM ON NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA (THE SUBJECT COULD BE SUBSUMED IN THE OUTER SPACE ITEM AS A PARAGRAPH IN THE REPORT OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE). IN ANY EVENT THERE IS NO REAL PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATING FURTHER AMENDMENTS.

[REDACTED]
FILES
[REDACTED]

UNCLASSIFIED

YOUR TELNOS 2539, 2566, 2567 AND [REDACTED] LETTER OF
21 NOVEMBER: UFOS

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1. WE REMAIN OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE GRENADAN INITIATIVE FOR THE REASONS STATED IN THE BRIEF. IF THE RESOLUTION IN YOUR TELNO 2567 IS PUT FORWARD YOU SHOULD OPPOSE IT.
2. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE WILLING TO HELP THE GRENADANS OFF THE HOOK IF IT CAN BE DONE WITHOUT ANY FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS (OTHER THAN GRENADA) OR THE UN. WE COULD THEREFORE ABSTAIN ON A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GROUP OF EXPERTS OR A SPECIAL RAPPOREUR, PROVIDED THAT AS WE ASSUME FROM YOUR TELEGRAM 2566 THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES WOULD BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA. IT WOULD ALSO HELP IF THE SUBJECT COULD BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE 35TH SESSION: IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT THAT ITEMS SHOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY GO ON THE AGENDA FROM SESSION TO SESSION.
3. YOU SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND GRENADA'S ABSENCE (WHETHER PLANNED OR FORTUITOUS, WE DO NOT KNOW) FROM THE FOURTH COMMITTEE VOTE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS. THE FRG MAY BE WELL PLACED TO SUGGEST TO THE DELEGATION OF GRENADA THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WOULD BE BETTER DISPOSED TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL ON THE LINES OF PARA 2 ABOVE IF GRENADA WERE TO ABSTAIN IN THE PLENARY VOTE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: ~~UN INITIATIVE~~ BY GRENADA

Problem

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1. How to react to further proposals by Grenada, following up their 1977 initiative on UFOs.

Background

2. At last year's General Assembly Premier Gairy of Grenada urged the United Nations to establish an agency or working group for research into unidentified flying objects. Mr [REDACTED] expressed the view that the proposal would bring the UN into disrepute. Accordingly, the UK delegation was instructed to oppose the draft Grenadan resolution. In the event, no vote was taken on the resolution; as a compromise, the General Assembly "studied the text" and requested the Secretary-General to transmit it to state members of the UN and to interested specialised agencies so that they might communicate their views to the Secretary-General.
3. The Secretary-General's subsequent report contained only three replies from Governments, (India, Luxembourg and the Seychelles) and unforthcoming reactions from two specialised agencies.
4. The Permanent Mission of Grenada circulated a letter to Permanent Missions in New York on 10 November, which was followed up by a statement to the Special Political Committee on 27 November by the Prime Minister of Grenada, who complicated matters by introducing a new resolution instead of the one previously circulated. Subsequent developments are reported in UKMIS telno 2566 of 27 November.
5. The brief for this item is at flag F.

Argument

6. The Grenadan initiative continues to hold no attractions whatsoever for us. It is obvious, however, that some of our Western partners /including

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(including the FRG Presidency and the United States) are making an effort to help Grenada off the hook if this can be done without cost to the UN. It must also be said, in fairness, that the Grenadan proposal is no more ridiculous than many other proposals before the UN. Indeed President Carter has in the past reportedly taken a personal interest in the subject of UFOs. The proposal is at least not positively harmful to UK interests, whereas taking too strong and open a stand against Mr Gairy could be. Moreover, if we can help the Grenadans to reach a compromise, it could conceivably help us to persuade them to abstain on the vote on foreign economic and other interests in plenary (the Fourth Committee Resolution which inter alia strongly condemns the UK and others for dealings with South Africa).

Recommendation

7. I recommend that we instruct the Mission to continue to resist the original Grenadan proposal but to give discreet support to efforts by Western or other countries to postpone or reduce the scope and cost of the Grenadan proposal as much as possible. I accordingly submit a draft telegram to UKMIS New York.
8. UND were consulted on UN aspects, and concur.

4 December 1978

NY TELNO 2539: AGENDA ITEM NO 128: UFOS

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1. THE TWO MEETINGS IN THE SPC ON THE ABOVE ITEM TODAY FOLLOWED THE SCENARIO OUTLINED IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE, EXCEPT THAT MR GAIRY COMPLICATED MATTERS BY INTRODUCING A NEW RESOLUTION IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT INSTEAD OF THE ONE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO MISSIONS ([REDACTED]) LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO [REDACTED] . THE NEW RESOLUTION ELABORATES ON THE IDEA IN THE INDIAN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/33/269), PROPOSING INTER ALIA THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND REPORTING THROUGH THAT COMMITTEE TO THE 34TH SESSION. (TEXT IN MIFT).

2. THERE HAD BEEN NO PRIOR WARNING THAT THE GRENADANS INTENDED TABLING A NEW RESOLUTION TODAY AND MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY THE AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN WHO HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED, WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS FURTHER ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE IN THE SUBJECT OF UFOS. THE AUSTRIANS, AMONG OTHERS, PRIVATELY INTIMATED THEIR DISMAY TO THE GRENADAN MISSION, WHO BY THE END OF THE AFTERNOON MEETING GAVE SIGNS OF REGRETTING THEIR PRECIPITANCE. BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING FRIDAY (MINISTER OF EDUCATION) INTERVENED TO SAY THAT THE GRENADANS WERE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION AND INVITED DELEGATIONS TO CONVEY ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE TO THE GRENADAN MISSION PENDING RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM AT A LATER DATE.

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3. THIS WILL ALLOW TIME TO WORK OUT AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL. THE GERMANS, WITH AUSTRIAN BACKING, FAVOUR A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA, WHICH MIGHT IN DUE COURSE REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE US MISSION, WHEN MR GAIRY CALLED ON THEM ON 24 NOVEMBER, FLOATED THE IDEA OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR (TO BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA) WHO WOULD STUDY THE PROBLEM AND REPORT BACK TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE RUSSIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REPETITION OF THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED LAST YEAR: IE TO DEFER THE ITEM WITH SOME FACE-SAVING PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER COMMENTS BY INTERESTED PARTIES, OR A FURTHER STUDY. THIS LAST WOULD BE THE BEST SOLUTION, BUT GAIRY IS SAYING THAT HE WILL NOT BE PUT OFF AGAIN THIS YEAR.

4. WE ASSUME THAT YOU WOULD NOT WISH THIS SUBJECT TO BE LANDED IN THE LAP OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE BOUND TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, TO HAVE AN INDICATION AS TO WHETHER YOU WOULD INCLINE TO AN ABSTENTION OR A VOTE AGAINST IN RESPECTABLE COMPANY ON THE RESOLUTION IN MY I.F.T. WE ASSUME, ALSO, THAT YOU WOULD WISH US TO WORK FOR ALTERNATIVES ON THE LINES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANY COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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GRENADA: DRAFT RESOLUTION
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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MINDFUL OF ITS COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN
SOLVING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS,
NOTING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY GRENADA AT THE THIRTIETH, THIRTY-FIRST,
THIRTY-SECOND AND THIRTY-THIRD SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGARD UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA WHICH
CONTINUE TO BAFFLE MANKIND, AND GRENADA'S APPEAL TO HAVE THE UNITED
NATIONS CONDUCT AND CO-ORDINATE RESEARCH INTO THESE BAFFLING PHENOMENA,
AND TO DISSEMINATE MORE WIDELY AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD
INFORMATION AND OTHER DATA GATHERED AND AVAILABLE ON THE
PHENOMENA,

AWARE OF THE GROWING INTEREST TAKEN BY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD IN
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA, AND ALSO INTEREST
IN STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND RECOGNISING
THE COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH INTO THESE PHENOMENA DEMONSTRATED BY
CERTAIN NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS AND
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALISED
AGENCIES, THE UNITED NATIONS INITIATE, CONDUCT AND CO-ORDINATE
RESEARCH INTO THE NATURE AND ORIGIN OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
AND RELATED PHENOMENA;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE MEMBER STATES, SPECIAL-
ISED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS TO TRANSMIT TO HIM
BY 31 MAY 1979 INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE
PROPOSED STUDY;

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13. FURTHER

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FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE A THREE-MEMBER GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPOSED STUDY:

4. DECIDES THAT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS MEET DURING THE SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE TO STUDY INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY MEMBER STATES, SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS;

5. FURTHER DECIDES THAT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT ON ITS WORK THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

6. DECIDES FURTHER TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEM ENTITLED "REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE FOR THE DEFINING OF GUIDELINES FOR THE STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA".

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LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO

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1. THIS ITEM IS NOW SCHEDULED TO START ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER IN THE SPC. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST MEETING WILL OPEN WITH A STATEMENT BY MR GAIRY, THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA, (WHO IS COMING TO NEW YORK ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION) AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS BY SEVERAL EXPERTS ON UFO'S WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING MR GAIRY, AND BY A WALT DISNEY FILM WHICH MR GAIRY HAS ALSO LAID ON. THE COMMITTEE WILL THEN MOVE ON TO ANOTHER ITEM TO ALLOW TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS.

2. THE IDEA IS TO LET MR GAIRY HAVE HIS DAY, WAITING UNTIL HE HAS LEFT NEW YORK BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE WITH THE GRENADA MISSION WHICH WILL IDEALLY REQUIRE MINIMAL, OR EVEN NO, UN INVOLVEMENT AND NO ADDITIONAL UN EXPENDITURE. VARIOUS IDEAS ARE BEGINNING TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE CORRIDORS. WE MAY BE ABLE TO REPORT AFTER MONDAYS MEETING WHICH LOOK WORTH CONSIDERING.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 128: UTOs of Grenada to the [REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT]

1. The attached letter which has been circulated to Missions by the Permanent Mission of Grenada is self-explanatory. In their preliminary soundings this year, it would seem that the Mission of Grenada has found little if any support for its more ambitious proposal for establishing an agency, or department, and is therefore falling back on a more modest proposal.

2. I assume that you would wish us if possible to discourage this too, provided we are in good company and do not take the lead. It is possible however that it will acquire support as a fallback position which the majority will be prepared to go along with to save Grenada's face. We will keep in close touch with our allies.



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OUR REF:

The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and with reference to the Permanent Representative of Grenada's letter of August 29, 1978 has the honour to remind that Grenada's item on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomenon will come up for discussion in the Special Political Committee this week beginning November 27th.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada wishes to bring to the attention of Member States that, in the interest of not foisting upon the United Nations, at this point in time, the setting up of a Department or Agency which would involve heavy financial costs, the Government of Grenada is proposing that the contemplated study and research be placed in the hands of a small committee or ad hoc group of experts, whose task will be to submit a preliminary report on a possible framework for the study and research into the baffling phenomenon.

It is the hope of the Government of Grenada that this proposal and a draft resolution formulated along these lines will receive the support of Member States at the United Nations at this 33rd Regular Session of the General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada further has the honour to attach the general outline of the draft resolution contemplated.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, November 10, 1978

Permanent Mission of Member States
to the UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK



PRELIMINARY
DRAFT RESOLUTION

The General Assembly.

Mindful of its commitment to promote international co-operation in solving international problems,

Aware of the growing interest taken by people of the world in Unidentified Flying Objects and related Phenomena which continue to baffle mankind, and in strange happenings in various parts of the world.....

Noting the statement made by the Prime Minister of Grenada at the 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd Session of the General Assembly regarding these baffling phenomena, and his appeal to have the United Nations conduct and co-ordinate research into Unidentified Flying Objects and related phenomena and to disseminate more widely among the Nations of the world information and other data gathered

Recognising the commitment to research into these phenomena demonstrated by individual scientists, researchers, educational institutions and National Governments.

1. Recommends that there be initiated a special official United Nations study on the nature and relationship of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomena.

2. Requests The Secretary-General to appoint at the earliest possible date an "ad hoc group of experts" of not more than seven (7) scientific experts drawn from within the United Nations Secretariat and from private research organisations with the task of elaborating a possible framework for the above-mentioned study.

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to make available to the ad hoc group of experts all the relevant material, including proposals made by Member States as well as previous and current studies available on the subject.

4. Further requests the Committee to submit a preliminary report on its work by June 1, 1979.

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to transmit the preliminary report of the ad hoc group of experts to Member States not later than July 30th, 1979.

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the Thirty Fourth Session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Report of the ad hoc group of experts" to investigate the nature and relationship of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomena.

7. Decides further that a comprehensive report of the committee will be tabled at the 35th Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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33RD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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AGENDA ITEM NO 128

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY OR A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UNDERTAKING, CO-ORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA (ITEM PROPOSED BY GRENADA (S/33/131)).



The attached brief has been prepared by the Energy Science and Space Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in consultation with Department of Industry and the Home Office. Any comments should be addressed to D A Lloyd in Energy Science and Space Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Tel 233 3209.

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A UK AIMS

To oppose the establishment of any such agency.

B POINTS TO MAKE

2. The British delegation does not think that the establishment of an agency for research into unidentified flying objects is appropriate to the functions of the United Nations. It considers that the existence of such an agency under UN auspices would be an unjustifiable drain on UN resources which could be better deployed elsewhere.

C TACTICS

3. Hopefully a confrontation with the representative of Grenada can be avoided, but the UK should not hesitate to make its views known as and when appropriate. You should seek whatever support you can particularly among the Nine.

BACKGROUND

4. At last year's UN General Assembly, the Grenadan delegation, with the full support of Premier Gairy, sought to establish an ad hoc working group of the UN to evaluate UFO reports. FCO Minsiters expressed the view that to set up any such body would reduce the credibility of the UN; accordingly the UK delegation was instructed to oppose. In the event, no vote was taken on the Grenadan Resolution; as a compromise, the General Assembly "studied the text" and requested the Secretary-General to transmit it "to states members of the UN and to interested specialised agencies so that they might communicate their views to the Secretary-General".

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MINISTERS HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, SINCE AGREEMENT TO SET UP SUCH AN AGENCY WOULD REDUCE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UN, WE SHOULD OPPOSE IT. YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY SEEKING WHATEVER SUPPORT YOU CAN, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE NINE.

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YOUR TELNOS. 2241 AND 2242 AND TELECON [REDACTED]

UFO ITEM.

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1. WE REMAIN FIRMLY OPPOSED TO A GRENADA RESOLUTION ON UFOS. WE DO NOT CONSIDER SUCH OPPOSITION LIKELY TO BE DAMAGING EITHER TO THE UK OR TO THE UN. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE UK'S INTENTION OF VOTING AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION CONTAINING AN OPERATIONAL OUTCOME, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS LEAVES US IN A MINORITY.
2. IF THE GRENADANS CAN BE PERSUADED TO ABANDON THEIR RESOLUTION WE THINK THAT REFERRAL OF THEIR UFO INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE ON OUTER SPACE WOULD PROVIDE THE BEST FACE SAVING DEVICE. THIS COMMITTEE IS AFTER ALL THE ESTABLISHED UN BODY DEALING WITH OUTER SPACE MATTERS. WE UNDERSTAND THE AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN'S ANXIETIES BUT THINK THAT IN VIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTING WORK LOAD, THIS ITSELF SHOULD BE A REASONABLE GUARANTEE THAT THE UFO ISSUE WOULD BE PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF ITS AGENDA WITH A FAIR CHANCE OF BEING IGNORED INDEFINITELY.
3. WE ARE LESS ATTRACTED TO THE SUGGESTION IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF TELNO. 2241. IT HAS THE DISADVANTAGE THAT ONCE THE UFO ISSUE WAS INSCRIBED AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT WOULD BE THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE AND WE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CERTAIN THAT CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM GRENADA, PERHAPS WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, WOULD NOT LEAD TO ITS DISCUSSION EITHER AT THE 33RD OR 34TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPC WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING THE GRENADANS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS TO ACCEPT HIS COMPROMISE SOLUTION, AND THIS AFTERNOON READ OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT CONSENSUS:

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA ON 28 NOVEMBER 1977 AND BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF GRENADA ON 28 AND 30 NOVEMBER AND ... DECEMBER 1977 (A/SPC/32/PV.35, A/SPC/32/SR.37 AND A/SPC/32/SR.).

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ALSO STUDIED THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY GRENADA (A/SPC/32/L.20).

3. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/SPC/32/L.20), TOGETHER WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED STATEMENTS, TO STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO INTERESTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, SO THAT THEY MAY COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

4. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO BRING THEIR REPLIES TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBER STATES AND INTERESTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

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Chairman: [REDACTED] (Costa Rica)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 126: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY OR A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UNDERTAKING, CO-ORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA (continued) (A/33/141, A/33/268; A/SPC/33/L.20)

1. [REDACTED] (Grenada)* read out a letter from [REDACTED], a former astronaut, expressing the belief that unidentified flying objects were extraterrestrial vehicles whose crews were visiting Earth from more technically advanced planets. [REDACTED] had himself spent two days in 1951 observing UFOs of different sizes flying in fighter formation, generally from east to west over Europe. A top-level co-ordinated programme was needed to collect and analyse data from all over the world concerning all types of encounters and to determine how best to make friendly contact with such visitors. Man might have to prove to the visitors that he had learned to solve his problems by peaceful means rather than by warfare before he could be accepted as a fully qualified universal team member. Such acceptance would have tremendous possibilities for the advancement of the world in all areas, and it would certainly seem that the United Nations had an interest in handling the subject properly and expeditiously. If the United Nations agreed to pursue the project, many more well-qualified people might agree to provide help and information.
2. [REDACTED] (Grenada)* said it was important to remember that men throughout the world had something in common: they were all earthlings, a fact which tended to be forgotten when man's many differences were aired. After 20 years of study, he believed that there was overwhelming evidence to suggest that the planet was being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles. The evidence took the form of eye-witness testimony from responsible persons, physical trace cases producing changes in the environment observable long after the UFO had left, radar visual sightings, photographs and abductions, apparently by aliens of earthlings and the subsequent return of the earthlings, although there was no knowledge of cases where earthlings had not been returned.
3. Every large-scale scientific study of UFOs had provided a substantial number of cases in which the observations clearly indicated that the UFO was a manufactured object behaving in ways which could not be duplicated by manufactured objects on Earth. The ability of UFOs to move and manoeuvre at thousands of miles an hour, without any visible external engine, wings or tail, indicated that the spacecraft had been manufactured by someone other than man. Many people wished to know why UFOs should visit Earth and what was happening on Earth that could be of interest to an advanced civilization. Probably there were many things of interest to someone concerned with the development of a primitive society. However, one thing was guaranteed to be of interest to another civilization and that was the fact that within one hundred years men would be going to the stars. He himself, as a nuclear physicist, had worked on fission and fusion propulsion systems which would be capable of transporting man to nearby star systems within reasonable periods of time, and it would be obvious to any alien in the neighbourhood that man would be doing so within a hundred years. Since the end of the Second World War, with the development

* The full text of this statement will appear in document A/SPC/33/PV.36.

([REDACTED] Grenada)

of nuclear weapons, rockets and electronics, man had become of interest to other, advanced civilizations. Naturally, such civilizations would be concerned with their own survival and security and would therefore wish to be informed of the activities of another civilization which was just beginning space travel; it was therefore clear that the UFOs were obtaining data for their own purposes, acting as a kind of galactic federation intelligence agency.

4. People also wondered why UFOs did not make contact. He suggested that there was no one leader with whom such alien beings could make contact. Whereas the smallest reasonable political unit on a galactic neighbourhood basis was a planet or a solar system, from the alien viewpoint man's was a primitive society whose major activity was tribal warfare; it would make no more sense for alien beings to speak to individual countries than for the United Nations to address individual cities.

5. Some people were worried at the significance of flying saucers and wondered why, in the light of the importance of questions of peace, survival and hunger, people should concern themselves with such matters. He suggested that man's very survival might depend on his taking an earthling orientation. The easiest way of doing so was for him to try to see himself as others saw him. From up above, coming into the planet Earth, there were no boundary lines. Acceptance of oneself as an earthling would become natural when it was recognized that the planet Earth was being visited.

6. There were also practical aspects such as the significance of man's acquiring motive propulsion which would enable him to travel and to transport goods from place to place without using the traditional means of transport and without expending valuable resources which were normally burned and thrown away. It was clear that aliens had solved problems such as the development of new and better means of producing energy. In addition, the Earth might well have some resources which could be exported to alien civilizations; as the densest planet in the solar system, the Earth had more valuable heavy metals than any other planet in the neighbourhood and might also have plant life and other materials which would be of interest to aliens.

7. Modern astronomy frequently assumed, in relation to the possibility of contact with extraterrestrial intelligences, that all other solar systems were isolated in the same manner as our own, in which the nearest star to the sun was four light years away. However, within our own galactic neighbourhood there were approximately 1,000 stars, of which 46 were similar to the sun and might well be expected to have planets and life; some of those planets would be much older than Earth. In addition, research into UFOs had revealed the existence of two sun-like stars, Zeta I Reticulae and Zeta II Reticulae, which were separated by only three light weeks; such close proximity would suggest that interstellar travel and communication might have been developed much earlier than on our isolated planet. Three recent professional publications had expressed the view that our entire galaxy had probably already been colonized. Perhaps the most important thing to recognize was that the next generation would grow up in a drastically different situation; unless something was done to prevent it, another dozen countries would soon have nuclear weapons and the world would be further divided into groups instead of becoming the earthling civilization which was necessary for its survival.

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8. [REDACTED] (Grenada) invited members of the Committee to make suggestions and recommendations concerning the draft resolution submitted by his delegation (A/SPC/33/L.20); his delegation was very flexible as to the actual mechanism to be decided on by the Committee for monitoring and co-ordinating research into UFOs and would be interested to hear the ideas of other delegations on the matter. He assumed that the vote on the resolution would take place at a later date.
9. The CHAIRMAN said that the substantive consideration of and vote on the resolution would be deferred until a later meeting.
10. [REDACTED] (Liberia) requested that the statements made by the members of the delegation of Grenada should be reproduced in extenso in the records so that delegates could study them more closely.
11. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the General Assembly, at the 4th plenary meeting of its current session, had decided to maintain the option that had traditionally been approved for the Special Political Committee to obtain transcriptions of debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof.
12. [REDACTED] (United Kingdom) asked what the financial implications of such action would be.
13. The CHAIRMAN said that such expenditure as might be incurred by the provision of transcriptions of the Committee's debates was considered to be part of the normal work of the General Assembly; there were no direct financial implications. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the request made by the representative of Liberia.
14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.

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1. You asked me to comment on loose minute DCD3(I)/52 dated 9 December 1977. As you know, S4(Air) are responsible for answering public enquiries and for briefing Ministers on MPs' questions about UFOs. I attach our stock reply which has been endorsed by successive Ministers *and which, if you agree, might serve as the basis of the reply to CDS's correspondent.*
2. So far as I know there has been no British Scientific enquiry into the possible existence of UFOs, nor is there evidence that MOD has taken the question very seriously. However, we have kept in touch with the United States Air Force who made a systematic, if protracted, attempt to record and investigate UFO sightings from 1952 to 1968. The USAF enquiry, known as Project Blue Book, was followed by a study which was originally suggested by a member of a congressional investigation in the Armed Forces Committee and which was assigned by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to the University of Colorado. It was led by Dr Edward V Condon, Professor of Physics and formerly Director of the National Bureau of Standards. This is the enquiry referred to in the attached brief and, as stated there, it was endorsed in 1969 by the National Academy of Sciences who concluded that there was no scientific or military justification for further study of UFOs, that the reports of UFOs up to that time posed no threat to national security and that continuance of the Blue Book Project was of doubtful value. The Condon report caused a good deal of controversy and, I believe, was much criticised. However, when I consulted the RAF Staff in Washington about this they assured me in August 1976 that HQ USAF saw no likelihood of their further involvement in this area. The USAF pointed to the considerable Air Force commitment of resources in the past, the extreme pressure on Air Force funds in 1976 and the fact that since 1969 no evidence had been presented to warrant further investigation.
3. It is always possible of course, that the considerable correspondence addressed to MOD might contain some hint, not of UFOs, but of something with a hostile terrestrial origin which could have a bearing on national security. We have therefore been careful to refer all UFO enquiries from the public to ADI55 and DD Ops (GE)(RAF) for any further investigation which they might consider to be justified. As a Secretariat branch, S4(Air) does not need to know about this type of enquiry and we do not ask for further information; we tell the public flatly that we cannot enter into detailed correspondence, and enquiries are not necessarily made to the point of positive identification. The only exception to this is the occasional case where a Member of Parliament shows exceptional interest or concern and we seek ADI 55's advice so that the Minister can reply more fully and specifically than the standard draft allows.
4. That is all there really is to the MOD UFO "policy" except that we do not publish the correspondence from the public. The only reason for that is lack of staff; we would have to obliterate the identities of our many correspondents, and possibly occasional references to classified subjects, and there is no one we can spare for the job.

5. As it happens, however, I was about to seek confirmation of the general line we take even before you consulted me on the letter sent to CDS. There is always a steady public interest in UFOs and from time to time it tends to increase unaccountably. There was a sustained flurry in the 1960s which was sufficient to embroil my predecessor in a BBC TV programme. Last summer there was some concern in Wales although the RAF Police thought this could have been the work of a practical joker. In the last few weeks the Prime Minister of Grenada has secured a UFO debate at the United Nations (which could conceivably involve the Foreign Office and No 10 in correspondence) and he has also had discussions with Mr Jimmy Carter whom the Press have connected with UFOs in the past. Then a few days ago the Earl of Glancarty put down a number of questions in the House of Lords referring to UFO investigations allegedly under way in France and a broadcast said to have been made in 1974 by the Contemporary French Minister of Defence. (See Hansard extracts attached).

6. We believe that [REDACTED] is a Vice President of the British UFO Research Association. I should add that we were unable to verify the alleged Ministerial broadcast when a member of the public told us in 1976 that in it the French had admitted the existence of flying saucers. The British Air Attache in Paris did find out however that the French operate a procedure under which UFO reports from the public go in the first instance to the French Defence Ministry (Air) who study the military implications and finally to a Government organisation known as the Centre Nationale D'Etude Spatial where the reports are considered by scientists. The reports are also fed into a computer where they are "added to the statistics of the problem". We were advised that the French military authorities had found nothing of an aggressive nature in the sightings although their scientists had been unable to explain the phenomena. As this information came to us by telephone I have now written to the Air Attache to document it and up date it in the light of the Earl of Glancarty's questions.

7. One way and another there could be renewed interest in UFOs in the next few months and I have already been asked to take stock of our current policy. The basic questions are: -

- a. Should we take flying saucers seriously?
- b. Is the general MOD policy valid (as outlined in the attached brief and as supplemented above)?
- c. Is it correct to confine MOD investigations to the defence implications of alleged UFO sightings - should the investigations be extended either in the interest of national defence or more widely into the more speculative field concerning the possible existence of extra terrestrial vehicles?
- d. Should MOD take the public more seriously and, for example, visit the places where sightings have been reported (a line of enquiry; I might add which could not be undertaken by S4(Air)'s slender establishment)?

8. I should be most grateful if you would seek the views of DSTI and Air Cdre (Int) whom I believe you will be consulting before reporting to CDS.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

24th. October, 1996

The Rt. Hon. Michael Portillo, M.P.,
The Secretary of State,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
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Dear *Michael*

I am very concerned about
East Anglian coast recently,
flying craft sighting which
military radar systems. I
copies of some recent press

From these press reports
flying craft was seen by the
aircraft; police at Skegness (who took a video), and police at
Boston. Simultaneously, the object seems to have been picked up
on military radar systems at R.A.F. Neatishead, R.A.F. Waddington,
and R.A.F. Northwood, together with systems at London and at
Anglia radar.

What strikes me as incredible is that no aircraft were
scrambled when an uncorrelated target was picked up so close to
the coast. This raises for me, serious issues about the way in
which we police the U.K. Air Defence Region (U.K.A.D.R.). Given
that we have Tornado F.3 aircraft based at R.A.F. Leuchars; R.A.F.
Leeming; and R.A.F. Coningsby, should not one of these bases have
had Air Defence aircraft on Quick Reaction Alert (Q.R.A.), and
should a launch not have been ordered? I am also unclear as to
the involvement of R.A.F. Kinloss in Scotland, home of our Nimrod
Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

A story seems to have been put around that the radar systems
were picking up Boston's church tower! Although "ground clutter"
can give spurious returns around certain radar heads, my
understanding is that the locations of such areas are well known,
and that such an effect is unlikely to be repeated on so many
different radar systems. Some of the Air Traffic Control radars
might have difficulty with ground clutter, but Air Defence radar
systems and their skilled operators should know the difference.
This "explanation" also fails to take account of the visual
sightings.

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Naturally, all sorts of rumours are circulating: no Q.R.A. aircraft were available at R.A.F. Coningsby, which is just a few miles from the Wash; the R.A.F. wanted to scramble aircraft but were overruled "at the highest level"; the video taken by the police has disappeared into the bowels of your Ministry's Main Building. While I am interested in finding out what was seen, my primary concern stems from the absolute shambles that such events seem to cause. The R.A.F. are supposed, or so I believed, to be responsible for keeping a watchful eye on activity in the U.K.A.D.R., but seem to have no idea as to what is going on. Do they have no standard procedure for such incidents? They had enough time to think about it, because the object was on radar for upwards of seven hours! These concerns remain, even if there is a prosaic explanation for this specific incident.

I could think of countless other questions that concern me based on the points I have raised in this letter and in the various press reports, but I will confine myself, in addition to the above, if you will answer the following questions in respect of the unidentified flying craft sighting that occurred on 4th./5th. October in the vicinity of the Wash, and subsequently reported to your Department:

1. If you will detail the role played by those military establishments who picked up on their radar systems or were otherwise involved in events, and if you will comment on the video of the sighting sent to your Department by the Boston police?
2. Why no aircraft were scrambled to investigate the unidentified flying craft seen by the police; the crew of a civil aircraft; and the crew of a tanker on 4th./5th. October, given that at least three military establishments reported having detected the unidentified flying craft on radar?
3. Whether it is the R.A.F.'s standard practice to ignore sightings of unidentified flying craft which are correlated by radar, or whether there is a requirement to investigate such phenomena by scrambling aircraft?

I look forward to your reply with great interest.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Out of this world

This is the transcript of the conversations between coastguards, RAF stations in Norfolk, Scotland and London, police and North Sea tanker Conocoast when strange lights were seen in the night sky at the weekend. It is the recording taken at Yarmouth Coastguard headquarters:

0314 Skegness police: "We can see a strange red-and-green rotating light in the sky directly south-east from Skegness. It looks strange as it is stationary and there is no aircraft sound in the area."

0326 RAF Kinloss: "Northwood have a radar contact bearing 221 degrees at 16 miles, it looks to be stationary and there is no way of determining its height but it must be quite a size to be visible from Skegness."

0331 Kinloss: "Neatishead now confirms a couple of radar contacts in the area but no height, they seem to be stationary. There are definitely no military aircraft in the area and no notified civil flights should be there."

0346 Conocoast tanker: "We have these lights on visual. Now they are flashing red, green and white. Cannot identify it as an aircraft as it looks stationary and it is approximately one mile high."

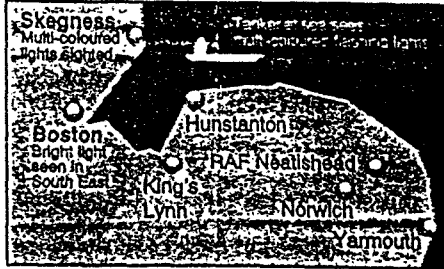
Yarmouth Coastguard: "Did you see from which direction it appeared?"

Conocoast: "No. It just appeared and is stationary."

0353 Kinloss: "Neatishead say it could be caused by the weather"

Coastguard: "I don't think so as we have visual contact."

Kinloss: "Well, Neatishead and Northwood report that there is no transponder on this



object and therefore no means of interrogation. It is obvious that whatever it is it does not want anyone to know that it is there. Also Neatishead report its position as directly over Boston."

0408 Conocoast: "It is still stationary and flashing red, green, blue and white. It looks very high, north of us, and there is no engine noise."

0417 Coastguard: "Skegness, can you get video footage as the RAF are very interested and may require it later."

0427 Kinloss: "Neatishead are keeping a log of what looks like clutter on the radar."

0445 Yarmouth Coastguard: "Conocoast, can you give us an update?"

Conocoast: "We can see two lights flashing green and red."

0501 Coastguard: "Give us both bearings of the two lights"

Conocoast: "There is one stationary light at 345 deg true and the other at 160 true, the lights are both visible with the naked eye and both exhibit the same characteristics flashing red, blue, green and white."

0517 Boston police: "We can still see the light. It is towards the south-east and seems about 40-45 degrees in the sky. It is just a bright light to us."

0521 Kinloss: "Neatishead are running a trace on this and cannot explain it. If they are helicopters they are fast approaching the end of their endurance as it is well over two hours since the first report let alone how long they were up there before they were actually sighted."

0552 Conocoast: "We can still see the lights, and they are on their original bearings and flashing the same colours but they seem higher and dimmer"

0708 Flight Lieutenant McFarlane, Neatishead: "We had a report from Northwood that a civil flight had also reported strange lights in the area. They fit exactly what was seen from the ground, multi-coloured, flashing, stationary lights."

0731 Flight Lieutenant George, Northwood: "This echo is still on our screens and we cannot explain this at all apart from it being a meteorological phenomenon but then again we have visual sightings also. The civilian flight that reported these lights as a flare was six miles away at the time. All very strange."

1109 Neatishead: "The object still has not moved, London radar and Waddington can also see it."

1920 Anglia radar: "There is nothing there now we are of the opinion that it was the Boston Stump."

Wind: Force Four. Visibility: 20 miles.

Did you see the mysterious bright lights?

The source of "strange" bright lights spotted in the sky off East Anglia at the weekend remained a mystery last night.

Police, the RAF and shipping reported the appearance of two large, unexplained objects above the Wash in the early hours of Saturday.

Baffled personnel at RAF Neatishead spent hours tracking the UFOs, described by witnesses as large, about a mile up in the sky, and with blue, white, red and green flashing lights.

The Ministry of Defence said it

was taking the sightings seriously and "all possibilities" would be covered.

Spokesman Nigel Sergeant said: "We are trying to prove that it does not represent any sort of security threat and that it was not an aggressive intrusion into our airspace. This is one of the bigger sightings recently and has caused quite a bit of interest."

Skegness police called the coastguards at 3.14am on Saturday after seeing a number of objects flashing in the sky, which were also spotted by colleagues at Boston.

Sightings, which continued until the objects disappeared off radar screens at about 11am on Saturday, later came from a tanker and a civilian aircraft, while two military radar stations verified "strange" traces.

Flt Lt Keith Sweatman, of RAF Neatishead, said: "We have not been able to offer an explanation."

"The number of independent reports we have had suggest there is something to follow up. We will be investigating thoroughly."

Witnesses heard no aircraft noise and military radar showed no

aircraft, civil or military, in the area, apart from the civilian flight which reported "strange lights."

Military officials said no airforce planes had been scrambled to investigate.

Coastguards yesterday suggested the lights might have been Venus. But Ian Morison, a scientist at the radio astronomy observatory Jodrell Bank, said this was unlikely as the planet would not have been visible after sunrise. Did you take a photograph of the mysterious lights? If so, ring the EDP newsdesk on 01603 628311.

EASTERN DAILY PRESS 8 OCT 1996

UFOs expose 9-5 defence danger

I READ with interest how our ever vigilant police forces, coastguards and military radar observers spent from 3.15am to 11.09am on Saturday, October 5 watching an unidentified brightly lit flying object.

In the shadow of "Independence Day" hysteria, what is indeed phenomenal is the fact that "Military officials said no air force planes had scrambled to investigate."

Our multi-billion pound defence budget to which we, the tax paying public are forced to contribute, equips our national protection with Tornados, Jaguars and F18 fighter aircraft at £30-million a throw and pilots to fly them costing £5-million each to train.

It all seems pretty pointless if they only fly 9-5 on

Mystery lights in the sky highlight a problem or two

Monday to Friday.

We must think ourselves fortunate the bright lights over the Wash were not Saddam Hussein or some other crackpot targeting us for nuclear obliteration, because if it had been, you would not be reading this letter.

Damian O'Connor,
King Street,
Norwich.

■ WITH everyone's minds on strange things in the sky (Evening News, October 7) now seems a good time to

ask whether anyone else saw the silent object I did over the centre of Norwich at around 9am on December 27 last year, a date and time which meant the city was virtually empty.

It certainly wasn't a flying saucer, more a brightly coloured flying object, and appeared at first to be a giant kite about the dimensions of a single-decker bus.

As the fair was here at the time it might well have been a publicity stunt to attract attention. It might have been any number of things — but

quite what is the puzzle.

Malcolm Chamberlin,
Highland Road,
Norwich.

■ IN YOUR leader (October 7) referring to the mysterious lights seen over The Wash at the weekend, you comment: "The strange sightings of a stationery object over East Anglia have so far defied a rational explanation."

I take it you mean there is no cause for concern as it is no more than a *paper* exercise?

Warren King,
Amderley Drive,
Norwich.

■ Editor's note: Oops! Looks like one of the little green men got into the works — perhaps the same one which dated Mr King's letter as March 8. Sorry about the slip. We will try to do better.

Eastern Evening News, 12/10/96

UFO probe into radar mystery

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Extract from
Southend Evening Echo - Essex
- 8 OCT 1996

UFO hunt is on says the RAF

THE MINISTRY of Defence and RAF were today investigating multiple sightings of a UFO.

Reports of a bright white shining object were received by Boston and Skegness police forces in Lincolnshire and over the Norfolk coast near The Wash.

RAF Neatishead, near Wroxham, Norfolk, confirmed it had tracked a mystery signal on their radar.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Sweatman said: "The object appeared on our radars and stayed there for a number of hours."

"It moved some 50 miles down the coast at a speed which suggested it wasn't a weather balloon."

He said the RAF would be investigating the matter thoroughly and confirmed they were already collating their information.

"The number of independent reports we've had suggests there is something to follow up," he said.

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Eastern Daily Press - Norwich

8 OCT 1996

Shedding some light

High over the coast near Boston it hung, a strange flashing, red and green rotating light which the Ministry of Defence is now investigating to see whether it was a "threat to our security".

According to RAF Kinloss, it seemed obvious "that it does not want anyone to know that it is there". Not surprisingly, even normally sceptical UFO researchers are impressed.

We confess to being intrigued, and will feel hugely let down if, as in Anglia radar's view, this revolving aerial show proves to be nothing more extra-terrestrial than the tower of Boston's famous church.

Sightings off coast tracked by air base

THE MINISTRY of Defence is today investigating a possible UFO sighting off the county coast which was picked up by RAF radar.

Reports of a bright white shining object in the sky were received by Skegness and Boston Police together with the coastguard at about 3am on Saturday.

by Jason Mellor

The mystery object was also reported around The Wash. The MoD and RAF officials are looking into the incident.

RAF Neatishead, near Wroxham, Norfolk, was the nearest base to the incident.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Sweatman, said: "The object appeared on our radars and stayed there for a number of hours. It moved some 50 miles down the coast at a speed which suggested it wasn't a weather balloon."

"We will be investigating the matter thoroughly and are already collating all the information we have. The number of independent reports we have had suggest there is something to follow up."

It was confirmed that the base had not been conducting operations in the area at the time of the sighting.

Special

Special 'Q' aircraft normally investigate UFO sightings, but there were none available at the time as the nearest one was at RAF Leuchars in Scotland.

The MoD has a special cell which investigates all reported UFO sightings. It will be carrying out extensive checks into what was seen.

A spokesman for Skegness Police said: "We had calls which suggested a large bright object over the coast. In the past, sightings like this have been either a plane or a weather balloon but we have not yet had this confirmed."

LINCOLNSHIRE DAILY ECHO
7 OCT 1996

new theory about those strange lights in the sky

Stumped?

By STEVE DOWNES

The truth was out there.

But even agent Mulder of the X-Files would find it hard to believe.

The great East Anglian UFO mystery was solved last night – and turned out to be just a storm and a church tower.

The weekend sightings of colourful flashing lights over the Wash captured the imagination of would-be X-Files sleuths across the region. Letters and telephone calls flooded into the EDP after the sightings, which coincided with the appearance of a mysterious object on radars.

One theory was that the culprit was planet Venus.

But Norfolk RAF investigators have now found logical explanations – and have ruled out the possibility of little green men peering down on us.

Flight Lt Keith Sweatman, of RAF Neatishead, said: "We now know that the radar trace was Boston Stump – the church tower at Boston.

"And the weather people said that the coloured lights in the sky coincided with an electrical storm over the Wash.

"You do get weird experiences with electrical storms, and they can produce lots of different colours."

The 200ft church tower would have been ruled out if it had been picked up by a more advanced RAF radar, which can computer-enhance images.

But the air traffic control radar did not have similar facilities, and operators jumped to the conclusion that it must have been linked with the flashing red, blue, green and white lights, seen by the tanker Conocoast.

Following the weekend sightings, an investigation was launched by the Ministry of Defence to ensure they did not pose a threat to national security. That has now been discounted.

The mystery is expected to be cleared up once and for all in the next couple of days when experts at RAF Neatishead view video footage of the lights. They are waiting for the video to arrive after being sent from Boston police.

Flight Lt Sweatman stressed they would be keeping an open mind.

"I don't totally discount UFOs," he said.

"I'm not a disbeliever, but I'm not a believer either."

Not any
more... the
great Wash
UFO
sighting
finally
explained



FLASHBACK: How the EDP reported the sighting on Tuesday this week.



From: Section 40
Sent: 26 February 2003 11:05
To: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk
Cc: Section 40
Subject: Code of Practice on Access to Government Information

Section 40

We have discussed your last e-mail requesting that we leave in the file references or provide an exemption, although we can not give an exemption for these redactions we believe that we are not in breach of the Code if we redact. 3 vi of the code states we have a obligation to:

"Release, in response to specific requests, information relating to their policies, actions and decisions and other matters related to their areas of responsibility."

We believe we have complied with this. If your enquirer is unhappy with this decision we are happy for you to pass him our contact address.

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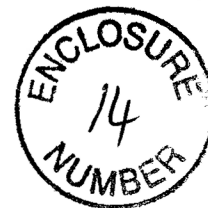
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Dr David Clarke

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**Directorate Air Staff
Ministry of Defence
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Your ref: D/DAS/64/3/11
20 February, 2003

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 2003 and for enclosing the copies of the additional UFO-related papers I had requested, arising from the Parliamentary Correspondence file.

I am grateful for the detailed answers you provided to the additional points I raised, and I now await your decision on the release of a) the remaining papers from file **DS8/75/3 Part A** and b) the letter from the late Martin Redmond MP in file **D/Sec(AS)64/2**.

In the meantime, with reference to my inquiry about the future of UFO records that are less than 30 years old, I note that you "will be reviewing the information we hold to see what material may be made more generally available via the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme."

Your commitment to make material more freely available via the Internet is commendable. As you no doubt appreciate, there is continuing public, media and academic interest in these records, as reflected in their inclusion in the MOD Publication Scheme announced in the Lord Chancellor's Department Press Notice 424/02 (28 November 2002).

The early release of this material is undoubtedly the most effective way to dispel misconceptions about the Ministry's limited involvement in this area, and to demonstrate the FOIA working in practice. However, I do appreciate that the reviewing of records to remove personal information has always posed a major logistical problem. Given your Secretariat's limited time and resources, such matters quite understandably remain a low priority given more pressing defence concerns.

I understand that your 'UFO' records are currently split between three locations: a) those awaiting release at the PRO, b) those at the 'midway position' in MOD archives and c) those most recent files retained in your office. If you are serious about your intention to

review these records so that additional material could be made available from 2005, a detailed inventory of the content of existing 'UFO' files in all three locations would be necessary. For this to be achieved, I would suggest that such a review would be more effective with input from a professional historian who has a specific interest in and a proven track record of peer-reviewed research in this area.

You will be aware that for some time I have been conducting historical research into the MOD's involvement in 'UFO' matters, as part of my post-doctoral research based at the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition, University of Sheffield. My work has involved a very detailed study of material available at the Public Record Office dating from 1947 to 1972, and more recently via applications to your Secretariat for access to files closed under the current '30 year rule' under the Code of Practice.

My research has now progressed to the stage where I am preparing an application to the Economic and Social Research Council for a funded, two year project. This will propose an extension to my research base, resulting in the production of a detailed study of MOD investigations from 1950 to present. This research would be of interest to MOD both in terms of providing a comprehensive history of its involvement in this area, and as a reference work for use in future years. Furthermore, as the E.S.R.C. operate a joint funding scheme with MOD whereby collaboration is encouraged with research institutions on "defence issues and other areas which may be of interest to the MOD" this underscores the timely nature of my proposal.

My proposal has the support of a number of prominent academics including **Section 40**

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Section 40 who are providing references. In addition, I would point out that MOD assured the Under Secretary of State for Air as long ago as 1970 that "if a major scientific organisation of high standing had strong reasons for obtaining access to our records their application would be considered on its merits." (Head of S4 Air to US of S, 10 February 1970 in PRO AIR 25/1556)

Given MOD's renewed commitment to "reviewing...information we hold to see what material may be made more generally available", I wish to offer assistance in the review and preparation of 'UFO' material for release under the FOIA. This work, including clerical assistance, could be undertaken as part of my funding proposal to E.S.R.C. with no additional cost to MOD.

I hope you will consider this proposal on its merits, and to that end I enclose a formal letter in support from the Director of NATCECT, Dr Joan Beal, at my University.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Dr David Clarke



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18th February, 2003.

To whom it may concern:

I can confirm that Dr David Clarke is a post-doctoral researcher based at the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition, University of Sheffield. During the past three years Dr Clarke has been collecting material relating to the social history of the 'UFO phenomenon' in Britain from 1947 to present.

His research has concentrated upon documenting official investigations, drawing upon a wide range of sources including material available at the Public Record Office and other public and private archives.

Dr Clarke is now in the process of preparing an application to the Economic and Social Research Council (E.S.R.C.) for funding to undertake a two-year project to further develop his research.

The E.S.R.C. operates a joint scheme with MOD "designed to stimulate collaboration between research establishments and academic institutes", and notes that where research is concerned with "defence issues and other areas which may be of interest to the MOD, the MOD may be willing to co-fund the project."

The proposed research will document the historical context that has formed the basis for the development of public policy towards the UFO problem from 1950 to present. It will scrutinize the role of the media and other opinion-formers in shaping popular opinion towards 'unidentified flying objects', and discuss how this in turn has influenced public policy adopted by MOD.

I am confident that Dr Clarke's proposal will be of interest to the Ministry of Defence as a historical reference work, given the Ministry's responsibility for answering public and media inquiries relating to this subject.

In order for Dr Clarke to undertake his research, it will be necessary for him to make requests for access to MOD material currently closed under the Public Record Act 1958. It is our understanding that from January 2005 this material will be subject to applications under the Freedom of Information Act, and that prior to implementation you will be reviewing information "to see what material may be made more generally available."

Given this commitment, I hope you will consider a) supporting Dr Clarke's proposal to the E.S.R.C under the joint scheme and/or b) considering Dr Clarke's offer of assistance in the process of processing and cataloguing your archives, as a part of his research proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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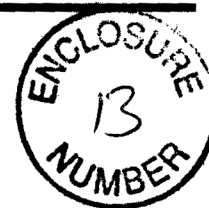
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I have just received back the papers which we asked you to look at regarding possible release under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code).

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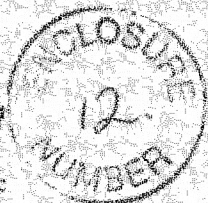
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MY TELNOS 2732 AND 2733 AND YOUR TELNO 1563. UFOS

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MY IPT. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT:

THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE
STATEMENTS MADE, AND DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY GRENADA
AT THE 32ND AND 33RD SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITES INTERESTED MEMBER
STATES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO CO-ORDINATE ON
A NATIONAL LEVEL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION
INTO EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE, INCLUDING UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS, AND TO INFORM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
OBSERVATIONS, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
TRANSMIT THE STATEMENTS OF THE DELEGATION OF GRENADA AND THE
RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES
OF OUTER SPACE, SO THAT THEY MAY CONSIDER THEM AT THEIR 1979
MEETING.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE WILL
PERMIT GRENADA, UPON ITS REQUEST, TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO THE
COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SESSION. THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATION
WILL BE INCLUDED IN ITS REPORT WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 34TH SESSION.

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YOUR TELNOS 1537 AND 1539, MY TELNO 2698 AND MISS HARDEN'S
LETTER OF 4 DECEMBER TO MRS WISEMAN UN DEPARTMENT: UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS

1. THE AUSTRIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE GRENADANS AND THE RUSSIANS NOW ALSO HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE CONSENSUS TEXT (WHICH IS REPEATED IN MIFT IN CASE YOU STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED LETTER UNDER REFERENCE). THE AMERICANS DO NOT EXPECT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AND ALSO INTEND TO GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS. WE PROPOSE TO DO LIKEWISE. THE ISSUE IS DUE TO BE DECIDED IN THE SPECIAL POLIT/ CAL COMMITTEE ON 8 DECEMBER.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS TEXT IS NOT IDEAL, IT HAS NO FINANCIAL OR MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS FOR THE UN, DOES NOT COMMIT THE UN TO ANY SPECIFIC ACTION ON UFO'S AND PRECLUDES THE INSCRIPTION OF A SEPARATE UFO ITEM ON NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA (THE SUBJECT WOULD BE SUBSUMED IN THE OUTER SPACE ITEM AS A PARAGRAPH IN THE REPORT OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE). IN ANY EVENT THERE IS NO REAL PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATING FURTHER AMENDMENTS.

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YOUR TELNOS 2539, 2566, 2567 AND MISS HARDEN'S LETTER OF
21 NOVEMBER; UFOS

1. WE REMAIN OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE GRENADAN INITIATIVE FOR THE REASONS STATED IN THE BRIEF. IF THE RESOLUTION IN YOUR TELNO 2567 IS PUT FORWARD YOU SHOULD OPPOSE IT.
2. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE WILLING TO HELP THE GRENADANS OFF THE HOOK IF IT CAN BE DONE WITHOUT ANY FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS (OTHER THAN GRENADA) OR THE UN. WE COULD THEREFORE ABSTAIN ON A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GROUP OF EXPERTS OR A SPECIAL RAPPOREUR, PROVIDED THAT AS WE ASSUME FROM YOUR TELEGRAM Section 40 THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES WOULD BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA. IT WOULD ALSO HELP IF THE SUBJECT COULD BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE 35TH SESSION: IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT THAT ITEMS SHOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY GO ON THE AGENDA FROM SESSION TO SESSION.
3. YOU SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND GRENADA'S ABSENCE (WHETHER PLANNED OR FORTUITOUS, WE DO NOT KNOW) FROM THE FOURTH COMMITTEE VOTE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS. THE FRG MAY BE WELL PLACED TO SUGGEST TO THE DELEGATION OF GRENADA THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WOULD BE BETTER DISPOSED TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL ON THE LINES OF PARA 2 ABOVE IF GRENADA WERE TO ABSTAIN IN THE PLENARY VOTE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: UN INITIATIVE BY GRENADA

Problem

1. How to react to further proposals by Grenada, following up their 1977 initiative on UFOs.

Background

2. At last year's General Assembly Premier Gairy of Grenada urged the United Nations to establish an agency or working group for research into unidentified flying objects. Mr Luard expressed the view that the proposal would bring the UN into disrepute. Accordingly, the UK delegation was instructed to oppose the draft Grenadan resolution. In the event, no vote was taken on the resolution; as a compromise, the General Assembly "studied the text" and requested the Secretary-General to transmit it to state members of the UN and to interested specialised agencies so that they might communicate their views to the Secretary-General.
3. The Secretary-General's subsequent report contained only three replies from Governments, (India, Luxembourg and the Seychelles) and unforthcoming reactions from two specialised agencies.
4. The Permanent Mission of Grenada circulated a letter to Permanent Missions in New York on 10 November, which was followed up by a statement to the Special Political Committee on 27 November by the Prime Minister of Grenada, who complicated matters by introducing a new resolution instead of the one previously circulated. Subsequent developments are reported in UKMIS telno 2566 of 27 November.
5. The brief for this item is at flag F.

Argument

6. The Grenadan initiative continues to hold no attractions whatsoever for us. It is obvious, however, that some of our Western partners /including

(including the FRG Presidency and the United States) are making an effort to help Grenada off the hook if this can be done without cost to the UN. It must also be said, in fairness, that the Grenadan proposal is no more ridiculous than many other proposals before the UN. Indeed President Carter has in the past reportedly taken a personal interest in the subject of UFOs. The proposal is at least not positively harmful to UK interests, whereas taking too strong and open a stand against Mr Gairy could be. Moreover, if we can help the Grenadans to reach a compromise, it could conceivably help us to persuade them to abstain on the vote on foreign economic and other interests in plenary (the Fourth Committee Resolution which inter alia strongly condemns the UK and others for dealings with South Africa).

Recommendation

7. I recommend that we instruct the Mission to continue to resist the original Grenadan proposal but to give discreet support to efforts by Western or other countries to postpone or reduce the scope and cost of the Grenadan proposal as much as possible. I accordingly submit a draft telegram to UKMIS New York.

8. UND were consulted on UN aspects, and concur.

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MY TELNO 2539: AGENDA ITEM NO 128: UFOS

1. THE TWO MEETINGS IN THE SPC ON THE ABOVE ITEM TODAY FOLLOWED THE SCENARIO OUTLINED IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE, EXCEPT THAT MR GAIRY COMPLICATED MATTERS BY INTRODUCING A NEW RESOLUTION IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT INSTEAD OF THE ONE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO MISSIONS (MISS HARDEN'S LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO MRS WISEMAN). THE NEW RESOLUTION ELABORATES ON THE IDEA IN THE INDIAN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/33/268), PROPOSING INTER ALIA THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND REPORTING THROUGH THAT COMMITTEE TO THE 34TH SESSION. (TEXT IN MIFT).

2. THERE HAD BEEN NO PRIOR WARNING THAT THE GRENADANS INTENDED TABLING A NEW RESOLUTION TODAY AND MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY THE AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN WHO HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED, WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS FURTHER ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE IN THE SUBJECT OF UFOS. THE AUSTRIANS, AMONG OTHERS, PRIVATELY INTIMATED THEIR DISMAY TO THE GRENADAN MISSION, WHO BY THE END OF THE AFTERNOON MEETING GAVE SIGNS OF REGRETTING THEIR PRECIPITANCE. BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING FRIDAY (MINISTER OF EDUCATION) INTERVENED TO SAY THAT THE GRENADANS WERE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION AND INVITED DELEGATIONS TO CONVEY ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE TO THE GRENADAN MISSION PENDING RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM AT A LATER DATE.

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3. THIS WILL ALLOW TIME TO WORK OUT AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL. THE GERMANS, WITH AUSTRIAN BACKING, FAVOUR A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA, WHICH MIGHT IN DUE COURSE REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE US MISSION, WHEN MR GAIRY CALLED ON THEM ON 24 NOVEMBER, FLOATED THE IDEA OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR (TO BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA) WHO WOULD STUDY THE PROBLEM AND REPORT BACK TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE RUSSIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REPETITION OF THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED LAST YEAR: IE TO DEFER THE ITEM WITH SOME FACE-SAVING PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER COMMENTS BY INTERESTED PARTIES, OR A FURTHER STUDY. THIS LAST WOULD BE THE BEST SOLUTION, BUT GAIRY IS SAYING THAT HE WILL NOT BE PUT OFF AGAIN THIS YEAR.

4. WE ASSUME THAT YOU WOULD NOT WISH THIS SUBJECT TO BE LANDED IN THE LAP OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE BOUND TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, TO HAVE AN INDICATION AS TO WHETHER YOU WOULD INCLINE TO AN ABSTENTION OR A VOTE AGAINST IN RESPECTABLE COMPANY ON THE RESOLUTION IN MY I.F.T. WE ASSUME, ALSO, THAT YOU WOULD WISH US TO WORK FOR ALTERNATIVES ON THE LINES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANY COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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GRENADA: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINDFUL OF ITS COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN SOLVING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS,

NOTING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY GRENADA AT THE THIRTIETH, THIRTY-FIRST, THIRTY-SECOND AND THIRTY-THIRD SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARD UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA WHICH CONTINUE TO BAFFLE MANKIND, AND GRENADA'S APPEAL TO HAVE THE UNITED NATIONS CONDUCT AND CO-ORDINATE RESEARCH INTO THESE BAFFLING PHENOMENA, AND TO DISSEMINATE MORE WIDELY AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD INFORMATION AND OTHER DATA GATHERED AND AVAILABLE ON THE PHENOMENA,

AWARE OF THE GROWING INTEREST TAKEN BY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD IN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA, AND ALSO INTEREST IN STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND RECOGNISING THE COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH INTO THESE PHENOMENA DEMONSTRATED BY CERTAIN NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALISED AGENCIES, THE UNITED NATIONS INITIATE, CONDUCT AND CO-ORDINATE RESEARCH INTO THE NATURE AND ORIGIN OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE MEMBER STATES, SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS TO TRANSMIT TO HIM BY 31 MAY 1979 INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE PROPOSED STUDY;

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FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE A THREE-MEMBER GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPOSED STUDY:

4. DECIDES THAT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS MEET DURING THE SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE TO STUDY INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY MEMBER STATES, SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS;

5. FURTHER DECIDES THAT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT ON ITS WORK THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

6. DECIDES FURTHER TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEM ENTITLED "REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE FOR THE DEFINING OF GUIDELINES FOR THE STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA".

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MISS HARDENS LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO MRS WISEMAN

1. THIS ITEM IS NOW SCHEDULED TO START ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER IN THE SPC. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST MEETING WILL OPEN WITH A STATEMENT BY MR GAIRY, THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA, (WHO IS COMING TO NEW YORK ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION) AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS BY SEVERAL EXPERTS ON UFO'S WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING MR GAIRY, AND BY A WALT DISNEY FILM WHICH MR GAIRY HAS ALSO LAID ON. THE COMMITTEE WILL THEN MOVE ON TO ANOTHER ITEM TO ALLOW TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS.

2. THE IDEA IS TO LET MR GAIRY HAVE HIS DAY, WAITING UNTIL HE HAS LEFT NEW YORK BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE WITH THE GRENADA MISSION WHICH WILL IDEALLY REQUIRE MINIMAL, OR EVEN NO, UN INVOLVEMENT AND NO ADDITIONAL UN EXPENDITURE. VARIOUS IDEAS ARE BEGINNING TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE CORRIDORS. WE MAY BE ABLE TO REPORT AFTER MONDAYS MEETING WHICH LOOK WORTH CONSIDERING.

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- AGENDA ITEM NO. 128: "UFOs" of Grenada to the ...
1. The attached letter which has been circulated to Missions by the Permanent Mission of Grenada is self-explanatory. In their preliminary soundings this year, it would seem that the Mission of Grenada has found little if any support for its more ambitious proposal for establishing an agency, or department, and is therefore falling back on a more modest proposal.
 2. I assume that you would wish us if possible to discourage this too, provided we are in good company and do not take the lead. It is possible however that it will acquire support as a fallback position which the majority will be prepared to go along with to save Grenada's face. We will keep in close touch with our allies.

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OUR REF:

The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and with reference to the Permanent Representative of Grenada's letter of August 29, 1978 has the honour to remind that Grenada's item on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomenon will come up for discussion in the Special Political Committee this week beginning November 27th.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada wishes to bring to the attention of Member States that, in the interest of not foisting upon the United Nations, at this point in time, the setting up of a Department or Agency which would involve heavy financial costs, the Government of Grenada is proposing that the contemplated study and research be placed in the hands of a small committee or ad hoc group of experts, whose task will be to submit a preliminary report on a possible framework for the study and research into the baffling phenomenon.

It is the hope of the Government of Grenada that this proposal and a draft resolution formulated along these lines will receive the support of Member States at the United Nations at this 33rd Regular Session of the General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada further has the honour to attach the general outline of the draft resolution contemplated.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, November 10, 1978

Permanent Mission of Member States
to the UNITED NATIONS
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PRELIMINARY
DRAFT RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Mindful of its commitment to promote international co-operation in solving international problems,

Aware of the growing interest taken by people of the world in Unidentified Flying Objects and related Phenomena which continue to baffle mankind, and in strange happenings in various parts of the world.....

Noting the statement made by the Prime Minister of Grenada at the 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd Session of the General Assembly regarding these baffling phenomena, and his appeal to have the United Nations conduct and co-ordinate research into Unidentified Flying Objects and related phenomena and to disseminate more widely among the Nations of the world information and other data gathered

Recognising the commitment to research into these phenomena demonstrated by individual scientists, researchers, educational institutions and National Governments.

1. Recommends that there be initiated a special official United Nations study on the nature and relationship of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomena.

2. Requests The Secretary-General to appoint at the earliest possible date an "ad hoc group of experts" of not more than seven (7) scientific experts drawn from within the United Nations Secretariat and from private research organisations with the task of elaborating a possible framework for the above-mentioned study.

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to make available to the ad hoc group of experts all the relevant material, including proposals made by Member States as well as previous and current studies available on the subject.

4. Further requests the Committee to submit a preliminary report on its work by June 1, 1979.

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to transmit the preliminary report of the ad hoc group of experts to Member States not later than July 30th, 1979.

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the Thirty Fourth Session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Report of the ad hoc group of experts" to investigate the nature and relationship of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomena.

7. Decides further that a comprehensive report of the committee will be tabled at the 35th Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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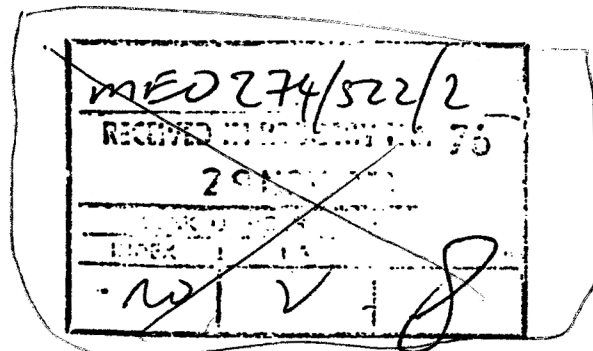
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33RD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AGENDA ITEM NO 128

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY OR A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UNDERTAKING, CO-ORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA (ITEM PROPOSED BY GRENADA (S/33/131)).



The attached brief has been prepared by the Energy Science and Space Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in consultation with Department of Industry and the Home Office. Any comments should be addressed to D A Lloyd in Energy Science and Space Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Tel 233 3209.

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To oppose the establishment of any such agency.

B POINTS TO MAKE

2. The British delegation does not think that the establishment of an agency for research into unidentified flying objects is appropriate to the functions of the United Nations. It considers that the existence of such an agency under UN auspices would be an unjustifiable drain on UN resources which could be better deployed elsewhere.

C TACTICS

3. Hopefully a confrontation with the representative of Grenada can be avoided, but the UK should not hesitate to make its views known as and when appropriate. You should seek whatever support you can particularly among the Nine.

BACKGROUND

4. At last year's UN General Assembly, the Grenadan delegation, with the full support of Premier Gairy, sought to establish an ad hoc working group of the UN to evaluate UFO reports. FCO Minsiters expressed the view that to set up any such body would reduce the credibility of the UN; accordingly the UK delegation was instructed to oppose. In the event, no vote was taken on the Grenadan Resolution; as a compromise, the General Assembly "studied the text" and requested the Secretary-General to transmit it "to states members of the UN and to interested specialised agencies so that they might communicate their views to the Secretary-General".

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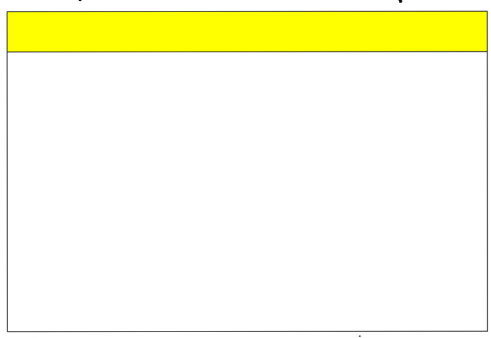
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MINISTERS HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, SINCE AGREEMENT TO SET UP SUCH AN AGENCY WOULD REDUCE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UN, WE SHOULD OPPOSE IT. YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY SEEKING WHATEVER SUPPORT YOU CAN, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE NINE.

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I attach copies of telegrams
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1. WE REMAIN FIRMLY OPPOSED TO A GRENADA RESOLUTION ON UFOS. WE DO NOT CONSIDER SUCH OPPOSITION LIKELY TO BE DAMAGING EITHER TO THE UK OR TO THE UN. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE UK'S INTENTION OF VOTING AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION CONTAINING AN OPERATIONAL OUTCOME, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS LEAVES US IN A MINORITY.

2. IF THE GRENADANS CAN BE PERSUADED TO ABANDON THEIR RESOLUTION WE THINK THAT REFERRAL OF THEIR UFO INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE ON OUTER SPACE WOULD PROVIDE THE BEST FACE SAVING DEVICE. THIS COMMITTEE IS AFTER ALL THE ESTABLISHED UN BODY DEALING WITH OUTER SPACE MATTERS. WE UNDERSTAND THE AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN'S ANXIETIES BUT THINK THAT IN VIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTING WORK LOAD, THIS ITSELF SHOULD BE A REASONABLE GUARANTEE THAT THE UFO ISSUE WOULD BE PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF ITS AGENDA WITH A FAIR CHANCE OF BEING IGNORED INDEFINITELY.

3. WE ARE LESS ATTRACTED TO THE SUGGESTION IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF TELNO. 2241. IT HAS THE DISADVANTAGE THAT ONCE THE UFO ISSUE WAS INSCRIBED AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT WOULD BE THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE AND WE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CERTAIN THAT CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM GRENADA, PERHAPS WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, WOULD NOT LEAD TO ITS DISCUSSION EITHER AT THE 33RD OR 34TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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SPC: UFO ITEM

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPC WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING THE GRENADANS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS TO ACCEPT HIS COMPROMISE SOLUTION, AND THIS AFTERNOON READ OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT CONSENSUS:

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA ON 28 NOVEMBER 1977 AND BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF GRENADA ON 28 AND 30 NOVEMBER AND ... DECEMBER 1977 (A/SPC/32/PV.35, A/SPC/32/SR.37 AND A/SPC/32/SR. ...).

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ALSO STUDIED THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY GRENADA (A/SPC/32/L.20).

3. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/SPC/32/L.20), TOGETHER WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED STATEMENTS, TO STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO INTERESTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, SO THAT THEY MAY COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

4. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO BRING THEIR REPLIES TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBER STATES AND INTERESTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

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Chairman: Mr. PIZA-ESCALANTE (Costa Rica)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 126: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY OR A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UNDERTAKING, CO-ORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA (continued) (A/33/141, A/33/268; A/SPC/33/L.20)

1. Mr. FRIDAY (Grenada)* read out a letter from L. Gordon Cooper, a former astronaut, expressing the belief that unidentified flying objects were extraterrestrial vehicles whose crews were visiting Earth from more technically advanced planets. Mr. Cooper had himself spent two days in 1951 observing UFOs of different sizes flying in fighter formation, generally from east to west over Europe. A top-level co-ordinated programme was needed to collect and analyse data from all over the world concerning all types of encounters and to determine how best to make friendly contact with such visitors. Man might have to prove to the visitors that he had learned to solve his problems by peaceful means rather than by warfare before he could be accepted as a fully qualified universal team member. Such acceptance would have tremendous possibilities for the advancement of the world in all areas, and it would certainly seem that the United Nations had an interest in handling the subject properly and expeditiously. If the United Nations agreed to pursue the project, many more well-qualified people might agree to provide help and information.

2. Mr. FRIEDMAN (Grenada)* said it was important to remember that men throughout the world had something in common: they were all earthlings, a fact which tended to be forgotten when man's many differences were aired. After 20 years of study, he believed that there was overwhelming evidence to suggest that the planet was being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles. The evidence took the form of eye-witness testimony from responsible persons, physical trace cases producing changes in the environment observable long after the UFO had left, radar visual sightings, photographs and abductions, apparently by aliens of earthlings and the subsequent return of the earthlings, although there was no knowledge of cases where earthlings had not been returned.

3. Every large-scale scientific study of UFOs had provided a substantial number of cases in which the observations clearly indicated that the UFO was a manufactured object behaving in ways which could not be duplicated by manufactured objects on Earth. The ability of UFOs to move and manoeuvre at thousands of miles an hour, without any visible external engine, wings or tail, indicated that the spacecraft had been manufactured by someone other than man. Many people wished to know why UFOs should visit Earth and what was happening on Earth that could be of interest to an advanced civilization. Probably there were many things of interest to someone concerned with the development of a primitive society. However, one thing was guaranteed to be of interest to another civilization and that was the fact that within one hundred years men would be going to the stars. He himself, as a nuclear physicist, had worked on fission and fusion propulsion systems which would be capable of transporting man to nearby star systems within reasonable periods of time, and it would be obvious to any alien in the neighbourhood that man would be doing so within a hundred years. Since the end of the Second World War, with the development

* The full text of this statement will appear in document A/SPC/33/PV.36.

(Mr. Friedman, Grenada)

of nuclear weapons, rockets and electronics, man had become of interest to other, advanced civilizations. Naturally, such civilizations would be concerned with their own survival and security and would therefore wish to be informed of the activities of another civilization which was just beginning space travel; it was therefore clear that the UFOs were obtaining data for their own purposes, acting as a kind of galactic federation intelligence agency.

4. People also wondered why UFOs did not make contact. He suggested that there was no one leader with whom such alien beings could make contact. Whereas the smallest reasonable political unit on a galactic neighbourhood basis was a planet or a solar system, from the alien viewpoint man's was a primitive society whose major activity was tribal warfare; it would make no more sense for alien beings to speak to individual countries than for the United Nations to address individual cities.

5. Some people were worried at the significance of flying saucers and wondered why, in the light of the importance of questions of peace, survival and hunger, people should concern themselves with such matters. He suggested that man's very survival might depend on his taking an earthling orientation. The easiest way of doing so was for him to try to see himself as others saw him. From up above, coming into the planet Earth, there were no boundary lines. Acceptance of oneself as an earthling would become natural when it was recognized that the planet Earth was being visited.

6. There were also practical aspects such as the significance of man's acquiring motive propulsion which would enable him to travel and to transport goods from place to place without using the traditional means of transport and without expending valuable resources which were normally burned and thrown away. It was clear that aliens had solved problems such as the development of new and better means of producing energy. In addition, the Earth might well have some resources which could be exported to alien civilizations; as the densest planet in the solar system, the Earth had more valuable heavy metals than any other planet in the neighbourhood and might also have plant life and other materials which would be of interest to aliens.

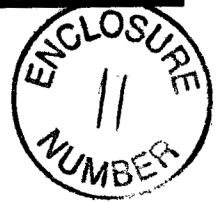
7. Modern astronomy frequently assumed, in relation to the possibility of contact with extraterrestrial intelligences, that all other solar systems were isolated in the same manner as our own, in which the nearest star to the sun was four light years away. However, within our own galactic neighbourhood there were approximately 1,000 stars, of which 46 were similar to the sun and might well be expected to have planets and life; some of those planets would be much older than Earth. In addition, research into UFOs had revealed the existence of two sun-like stars, Zeta I Reticulae and Zeta II Reticulae, which were separated by only three light weeks; such close proximity would suggest that interstellar travel and communication might have been developed much earlier than on our isolated planet. Three recent professional publications had expressed the view that our entire galaxy had probably already been colonized. Perhaps the most important thing to recognize was that the next generation would grow up in a drastically different situation; unless something was done to prevent it, another dozen countries would soon have nuclear weapons and the world would be further divided into groups instead of becoming the earthling civilization which was necessary for its survival.

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8. Mr. FRIDAY (Grenada) invited members of the Committee to make suggestions and recommendations concerning the draft resolution submitted by his delegation (A/SPC/33/L.20); his delegation was very flexible as to the actual mechanism to be decided on by the Committee for monitoring and co-ordinating research into UFOs and would be interested to hear the ideas of other delegations on the matter. He assumed that the vote on the resolution would take place at a later date.
9. The CHAIRMAN said that the substantive consideration of and vote on the resolution would be deferred until a later meeting.
10. Mr. TUBMAN (Liberia) requested that the statements made by the members of the delegation of Grenada should be reproduced in extenso in the records so that delegates could study them more closely.
11. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the General Assembly, at the 4th plenary meeting of its current session, had decided to maintain the option that had traditionally been approved for the Special Political Committee to obtain transcriptions of debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof.
12. Miss HARDEN (United Kingdom) asked what the financial implications of such action would be.
13. The CHAIRMAN said that such expenditure as might be incurred by the provision of transcriptions of the Committee's debates was considered to be part of the normal work of the General Assembly; there were no direct financial implications. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the request made by the representative of Liberia.
14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 February 2003 14:10
To: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk
Subject: Code Of Practice releases



Section 40

We have now looked at the papers you wish to release under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

We are happy that the information is released in compliance with the code however we would not like the complete documents to be copied to your customer. I am sending you back the copies highlighting the parts we would like redacted from the documents. I hope this is helpful.

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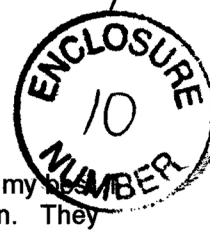
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30 January 2003

To: Section 40

Subject: RE: Request for advice on release of information

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I have put a copy of the papers in the post to you. I am not familiar with fco references but I will do my best to have include the file or copy addressees as this may give you a clue as to what files they may be on. They documents are as follows;

Unclassified signal - from UKMIS New York 082118Z Dec 78 to Routine FCO

United Nations General Assembly- Special Political Committee -Summary Record of the 36th Meeting dated 27 November 1978 (Ref: A/SPC/33/SR.36)

Unclassified signal - from UKMIS New York 060230Z Dec 78 to Priority FCO (files:ES & ED, UND, UNDIODM, EID, M and CD, Miss Brown)

Restricted signal - from UKMIS New York 060229Z Dec 78 to Priority FCO (files:ES & SD, UND, UND/ODM, FID, M and CD, Miss Brown)

Confidential signal - from FCO 051720Z Dec 78 to Immediate UKMIS New York (files: UND, ES & SD, M and CD, PS/Mr Luard, Mr Weir)

Confidential Minute from T L Richardson, Energy Science & Space Department to Miss Brown and PS/Mr Luard dated 4 December 1978 (cc. Mr Weir, UND, MECD,

News Department).

Restricted signal - from UKMIS New York 280110Z to Immediate FCO (files: UND, M & CD, Mr Weir)

Restricted signal - from UKMIS New York 280117Z Nov 78 to Immediate FCO (files:UND, M & CD, Mr Weir)

Restricted signal - from UKMIS New York 250124Z Nov 78 to Routine FCO (files: UND, M & CD)

Restricted letter from United Nations Mission to the United Nations to Mrs Wiseman, UN Dept, FCO dated 21 Nov 1978, Ref: 274/8

Restricted report-Ref:IOC (78)100 dated 15 September 1978 - 33rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly - Agenda Item No.128

Restricted signal - from FCO 301343Z to Immediate UKMIS New York (files:ES & SD, UND, MAED, PS/Mr Judd, PS/Mr Luard, Mr Burrows, Mr Weir)

Confidential signal from FCO 011703Z to Immediate UKMIS New York (files: ES & SD, UN Dept, N AM D, M & CD, Mr Burrows, Mr Weir)

Unclassified signal from UKMIS New York 062210Z to Routine FCO (files:ES & SD, UND, NAD, M & CD, PS/Mr Judd, PS/Mr Luard, Mr Burrows, Mr Weir)

I hope this is helpful. When you have received the documents I would be grateful if you could give me an estimate of the time it is likely to take to decide on release (or not) of these documents. My telephone number is 020 7218 6638.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Section 40

Sent: 30 January 2003 10:11

To: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk

Subject: RE: Request for advice on release of information

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I am the same as Section 40. The documents have any references so I can check them before the documents get here.

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-----Original Message-----

From: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk [mailto:DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk]

Sent: 30 January 2003 09:55

To: Section 40

Subject: RE: Request for advice on release of information

I can not fax these documents as some are marked Confidential. I will have to send them by

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first class post. Please could you give me your address or are you at exactly the same address as **Section 40**

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-----Original Message-----

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 29 January 2003 14:47
To: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk
Subject: RE: Request for advice on release of information

I am sorry I have not yet got back to you. I have been involved in a complicated DPA case which has kept me away from my desk in Hanslope Park. I forwarded your request to a colleague who as I have been unable to chase up has mis-laid the papers can you let me have more copies my fax number is **Section 40** or can you e-mail me the details with the references and I endeavour to let you have a full reply by mid next week. I can only apologise for the inconvenience of this.

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-----Original Message-----

From: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk [mailto:DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk]
Sent: 23 January 2003 11:39
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Request for advice on release of information

Dear **Section 40**

I understand from **Section 40** that you have been passed my request for advice on the possible release of information to a member of the public. The individual concerned has now been waited for over 2 months for a decision on the release of the documents and frequently asks us when he may hear whether he is to receive these papers. As you are probably aware, the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information states that a reply should be given within 20 working days. We are clearly well over this 20 day deadline already which would not look particularly favourable if the individual chooses to take his case to the Parliamentary Ombudsman. I would therefore be grateful if you could give me an estimate of how long it may be before a decision is made. If there are particular concerns about these documents or you are having to consult others outside the FCO, please let me know.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Dr David Clarke

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11

Date
30 January 2003

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 3 January, with which you enclosed a cheque for £260 for the papers sent to you on the 9 December 2002. Please find enclosed a receipt as requested.

With regard to your further points, I will address these in the same order as your letter.

1. We are still awaiting advice on the release of papers from file DS8/75/3 Part A. I apologise for the delay. As soon as I have a decision, I will write to you. If cleared for release, we will, of course, send you copies of these papers.
2. We have no record of file S4/4/8/1 amongst our records of surviving 'UFO' files. However, as the document mentioned consultation with DI54 I ask DI staff to search their archives and the enclosed documents have been located which seem to be relevant to your enquiry. Personal details have been removed. I have also removed part of paragraph 5, lines 7 to 9 of the loose minute to Head of DI54 dated 13 December 1977. This is because it contains information contained in the documents mentioned in paragraph 1 which have not yet been released. If this information is released to you at a later date, I will also send you another copy of this document. The original letter from the clergyman was not on the file, but we are making further enquiries to see if it can be located. I will let you know the outcome of these enquiries as soon as possible. I have also checked with our archives to see if they hold any files with the references D/S4(Air)8/2/1C, (mentioned in these papers), S4/4/8/1 or S4(Air)4/8/1, but they been unable to locate any such surviving files.
3. The papers sent to you from file D/Sec(AS)12/7 were as requested, copies of reports and the assessment made. I can confirm that **Section 40** report was not seen by ACAS. The Head of Sec(AS) wrote to ACAS to advise him of these events because around that time there had been speculation in the media and a parliamentary question by Lord Kennet asking whether USAF experimental aircraft had been authorised to fly over the UK. ACAS noted this, but had nothing to add.
4. The file D/Sec(AS)64/2 does contain a copy of the MPs letter to the Department and we are currently taking advice about its release. I will write to you again as soon as possible regarding this matter.

5. You asked how requests for information will be handled when the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gains full public access in January 2005. Work is currently underway on the processes to be used when answering Requests for Information (RFI) under the FOIA. Each request will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Where requests are broad or vague, it is likely that individuals will be asked to be more specific about the information required in order to reduce costs. With regard to fees, the Act states that the maximum fee shall not exceed 10% of the prescribed cost and the disbursements. These include locating and retrieving the information, and the direct costs of communicating it to the individual concerned. Where the prescribed costs exceed £600 the Department is not obliged to comply with the request.

6. Finally, you mentioned the future of UFO records that are less than 30 years old. As you rightly state, many of the files we hold contain the personal details of those who have either reported their sightings to us, or have corresponded with the MOD and to protect their privacy these details would have to be removed before the papers could be released. However, in the remaining time before full implementation of the Act we will be reviewing the information we hold to see what material may be made more generally available via the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme. This Scheme was launched on 29 November 2002 as the first step towards the introduction of the FOIA and can be found at www.foi.mod.uk.

7. I hope this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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**From: Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace)
Operations & Policy 1**

RECEIPT

In payment for work researching, reviewing and copying of material.

Received on 6 January 2003 a cheque for the sum of £260.00

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/S4(Air) 8/2/10

Head of DI54

Copies to:
ADI 55 ✓
DD Ops (GE)(RAF)
ACS(G)(RAF)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. You asked me to comment on loose minute DCD3(I)/52 dated 9 December 1977. As you know, S4(Air) are responsible for answering public enquiries and for briefing Ministers on MPs' questions about UFOs. I attach our stock reply which has been endorsed by successive Ministers - and which, if you agree, might serve as the basis of the reply to CDS's correspondent.
2. So far as I know there has been no British Scientific enquiry into the possible existence of UFOs, nor is there evidence that MOD has taken the question very seriously. However, we have kept in touch with the United States Air Force who made a systematic, if protracted, attempt to record and investigate UFO sightings from 1952 to 1968. The USAF enquiry, known as Project Blue Book, was followed by a study which was originally suggested by a member of a congressional investigation in the Armed Forces Committee and which was assigned by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to the University of Colorado. It was led by Dr Edward V Condon, Professor of Physics and formerly Director of the National Bureau of Standards. This is the enquiry referred to in the attached brief and, as stated there, it was endorsed in 1969 by the National Academy of Sciences who concluded that there was no scientific or military justification for further study of UFOs, that the reports of UFOs up to that time posed no threat to national security and that continuance of the Blue Book Project was of doubtful value. The Condon report caused a good deal of controversy and, I believe, was much criticised. However, when I consulted the RAF Staff in Washington about this they assured me in August 1976 that HQ USAF saw no likelihood of their further involvement in this area. The USAF pointed to the considerable Air Force commitment of resources in the past, the extreme pressure on Air Force funds in 1976 and the fact that since 1969 no evidence had been presented to warrant further investigation.
3. It is always possible of course, that the considerable correspondence addressed to MOD might contain some hint, not of UFOs, but of something with a hostile terrestrial origin which could have a bearing on national security. We have therefore been careful to refer all UFO enquiries from the public to ADI55 and DD Ops (GE)(RAF) for any further investigation which they might consider to be justified. As a Secretariat branch, S4(Air) does not need to know about this type of enquiry and we do not ask for further information; we tell the public flatly that we cannot enter into detailed correspondence, and enquiries are not necessarily made to the point of positive identification. The only exception to this is the occasional case where a Member of Parliament shows exceptional interest or concern and we seek ADI 55's advice so that the Minister can reply more fully and specifically than the standard draft allows.
4. That is all there really is to the MOD UFO "policy" except that we do not publish the correspondence from the public. The only reason for that is lack of staff; we would have to obliterate the identities of our many correspondents, and possibly occasional references to classified subjects, and there is no one we can spare for the job.

5. As it happens, however, I was about to seek confirmation of the general line we take even before you consulted me on the letter sent to CDS. There is always a steady public interest in UFOs and from time to time it tends to increase unaccountably. There was a sustained flurry in the 1960s which was sufficient to embroil my predecessor in a BBC TV programme. Last summer there was some concern in Wales although the RAF Police thought this could have been the work of a practical joker. In the last few weeks the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and he has also had discussions with Mr Jimmy Carter whom the Press have connected with UFOs in the past. Then a few days ago the Earl of Glancarty put down a number of questions in the House of Lords referring to UFO investigations allegedly under way in France and a broadcast said to have been made in 1974 by the Contemporary French Minister of Defence. (See Hansard extracts attached).

6. We believe that [REDACTED] is a Vice President of the British UFO Research Association. I should add that we were unable to verify the alleged Ministerial broadcast when a member of the public told us in 1976 that in it the French had admitted the existence of flying saucers. The British Air Attache in Paris did find out however that the French operate a procedure under which UFO reports from the public go in the first instance to the French Defence Ministry (Air) who study the military implications and finally to a Government organisation known as the Centre Nationale D'Etude Spatial where the reports are considered by scientists. The reports are also fed into a computer where they are "added to the statistics of the problem". We were advised that the French military authorities had found nothing of an aggressive nature in the sightings although their scientists had been unable to explain the phenomena. As this information came to us by telephone I have now written to the Air Attache to document it and up date it in the light of the Earl of Glancarty's questions.

7. One way and another there could be renewed interest in UFOs in the next few months and I have already been asked to take stock of our current policy. The basic questions are: -

- a. Should we take flying saucers seriously?
- b. Is the general MOD policy valid (as outlined in the attached brief and as supplemented above)?
- c. Is it correct to confine MOD investigations to the defence implications of alleged UFO sightings - should the investigations be extended either in the interest of national defence or more widely into the more speculative field concerning the possible existence of extra terrestrial vehicles?
- d. Should MOD take the public more seriously and, for example, visit the places where sightings have been reported (a line of enquiry; I might add which could not be undertaken by S4(Air)'s slender establishment)?

8. I should be most grateful if you would seek the views of DSTI and Air Cdre (Int) whom I believe you will be consulting before reporting to CDS.

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MA/DCS(1)

Copy to: S4(Air) SO/Air Cdre(Int)
DI 55 ← DI 3(Air)

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Ref A: DCDS(1)/52 dated 9/12/77

1. You requested at Ref A a "well analysed" reply to a letter addressed to CDS by the Rev [REDACTED], Secretary of the Christian UFO Research Society.
2. I attach at
a draft covering minute for DCDS(1) to send to CDS and at
a draft reply for CDS to send to the Rev [REDACTED] PIAG 5
PIAG 4
3. No doubt CDS will receive his fair share of correspondence both from serious ufologists and from ufo-freaks during his term of office. I would not want the fact that DI 54 has taken on the task of replying to this particular letter to result in these queries being directed to me, and I would be most grateful if you would gently remind PSO/CDS that S4(Air) is the MOD Branch with responsibility for dealing with UFO enquiries. S4(Air) and also DI 55 have generously contributed to the attached response.

[REDACTED]

14 Dec 77

Hd DI 54

DRAFT

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

CDS

UFO CORRESPONDENCE

1. You requested me to let you have a reply to a letter you have received on UFO's from the Rev [REDACTED]
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DCDS(I)

Annex A to

DRAFT REPLY TO LETTER FROM THE REV [REDACTED]

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 - b) little, if anything, had come from the study of UFOs during 21 years that added to scientific knowledge;

- c) further extensive study of UFO sightings was not justified in the expectation that science would be advanced thereby;
- d) no evidence had come to light that UFO sightings might represent a defence hazard.

4. Although I would not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life may exist in outer space, the UFO reports that have reached the MOD to date contain no evidence to support this hypothesis. The conclusions of the American work are persuasive and I would not disagree with any of their findings.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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The Ministry of Defence would not disagree with any of these findings.

3. Reports of UFOs are not in themselves regarded by the Department as necessarily classified material; ~~reports are, however,~~ in common with all correspondence received from the general public, ^{the reports are} treated as confidential and are closed to public scrutiny until such time as they would become available in accordance with the Public Records Act ie at the end of 30 years. However, ~~No~~ reports earlier than 1962 are held in the Department.

4. ~~Finally,~~ The Ministry of Defence does not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life could exist in outer space. However, the UFO reports that have reached the Department to date contain no evidence to support this hypothesis.

14-12-1977

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[LORDS]

Answers

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Aviation Terminal has been brought into use for domestic flights only, and therefore attendance by Customs and Immigration staff will not be necessary.

which go beyond defence interests are not carried out by the Department.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Earl of CLANCARTY asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware that in an interview on France-Inter radio on 21st February 1974 Monsieur Robert Galley, then French Minister of Defence, stated that his Ministry had set up a section in 1954 to study eye-witness accounts of unidentified flying objects; and whether our Ministry of Defence also has a section to investigate these unidentified flying objects.

Lord WINTERBOTTOM: The Government have no record of a statement made in February 1974 by the then French Minister of Defence.

Our Ministry of Defence has no specific organisation engaged on the examination of reports of unidentified flying objects; reports are examined by specialist staffs as part of their normal duties to see if they contain any implications for the defence of the United Kingdom. Investigations into any scientific significance of phenomena

ROAD SIGNS

Lord DE CLIFFORD asked Her Majesty's Government:

What information the large yellow backed road signs exhibiting black triangles, diamonds, circles and squares now proliferating in the West Midlands meant to convey to the motorist; and whether they will be included in the new *Highway Code* for everyone's information.

Baroness STEDMAN: These new signs mark routes for traffic to follow when some emergency requires a section of motorway to be closed. They guide drivers from the motorway and back to it beyond the point of closure. Because the signs are at present individually authorised for each route and have not yet been prescribed in regulations for general use, they are not being included in the new *Highway Code*; but they have received press publicity and an explanatory leaflet has been produced for distribution to drivers. I shall be sending the noble Lord a copy of the leaflet and copies have been placed in the Library.

House adjourned at ten minutes before eight o'clock.

include persons detained on completion of a sentence of imprisonment.

(4) No information is readily available about the average time spent in custody prior to deportation by persons who had not been imprisoned for a criminal offence.

(5) The longest period for which such a person in custody on 31st October 1977 had been held under the 1971 Act awaiting deportation was 301 days.

(6) There is considerable variation in the circumstances of those held to await deportation after serving custodial sentences. The only information readily available relates to 74 people discharged from Pentonville prison in the first half of 1977: this shows that a quarter of those recommended for deportation spent less than 21 days in custody between the completion of their sentence and their deportation; a half spent 43 days or less; and three-quarters spent 68 days or less.

(7) Unconvicted prisoners, including those detained under the provision of the 1971 Act, can apply to make personal telephone calls within the United Kingdom for the following purposes:

- (a) for urgent domestic reasons,
- (b) to clear up immediate business problems,
- (c) to consult a solicitor,
- (d) to arrange bail securities,
- (e) to contact a national representative at an Embassy etc.

(8) A request for assistance for a visit to a detainee would be considered on the same basis as for a visit to a remand prisoner.

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instructed to collect reports and investigate these unidentified flying objects.

Lord HARRIS of GREENWICH: The Government has no knowledge of either the radio interview to which the Question refers, or the role played by the gendarmerie in investigating unidentified flying objects. The police in this country have not been asked to collect reports of, or investigate, unidentified flying objects. The jurisdiction and powers of the police are normally confined to terrestrial activities, but I have every confidence that should an occasion arise where there is evidence that an unidentified flying object has landed within a police area, the police force concerned will investigate it with its customary vigour. However, until there is some clear indication that the frequency of such occurrences is likely to impose a significant burden on the police, I doubt whether it would prove fruitful to issue guidance on this subject.

" A STUDY OF EXMOOR "

Lord NORTHFIELD asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will make a Statement on Lord Porchester's Report *A Study of Exmoor*.

Baroness STEDMAN: As the House was informed on 6th April last, my right honourable friends the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food appointed Lord Porchester to undertake a study of changes in the moorland areas of the Exmoor National Park, because they felt that the exceptional character of the moor as a national heritage and the need to balance and safeguard the various interests concerned called for special and immediate study.

My right honourable friends are greatly indebted to Lord Porchester for the fair and expeditious way in which he has conducted the Survey and prepared his report. This was published yesterday and copies are available in the Printed Paper Office.

The report establishes that since 1947 the total area of moorland in the National Park has been reduced by some 12,000 acres. Within the Critical Amenity Area

countries. She has extended and expanded in the best possible way our whole approach to aid, and I should like it made absolutely clear that that is what we meant.

I should like to give the noble Lord another quotation from his article. He said that in this particular project the Government's case was based on "less elevated political motives". In answer to this I should like to give one quotation from a recent article of my right honourable friend. It is this:

"... we all need to take into account human rights, whether it be Cambodia or Uganda, Indonesia, Chile, or Bolivia, Czechoslovakia or the Soviet Union".

I am most grateful for the support I have received tonight from my two noble friends—indeed a powerful and impressive combination, and from the noble Lord, Lord Avebury, in another powerful contribution. I think now that on the question of aid for Bolivia we must look to the future. We shall not go back on our decision about the tin mining project. As I have said, our offer of assistance has been welcomed, and our commitment to help when we can find the right projects is a firm one. The Government's reasons for deciding against the mining projects are good ones. They are perfectly well understood by the Bolivian Government, and we look forward to mutually satisfactory relations over new projects.

WRITTEN ANSWERS

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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objects, working closely with the French one.

The MINISTER of STATE, DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION and SCIENCE (Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge): Her Majesty's Government understand that a study group called the Groupe d'Etudes sur les Phenomenes Aerospaciales Non-Identifies (GEPAN) has been set up under the French Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Artisans at the National Centre for Space Studies in Toulouse. The group has no formal links with the United Kingdom, and we have no similar scientific group to study unidentified objects or phenomena.

LEGAL AID REFUSALS

Lord CHITNIS asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will list in the *Official Report* the number of applications for legal aid which have been refused for each year since 1970 and whether they will classify this information according to the following categories:

- (a) where the Supplementary Benefits Commission have determined the applicant's disposable income at an amount greater than the limit;
- (b) where the Supplementary Benefits Commission have determined the applicant's disposable capital at an amount greater than the limit;
- (c) where the proceedings to which the application related are not proceedings for which legal aid may be given;
- (d) where the applicant has not shown that he has reasonable grounds for taking, defending, or being a party to the proceedings;
- (e) where it appears unreasonable that the applicant should receive legal aid in the particular circumstances of the case.

The LORD CHANCELLOR: The available information is set out below in two tables. No information is available about category (c) and combined figures only are available for categories (a) and (b). In England and Wales combined figures only are available for categories (d) and (e).



To SL(Air) 8/2/1C, SL(Air) 4/8/1, SL 4/4/8/1

F.A.O. Section 40

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Section 40

I am sorry we are unable to locate the file(s) you requested on the information you have provided. If you can furnish any further details please complete and return the following questionnaire so that we can conduct another search.

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Subject of the Files / Titles _____

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Date of last enclosure _____

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Date sent to Hayes Archive _____

Do you hold a receipt from Hayes for these Docs YES / NO
If YES please enclose a photocopy.

Any other information that may be helpful

Continue overleaf if necessary

Signed Section 40

Date 23/01/03

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: DR2, Bourne Avenue, Hayes – **Section 40**

SUBJECT: Request for search for file in archives

DATE: 23 January 2003

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER: 1

I have received a request for information under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information and need to try to trace a file from 1977. We have no registered file record sheets with these numbers so are unsure whether the file has survived, but would be grateful if you would confirm whether there is any such file held in your archives. If you do find a file/files I would be grateful if you could send them to me asap.

The file could be listed under the following numbers;
D/S4(Air)8/2/1C
D/S4(Air)4/8/1
S4/4/8/1

The file is likely (but not certain) to have 'unidentified flying objects' or 'UFO' in its title.

Thank you for your help. Please give me a call if you require any further information.

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AS-LA OpsPol1

From: Section 40
Sent: 29 January 2003 14:47
To: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk
Subject: RE: Request for advice on release of information

I am sorry I have not yet got back to you. I have been involved in a complicated DPA case which has kept me away from my desk in Hanslope Park. I forwarded your request to a colleague who as I have been unable to chase up has mis-laid the papers can you let me have more copies my fax number is Section 40 or can you e-mail me the details with the references and I endeavour to let you have a full reply by mid next week. I can only apologise for the inconvenience of this.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----

From: DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk [mailto:DAS-LAOpsPol1@defence.mod.uk]
Sent: 23 January 2003 11:39
To: Section 40
Subject: Request for advice on release of information

Dear Section 40

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Thank you for your assistance.

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DAS-LA OpsPol1

From: Section 40
Sent: 21 January 2003 08:29
To: DAS-LAOpsPol1@DEFENCE.MOD.UK
Cc: Section 40
Subject: RE: Release of Information

Please refer to your e-mail msg of 17 Jan.

I am only a part-time re-tread reviewer. I passed your original enquiry to the Departmental Retrieval Section for action, where Section 40 is dealing. She is aware of the enquiry and has your last communication on the subject.

regards,

Section 40

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LOOSE MINUTE

DI ISEC /10/8/3

13 January 2003



DAS LA (Ops&Pol)1

Copy to:
DI 55b

LETTER FROM DR CLARKE DATED 3 JANUARY 2003

1. Thank you for sending across the correspondence from Dr Clarke dated 3 January 2003.
2. We have managed to locate some of the documents referred to in Dr Clarke's letter which I attach. I have asked DI ST to see whether we still hold the file referenced here, DSTI 107/27, which may contain the original letter from Reverend Inglesby.
3. I have investigated with DI 55 whether we could send you the file which contained the attached documents, DI55/108/15 part 4. Some of the enclosures, however, are classified, and they would prefer not to send it. I therefore suggest that, if you have time, I could arrange for you to come across and flag up any documents you think would be helpful to you. I could clear their release with DI 55 and copy them to you. Alternatively, I could go through the file and identify relevant enclosures myself. Please let me know what you would prefer.
4. I will let you know by whether we trace any more correspondence relevant to Dr Clarke's enquiry.

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/S4(Air) 8/2/10

Head of DI54

Copies to: 
ADI 55 ✓
DD Ops (GE)(RAF)
ACS(G)(RAF)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. You asked me to comment on loose minute DCD3(I)/52 dated 9 December 1977. As you know, S4(Air) are responsible for answering public enquiries and for briefing Ministers on MPs' questions about UFOs. I attach our stock reply which has been endorsed by successive Ministers *and which, if you agree, might serve as the basis of the reply to CDS's correspondent.*
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4. That is all there really ~~is~~ to the MOD UFO "policy" ~~except~~ that we do not publish the correspondence from the public. The only reason for that is lack of staff; we would have to obliterate the identities of our many correspondents, and possibly occasional references to classified subjects, and there is no one we can spare for the job.

5. As it happens, however, I was about to seek confirmation of the general line we take even before you consulted me on the letter sent to CDS. There is always a steady public interest in UFOs and from time to time it tends to increase unaccountably. There was a sustained flurry in the 1960s which was sufficient to embroil my predecessor in a BBC TV programme. Last summer there was some concern in Wales although the RAF Police thought this could have been the work of a practical joker. In the last few weeks the Prime Minister of Grenada has secured a UFO debate at the United Nations (which could conceivably involve the Foreign Office and No 10 in correspondence) and he has also had discussions with Mr Jimmy Carter whom the Press have connected with UFOs in the past. Then a few days ago the Earl of Glancarty put down a number of questions in the House of Lords referring to UFO investigations allegedly under way in France and a broadcast said to have been made in 1974 by the Contemporary French Minister of Defence. (See Hansard extracts attached).

6. We believe that the Earl's half brother and heir, the Hon Brinsley Le Poer French, is a Vice President of the British UFO Research Association. I should add that we were unable to verify the alleged Ministerial broadcast when a member of the public told us in 1976 that in it the French had admitted the existence of flying saucers. The British Air Attache in Paris did find out however that the French operate a procedure under which UFO reports from the public go in the first instance to the French Defence Ministry (Air) who study the military implications and finally to a Government organisation known as the Centre Nationale D'Etude Spatial where the reports are considered by scientists. The reports are also fed into a computer where they are "added to the statistics of the problem". We were advised that the French military authorities had found nothing of an aggressive nature in the sightings although their scientists had been unable to explain the phenomena. As this information came to us by telephone I have now written to the Air Attache to document it and up date it in the light of the Earl of Glancarty's questions.

7. One way and another there could be renewed interest in UFOs in the next few months and I have already been asked to take stock of our current policy. The basic questions are: -

- a. Should we take flying saucers seriously?
- b. Is the general MOD policy valid (as outlined in the attached brief and as supplemented above)?
- c. Is it correct to confine MOD investigations to the defence implications of alleged UFO sightings - should the investigations be extended either in the interest of national defence or more widely into the more speculative field concerning the possible existence of extra terrestrial vehicles?
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8. I should be most grateful if you would seek the views of DSTI and Air Cdre (Int) whom I believe you will be consulting before reporting to CDS.

13 December 1977

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S4(Air)

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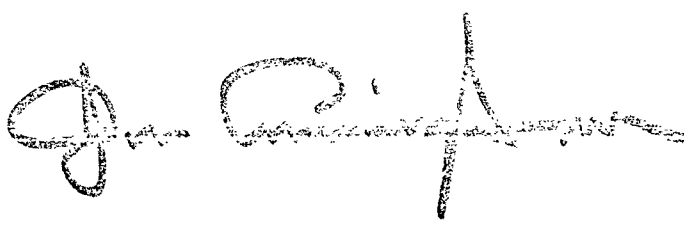
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Ref A: DCDS(1)/52 dated 9/12/77

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2. I attach at PIAG 5
a draft covering minute for DCDS(1) to send to CDS and at PIAG 4
a draft reply for CDS to send to the Rev Inglesby.

3. No doubt CDS will receive his fair share of correspondence both from serious ufologists and from ufo-freaks during his term of office. I would not want the fact that DI 54 has taken on the task of replying to this particular letter to result in these queries being directed to me, and I would be most grateful if you would gently remind PSO/CDS that S4(Air) is the MOD Branch with responsibility for dealing with UFO enquiries. S4(Air) and also DI 55 have generously contributed to the attached response.



14 Dec 77

Hd DI 54

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2. Simple explanations have been found for the great majority of UFO reports, the most common single source being aircraft or the lights of aircraft seen under unusual conditions. Other common explanations are astronomical sightings, space satellites or space junk, balloons, unusual cloud formations or aircraft condensation trails. Unexplained reports have often been found to be imprecise or lacking in some essential data, but otherwise to have been no different in kind from other reports.

3. I am of course aware of work that has been done elsewhere, in particular the studies of the University of Colorado, whose main findings were endorsed by a panel of the US National Academy of Sciences. The conclusions the panel came to were:

- a) about 90% of all UFO reports proved to be quite plausibly related to ordinary phenomena;
- b) little, if anything, had come from the study of UFOs during 21 years that added to scientific knowledge;

- c) further extensive study of UFO sightings was not justified in the expectation that science would be advanced thereby;
- d) no evidence had come to light that UFO sightings might represent a defence hazard.

4. Although I would not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life may exist in outer space, the UFO reports that have reached the MOD to date contain no evidence to support this hypothesis. The conclusions of the American work are persuasive and I would not disagree with any of their findings.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) reports are received in the Ministry of Defence from various sources, such as members of the public, the police, and Service units. The sole aim of the Ministry of Defence is to establish any possible defence implications. *We have no resources to* ~~We do not~~ undertake to ~~pursue~~ the investigation to the point of positive correlation with a known object and there is no organisation appointed for the study of UFOs, per se. UFO reports are examined by various specialist staff within the Ministry of Defence and ~~RAF Commands~~ as part of their normal staff responsibilities. Such staff have access to all information available to the Ministry of Defence. They can call on the full scientific and professional resources of the Department and if necessary may call on the expert advice of other Government and non-Government bodies. Simple explanations have been found for the great majority of UFO reports, the most common single source being aircraft or the lights of aircraft seen under unusual conditions. Other common explanations are astronomical sightings, space satellites or space junk, balloons, unusual cloud formations or aircraft condensation trails. Unexplained reports have often been found to be imprecise or lacking in some essential data, but other wise to have been no different in kind from other reports.

2. Since the Ministry of Defence interest in UFOs is limited to the defence aspect a study of the scientific significance of UFOs has not been carried out, although we are of course aware of work that has been done elsewhere, in particular the studies of the University of Colorado, whose main findings were endorsed by a panel of the US National Academy of Sciences. The conclusions the panel came to were:

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The Ministry of Defence would not disagree with any of these findings.

3. Reports of UFOs are not in themselves regarded by the Department as necessarily classified material; ~~reports are, however,~~ in common with all correspondence received from the general public, ^{the reports are} treated as confidential and are closed to public scrutiny until such time as they would become available in accordance with the Public Records Act ie at the end of 30 years. ~~However,~~ ^{No} reports earlier than 1962 are held in the Department.

4. ~~Finally,~~ The Ministry of Defence does not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life could exist in outer space. However, the UFO reports that have reached the Department to date contain no evidence to support this hypothesis.

14 December 1977

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Answers

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Aviation Terminal has been brought into use for domestic flights only, and therefore attendance by Customs and Immigration staff will not be necessary.

which go beyond defence interests are not carried out by the Department.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Earl of CLANCARTY asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware that in an interview on France-Inter radio on 21st February 1974 Monsieur Robert Galley, then French Minister of Defence, stated that his Ministry had set up a section in 1954 to study eye-witness accounts of unidentified flying objects; and whether our Ministry of Defence also has a section to investigate these unidentified flying objects.

Lord WINTERBOTTOM: The Government have no record of a statement made in February 1974 by the then French Minister of Defence.

Our Ministry of Defence has no specific organisation engaged on the examination of reports of unidentified flying objects; reports are examined by specialist staffs as part of their normal duties to see if they contain any implications for the defence of the United Kingdom. Investigations into any scientific significance of phenomena

ROAD SIGNS

Lord DE CLIFFORD asked Her Majesty's Government:

What information the large yellow backed road signs exhibiting black triangles, diamonds, circles and squares now proliferating in the West Midlands meant to convey to the motorist; and whether they will be included in the new *Highway Code* for everyone's information.

Baroness STEDMAN: These new signs mark routes for traffic to follow when some emergency requires a section of motorway to be closed. They guide drivers from the motorway and back to it beyond the point of closure. Because the signs are at present individually authorised for each route and have not yet been prescribed in regulations for general use, they are not being included in the new *Highway Code*; but they have received press publicity and an explanatory leaflet has been produced for distribution to drivers. I shall be sending the noble Lord a copy of the leaflet and copies have been placed in the Library.

House adjourned at ten minutes before eight o'clock.

include persons detained on completion of a sentence of imprisonment.

(4) No information is readily available about the average time spent in custody prior to deportation by persons who had not been imprisoned for a criminal offence.

(5) The longest period for which such a person in custody on 31st October 1977 had been held under the 1971 Act awaiting deportation was 301 days.

(6) There is considerable variation in the circumstances of those held to await deportation after serving custodial sentences. The only information readily available relates to 74 people discharged from Pentonville prison in the first half of 1977: this shows that a quarter of those recommended for deportation spent less than 21 days in custody between the completion of their sentence and their deportation; a half spent 43 days or less; and three-quarters spent 63 days or less.

(7) Unconvicted prisoners, including those detained under the provision of the 1971 Act, can apply to make personal telephone calls within the United Kingdom for the following purposes:

- (a) for urgent domestic reasons,
- (b) to clear up immediate business problems,
- (c) to consult a solicitor,
- (d) to arrange bail securities,
- (e) to contact a national representative at an Embassy etc.

(8) A request for assistance for a visit to a detainee would be considered on the same basis as for a visit to a remand prisoner.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Earl of CLANCARTY asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware that Monsieur Robert Galley, the then French Minister of Defence, in his radio interview on the France-Inter radio on 21st February 1974 stated that the gendarmerie are playing a very large part in official investigations into unidentified flying object sightings and alleged landings; and whether our police have been likewise officially

instructed to collect reports and investigate these unidentified flying objects.

Lord HARRIS of GREENWICH: The Government has no knowledge of either the radio interview to which the Question refers, or the role played by the gendarmerie in investigating unidentified flying objects. The police in this country have not been asked to collect reports of, or investigate, unidentified flying objects. The jurisdiction and powers of the police are normally confined to terrestrial activities, but I have every confidence that should an occasion arise where there is evidence that an unidentified flying object has landed within a police area, the police force concerned will investigate it with its customary vigour. However, until there is some clear indication that the frequency of such occurrences is likely to impose a significant burden on the police, I doubt whether it would prove fruitful to issue guidance on this subject.

" A STUDY OF EXMOOR "

Lord NORTHFIELD asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will make a Statement on Lord Porchester's Report *A Study of Exmoor*.

Baroness STEDMAN: As the House was informed on 6th April last, my right honourable friends the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food appointed Lord Porchester to undertake a study of changes in the moorland areas of the Exmoor National Park, because they felt that the exceptional character of the moor as a national heritage and the need to balance and safeguard the various interests concerned called for special and immediate study.

My right honourable friends are greatly indebted to Lord Porchester for the fair and expeditious way in which he has conducted the Survey and prepared his report. This was published yesterday and copies are available in the Printed Paper Office.

The report establishes that since 1947 the total area of moorland in the National Park has been reduced by some 12,000 acres. Within the Critical Amenity Area

countries. She has extended and expanded in the best possible way our whole approach to aid, and I should like it made absolutely clear that that is what we meant.

I should like to give the noble Lord another quotation from his article. He said that in this particular project the Government's case was based on "less elevated political motives". In answer to this I should like to give one quotation from a recent article of my right honourable friend. It is this:

"... we all need to take into account human rights, whether it be Cambodia or Uganda, Indonesia, Chile, or Bolivia, Czechoslovakia or the Soviet Union".

I am most grateful for the support I have received tonight from my two noble friends—indeed a powerful and impressive combination, and from the noble Lord, Lord Avebury, in another powerful contribution. I think now that on the question of aid for Bolivia we must look to the future. We shall not go back on our decision about the tin mining project. As I have said, our offer of assistance has been welcomed, and our commitment to help when we can find the right projects is a firm one. The Government's reasons for deciding against the mining projects are good ones. They are perfectly well understood by the Bolivian Government, and we look forward to mutually satisfactory relations over new projects.

WRITTEN ANSWERS

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Earl of CLANCARTY asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware that in France, since 1st September 1977, a section for the study of unidentified flying objects has been set up in the National Centre for Space Studies in Toulouse, under the direction of Monsieur Claude Poher, a distinguished scientist, and that this body is sponsored upon the French Ministry of Industry and Research; and whether there is a similar scientific organisation under Government sponsorship in the United Kingdom to study unidentified flying

objects, working closely with the French one.

The MINISTER of STATE, DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION and SCIENCE (Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge): Her Majesty's Government understand that a study group called the Groupe d'Etudes sur les Phenomenes Aerospatiales Non-Identifies (GEPAN) has been set up under the French Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Artisans at the National Centre for Space Studies in Toulouse. The group has no formal links with the United Kingdom, and we have no similar scientific group to study unidentified objects or phenomena.

LEGAL AID REFUSALS

Lord CHITNIS asked Her Majesty's Government:

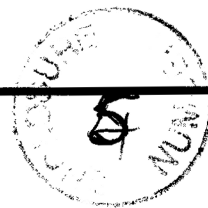
Whether they will list in the *Official Report* the number of applications for legal aid which have been refused for each year since 1970 and whether they will classify this information according to the following categories:

- (a) where the Supplementary Benefits Commission have determined the applicant's disposable income at an amount greater than the limit;
- (b) where the Supplementary Benefits Commission have determined the applicant's disposable capital at an amount greater than the limit;
- (c) where the proceedings to which the application related are not proceedings for which legal aid may be given;
- (d) where the applicant has not shown that he has reasonable grounds for taking, defending, or being a party to the proceedings;
- (e) where it appears unreasonable that the applicant should receive legal aid in the particular circumstances of the case.

The LORD CHANCELLOR: The available information is set out below in two tables. No information is available about category (c) and combined figures only are available for categories (a) and (b). In England and Wales combined figures only are available for categories (d) and (e).

DAS-LA-Ops+Pol1

From: DI BCR-CG4
Sent: 08 January 2003 17:31
To: DAS-LA-Ops+Pol1
Subject: DR CLARKE'S LETTER



Dear **Section 40**

Thanks for the fax attaching Dr Clarke's latest letter. Our initial investigations have turned up papers on the Head of DI 54's response to CDS, but no copy of the original letter from the clergyman. I will let you have copies.

Incidentally, the file also contains a wealth of UFO correspondence from 1972 to 1996 (including S4(Air), DS8 and Sec(AS) minutes which might be of interest to you. Some enclosures are classified, so we cannot release the whole file, but I am happy to show it to you for you to mark up any correspondence you may wish to have copies of.

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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4
(Revised 5/84)



To: **Section 40**
DAS(Exec)Finance

From: **Section 40**
DAS(LA)Ops&Pol1

Date: 7 January 2003

Tel: **Section 40**

Your Ref:

Our Ref: D/DAS/64/3/11

Subject: PAYMENT FOR WORK UNDERTAKEN FOR DR CLARKE

1. Please see attached a cheque to MOD from Dr Clarke for researching, reviewing and copying of 'UFO' material.

2. I would be grateful if you could arrange for the cheque to be processed.

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**From: Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace)
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In payment for work researching, reviewing and copying of material.

Received on 6 January 2003 a cheque for the sum of £260.00

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: Section 40 DI Sec 4

SUBJECT: Request for Information

DATE: 7 January 2003

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Please see attached a copy of Dr Clarke's latest letter, plus a copy of one of the many papers we sent him in response to his last request for information.

In para 2, Dr Clarke refers to this paper and requests a copy of the enclosures mentioned. In 1978 this branch was S4(Air) but changed to DS8 sometime late in 1978. The only files we still hold for this period are D/S4(Air)8/2/3 -UFO Reports which then changed to D/DS8/75 series.

As the para refers to Head of DI54 is it possible that the file mentioned is a DI file number 54/4/8/1 ? or maybe you have another file that may contain some relevant information.

I am grateful for any help you may be able to provide.

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I took an unprecedented step and ordered a number of radar tapes to be impounded and sent to me. As these tapes are usually wiped for reuse, it was important to work fast. There were a few returns which fitted the times and locations when sightings were made and after several hours of scouring the standard VHS videos I could isolate and identify these. At first, the results were disappointing. The blips faded in and out all night, like ghosts in the morning light. RAF radar experts explained these conventionally enough. Ground clutter, they said, tall trees picked up now and again around one particular radar head. But the frustration turned to fear: there were too many visual sightings, and the reports were from witnesses too trustworthy to ignore. Whatever it was that zigzagged Britain on 30 and 31 March 1993, that probed our fields and raced our cars, it was not picked up by radar. And consequently, with no radar track to set the procedure in motion, we hadn't even got our aircraft into the air. Was this the same triangle that had been seen over Belgium three years earlier? And could it now evade radar altogether?

Over the coming weeks I tried to find an explanation, but every avenue led nowhere. Whatever it was had come and gone. It was time to take the whole problem 'upstairs'. Frankly, I didn't hold out much hope that my bosses would listen. As I have said, my hands-on approach and my firm views that we were facing in UFOs a genuine phenomenon that needed serious and urgent research had not met with popularity in Secretariat (Air Staff). Subtlety was the key word, I felt. I drew up a carefully constructed report of the 30–31 March sightings and sent it to my head of division. I deliberately avoided the emotive word 'UFO',

inspirer of prejudices, and opted instead for 'uncorrelated target' and 'unknown craft'. Government bureaucracies are sometimes accused of inventing jargon for the sake of it, but here I felt it was necessary, it paid off. The report was passed up the chain of command until it reached the assistant chief of the air staff himself.

Simultaneously, I contacted the American embassy and asked them whether an unusual prototype aircraft of American construction was operating over Britain and might explain the various sightings. There had been rumours for months in the corridors of power that an aircraft called Aurora, which would make the Stealth bomber look like a Sopwith Pup, was in production. There had been consistent denials everywhere, however. A high-tech, radar-evading craft capable of great speeds and manoeuvrability, the sort of machine Clint Eastwood flies in *Firefox*, belonged to fiction. Aurora, we were told, did not exist. The Americans were as nonplussed as we and the Belgians were by the sightings.

The assistant chief of the air staff noted my report – there was little else he could do. By now I had tried all possible lines of inquiry. There were no other avenues left.

So the official findings (mine) read: 'Type of craft – unknown; origin of craft – unknown; motive of occupants – unknown.' And, although it appears nowhere in the official documentation, I would have to add: 'Conclusion – unsatisfactory.'

The 30–31 March sightings brought about a marked change in my own attitude. I would play no further part in bland platitudes about UFOs being 'of no defence significance'. I sensed that some of my colleagues thought UFOs were only of defence significance if they aimed laser beams at cities. But any craft, conventional or otherwise, that can do what that triangle did is of *extreme* defence significance in itself. Our radar couldn't trace it, our jets wouldn't be able to catch it. We can all thank our God – or our lucky stars

– that whatever it was it was anyway, hostile.

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Dr David Clarke

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Your ref: D/DAS/64/3/11

3 January, 2003

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 9 December enclosing the copies of UFO related documents I had requested under the Code of Practice.

Having had the opportunity to examine the material in depth during the holidays, I wish to thank you and your colleagues for the thorough and highly efficient manner in which you have handled this application.

As requested I enclose a crossed cheque for the £260 cost of processing, made out to the Accounting Officer MoD. I would be grateful if you could supply me with a receipt, which is required for my research project accounts. I have a number of matters arising from an examination of the material which I will address point by point:

1. I note with reference to file **D/DS8/75/3 Part A (Parliamentary Correspondence file, House of Lords debate, 1977-79)**, that several background documents generated by another Government department relating to the debate are being examined for possible release. If they are cleared for release, I would certainly wish to receive copies of these outstanding papers.
2. With reference to the enclosure 'To the Head of S4' dated 2 March 1978 included in the **Parliamentary Correspondence file** (highlighted copy enclosed): I draw your attention to the line which reads "...head of DI 54 consulted us at around the same time because he had been asked to draft a reply for CDS to send to a clergyman enquiring about UFOs. I took the opportunity to confirm our procedures on this subject – he has confirmed that we need do no more than look for defence implications. The key papers are Encl 71 and 78 on file S4/4/8/1 – Flags Y and Z." As far as I can recall this is the first time during my research that I have seen a reference to the Chief of Defence Staff being consulted with regards to policy on

UFOs. This leads me to ask: does file 'S4/4/8/1' exist in your archive, and if so can copies of the relevant file, particularly 'Enclosures 71 and 78', be supplied?

3. With reference to **File D/Sec(AS)12/7, UFO Report 31 March 1993**. Thank you for enclosing the loose minute showing inquiries made and details of the radar replay relevant to the investigation. You may be aware that the incumbent at Sec(AS)2a during 1993, Nick Pope, refers to his investigations into these reports in his book published in 1996, *Open Skies Closed Minds*. In the book (pg 140) he refers to the report he compiled that was sent to the head of his division, a copy of which you enclosed (dated 16 April 1993). Mr Pope states this report was "passed up the chain of command until it reached the assistant chief of the air staff himself" (presumably Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden). However, there is no evidence in the file you released to suggested ACAS saw or commented on Mr Pope's report. Could you confirm that is the case?
4. With reference to **File D/Sec(AS)64/2 Part D, re UFO sightings, early hours of 5 October 1996**. I'm grateful that you enclosed the loose minute which responds to press reports criticising UK air defence systems arising from these events. My background research suggests the source of these criticisms was the late Martin Redmond MP, who asked a series of PQs on related matters in 1996. The LM dated 13 November 1996 you enclosed responds to "Mr Redmond's letter" but it is difficult to follow the responses without reference to the letter itself. Is a copy of Redmond's original letter enclosed in the file, and if so could a copy be supplied?

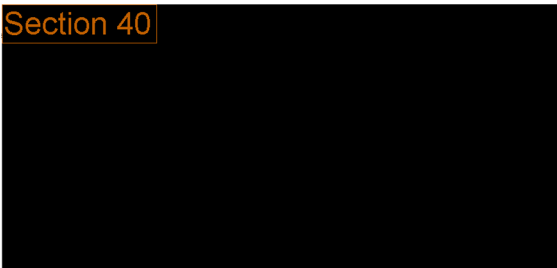
Finally, thank you for your detailed response to my questions on the impact of the FOIA upon the '30 year rule.' However, I remain unsure as to how the new act would work in practical terms. If in January 2005 I was to apply, for example, for access to the MoD's UFO records for the year 1981, how would my request be processed? Would the present procedure whereby pages are checked, sanitised and a charge made, continue? If that is the case, such requests might have to be rejected because of cost or staff time, which seems to defeat the objectives of the FOIA.

It seems to me that the single remaining problem with the release of UFO records younger than 30 years relate to the issue of personal information, ie informants names and addresses, rather than because of any security issues. Does the MoD have any suggestions as to how this problem could be overcome after 2005?

In the meantime, thank you for your attention to my requests and a happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,

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Extract from
File D/DS8/75/3
Part A re
C.D.S. and UFOs

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Head of 54 Mary 3/3.
This is another Pd from the Earl of
Delamere (due with the Private Office on Monday).

His previous question is at X. 

I wrote to the Air Attache - Paris in December and
received the official transcript a month later. In his report
he confirmed in effect that the attitude of the French Ministry
of Defence ^{to UFOs} is much the same as ours. Copies of the relevant
* papers are attached as Annexes to the Background Note.

As it happens Head of 54 consulted us at about
the same time because he had been asked to draft a
reply to the CDS to send to a clergyman enquiring about
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in this subject - He has confirmed that we need ^{do} no more
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I have referred his other safety point to IPS.

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French Ministry of Defence line is still being typed. I will bring it
in as soon as it is returned.

At all giving the



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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
10 December 2002

Dear **Section 40**

I wrote to you on 7 November to request your advice regarding the possible release of documents under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

The individual concerned agreed to pay the required fee and asked us to proceed with the search for the material requested. All the material requested with the exception of these documents has now been released and the enquirer has been advised of our need to consult yourselves about the remaining papers.

I would be grateful if you could indicate how long it may be before we can give our correspondent a decision regarding these documents.

Yours sincerely,

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