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2	Public right of way on footpath in Suffolk		11-04-2005-083650-001
3	USVF		03-03-2005-094703-004 And 03-03-2005-094146-005
4	RAF Menwith Hill		05-04-2005-163101-015
5	Aircraft Accident		09-05-2005-110528-007
6	UFOs	Isaac Koi	10-02-2005-092009-002
7	UFOs	Section 40	17-05-2005-091529-001
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13	UFOs		06-04-2005-170137-005



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 27 July 2005 17:10

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-authorised: Freedom of Information

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your enquiries about the papers released in response to your Freedom of Information request about the alleged UFO sightings on 31st March 1993. I apologise for not replying sooner.

All of the papers contained in the file we hold on this incident were released in response to your request. Although one of the documents refers to a letter sent to the US Embassy, a copy of this is not contained in our records. It is possible that this was held on another departmental file, but we have no record of which file that might have been. I should inform you that Government files which are not selected for permanent preservation are destroyed once there is no longer an administrative use for them, often after 5 years, so it is possible that even if we could identify where this was originally filed it is likely that this would now have been destroyed.

With regard to your question about additional documents held by DI55, I can confirm that DI55 opened their own file on this incident. However, all of the papers contained in the DI55 file are duplicates of those in our file and there are no additional papers that have not been released to you.

I hope this is helpful.

Section 40

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27th July 2005

27/07/2005

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 20 July 2005 12:29
To: Section 40
Subject: FOIA requests/documents

Dear Section 40

I'm e-mailing to ask if you received my last e-mail (below) as I have not had a reply from you about it?

Further to the referenced letter to the US Embassy that was missing from the 107 pages of documents you sent me after my FOIA request, I have discovered that there are other documents that also weren't included. Can you tell me why? These, I believe, are from DI55's file on the March 31st 1993 sightings.

I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40
Reply To: Section 40
To: Section 40@mod.uk>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information requests
Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2005 11:45:19 -0400

Dear Section 40

I'm e-mailing to ask if you know why the letter referenced on the 'loose minute' pages (below) included in the March 31st 1993 documents was not included and if you know where it may be held?

"I would however be interested in your views in the light of your earlier interest about Aurora. I attach a copy of a letter I sent to the US Embassy not long ago which I am assured has been disseminated to all "interested Agencies" in the US."

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Section 40

mail2web - Check your email from the web at <http://mail2web.com/> .

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 July 2005 16:45
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information requests

Dear Section 40

I'm e-mailing to ask if you know why the letter referenced on the 'loose minute' pages (below) included in the March 31st 1993 documents was not included and if you know where it may be held?

"I would however be interested in your views in the light of your earlier interest about Aurora. I attach a copy of a letter I sent to the US Embassy not long ago which I am assured has been disseminated to all "interested Agencies" in the US."

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Section 40

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Cardiff

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/10/2/8/13
Date
8 June 2005

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for copies of any documents relating to a UFO sighting on 31st March 1993 at RAF Cosford. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Please find enclosed copies of the documents the Ministry of Defence holds on this event, as requested. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for copies of all any documents relating to a UFO sighting on 31st March 1993 at RAF Cosford. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

I have sent you in the post copies of the documents the Ministry of Defence holds on this event, as requested. Personal data including individual's names, addresses etc, has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

With regard to your recent request for copies of any UFO reports sightings reported to the MOD on or around the 5th May 1990, we have recalled our files for this period from archives, and I should be able to inform you shortly whether we have any reports relevant to your request.

I hope this is helpful.

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9th June 2005

Section 40

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19 April 05

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Request: Section 40 06-04-2005-170137-005

Days Left: 12

Received: 06 Apr 05

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Editing the request details will initiate a new search.
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Date request received: 06 April 2005

Applicant Details

Title:

Section 40

Other:

First Name:

*Surname:

Section 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:

Section 40

Address Line2:

Rumney

Address Line3:

Town/City:

Cardiff

Postcode:

Section 40

Country:

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Section 40

GxAITESTPTCD

19 April 05

[Home](#) [My Cases](#) [Log New Request](#) [Policy Guidance](#) [Help](#)**Request:** Section 40 06-04-2005-170137-005**Days Left:** 12Received: 06 Apr 05
Expiry Date: 05 May 05
Status: Internal Transfer All sources**Workflow Options**

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Request Details**Response Format Requested:** **Language Requested** ☐ Welsh***Enter the request for information:**

infosubject: I am looking for any documents relating to a UFO sighting on March 31 1993 by a guard patrol at RAF Cosford and also meteorological officer at RAF Shawbury.

In a Daily Mail article by Nick Pope dated February 2 2005 it states the following re. the sighting:-

"For example, in the early hours of March 31 1993, a UFO flew over two military bases in the Midlands. At RAF

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

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infosubject: I am looking for any documents relating to a UFO sighting on March 31 1993 by a guard patrol at RAF Cosford and also meteorological officer at RAF Shawbury.

In a Daily Mail article by Nick Pope dated February 2 2005 it states the following re. the sighting:-

"For example, in the early hours of March 31 1993, a UFO flew over two military bases in the Midlands. At RAF Cosford, it was seen by a guard patrol and an official report was sent to the MoD. At RAF Shawbury, it was seen by the Meteorological Officer, who described it as vast, slow-moving triangular-shaped craft flying at about 200ft.

The craft was making a low frequency humming sound and firing a narrow beam of light down at a field just beyond the perimeter fence. The light beam swept to and fro as if it were trying to locate something.

The light was suddenly switched off and the craft shot off at high speed, giving rise to G-forces that would have killed any human occupants."

FJN 2286/016

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting. 30TH MAR 93 2130 5 MINS
- B. Description of Object. ONE. GLASS BOTTOM. TWO ROWS OF BRIGHT LIGHTS
ALONG ITS SIDE. UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH SHAPE DUE TO INTENSITY
OF LIGHTS
- C. Exact Position Observer. PENINE MOORS IN AREA KNOWN AS ~~PEJING~~ PENNINE
SLOPES AT BIRCH WOOD IN AREA OF PENISTON
- D. How Observed. SIGHTED WHILST DRIVING CAR
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen.
- F. Angle of Sight.
- G. Distance. , THEN ~~WENT~~ TRAVELLED TO OBJECT UNTIL
UNDERNEATH IT. APPROX 200M.
- H. Movements. STILLTILL APPROACHED THEN MOVED TOWARDS
WOOD AREA UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT
- I. Meteorological conditions during observation.
FINE DRY CLEAR
- J. Nearby Objects.
- K. To whom reported. PC [REDACTED]
- L. Name and Address of Informant. [REDACTED]
MONK BRETON BARNLEY [REDACTED]
- M. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.
- N. Other Witnesses. 2 POLICEMEN WITNESSED SEEING^{BRIGHT} LIGHTS FROM
DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AT 0117 HRS, TRAVELLING FROM PENISTON TOWARDS
SHEFFIELD. 1 PC [REDACTED] PENISTON POLICE STATION
- O. Date and Time of receipt of Report. 30 MAR 93 2147 HRS 2/PC [REDACTED] GOTHORPE POLICE STATION
- P. Is a reply requested. YES 
- Signed [REDACTED]
- Name [REDACTED]
- Rank SGT Tel No [REDACTED]
- Date 31 MARCH 93

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting. 30 MAR 93 / 2240Z / 20 SECONDS APPROX
- B. Description of Object. TRIANGLE WITH RED GLOW FROM ITS CENTRE TAIL AREA.
- C. Exact Position Observer. OUTSIDE OF HOUSE LOOKING WEST
- D. How Observed. EYE
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen. LEFT TO RIGHT HEADING NORTH
- F. Angle of Sight. SLIGHTLY ABOVE HORIZON AGAINST LIGHT SKY
- G. Distance. DIFFICULT TO JUDGE, OBJECT LOOKED ABOUT A FOOT (12 INCHES) ALONG ITS LENGTH.
- H. Movements. LEFT TO RIGHT, SUB-SONIC (NOT SLOW BUT NOT TOO FAST)
- I. Meteorological conditions during observation. CLEAR SKY
- J. Nearby Objects. BUILT UP AREA BUT OBJECT WAS ABOVE AND CLEAR OF HOUSES ETC
- K. To whom reported. CRO RAF FINNINGLEY
- L. Name and Address of Informant. [REDACTED]
- M. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered. NONE - BUT ADULT AND THEY SAID THEY DID NOT BELIEVE IN UFOS
- N. Other Witnesses. NONE
- O. Date and Time of receipt of Report. 1400Z 31 MAR 93
- P. Is a reply requested. YES PLEASE

Signature

Name

Rank

Date 31 MAR 93

NOTE * WAS 'STEALTH' IN THE AREA?

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ROUTINE 311050Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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SIC Z6F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 310010Z MAR 93

B. TWO, VERY BRIGHT, STAR LIKE OBJECTS IN A ECHELON MILITARY
FORMATION LEAD OBJECT HAD POINTED TAIL OTHER HAD GOLD TAIL

C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY

D. NAKED EYE

E. EAST TO WEST, SOUTH OF HOUSE

F. LOW

G. APPROX 20 KM

H. STEADY

J. VERY CLEAR, HALF MOON

M. [REDACTED] SMITHAM HILL, EAST HARPTREE,

BRISTOL

N. BA HISTORY GRADUATE !

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O. THREE OTHERS AGED 20-24

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GAB 1 SEC(AG) ACTION (CXV 1 AFDD)
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

-5 APR 1993

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Report passed to H1
31/10/93

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A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting Local times to be quoted	31/3/93. 0010Z Approx 1 min
B. Description of Object Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc.	2 very bright (like stars) Parallel. Slightly behind Silver tail / Gold tail
C. Exact position of observer Geographical location, indoors or out, stationery or moving.	Outside House [REDACTED]
D. How Observed Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera.	Naked eye 4 persons
E. Direction in which Object was First Seen A landmark more useful than badly estimated bearing.	E → W. (South of the position)
F. Angular Elevation of Object Estimated heights are unreliable.	view from 800ft Hill disappeared behind hill. long away trav. far
G. Distance of Object from Observer Ref. to known landmark when possible.	long way /
H. Movements of Object Changes in E, F & G more use than est. course and speed.	Same speed + direction
J. Met. Condition During Observation Moving clouds, haze, mist, etc.	Very clear night 1/2 moon
K. Nearby Objects Telephone or high-voltage lines; dam, lake or reservoir; swamp or marsh; river; high building, tall chimney, steeples, spires or masts; airfields, generating plants; pits, factories or other lighted sites, or lighting.	/
L. To Whom Reported Police, Military org. the press, etc.	No.
M. Name and Address of Informant	[REDACTED] East Hampton [REDACTED]
N. Any Background Information on Informant that may be Volunteered	Graduate Hist (BA)
O. Other Witness	3 (20-24)
P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report	1004 31/3/93

Signature

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Wed 31 st March, 12.15 am
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2 bright lights, with lit vapour trail. No noise.
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	From balcony of house, looking out over St Brides Bay
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked eye
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Heading from North to South
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Thought object was fairly low
G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/k
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Crossed the bay (7/8 miles) in 25 secs, at approx 1100 mph?
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	N/k

K. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS) 2a
L. Name & Address of Informant	Mr. [REDACTED] Solve, Haverford west, Pembrokeshire, [REDACTED]
M. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	None
N. Other Witnesses	None
O. Date, Time of Receipt	1/4/93 - PM
P. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
Q. <u>Remarks</u>	man was behind object - surprised he couldn't make out shape - witness said it must've been absolutely white. Witness believed object was big - from 7/8 miles could still see both lights.

[REDACTED]

Sec (AS) 2a

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CAB092 31/1001 090C1238

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 310725Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 310055A MAR 93

B. TWO METEORITE TYPE OBJECTS, ORANGE AND WHITE WITH TRAIL AND BRIGHT

C. INDOORS, MOVING

D. BINOCULARS

E. SOUTH, RIGHT TO LEFT

F. LOW

G. UNKNOWN

H. STEADY

J. CLEAR

K. NONE

M. [REDACTED] LULSGATE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LULSGATE BRISTOL B519
3DY

N. WITNESSED BY AIRCREW AND OTHER AIRPORT STAFF

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CAP 1 DI 55

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

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Wed 31 st March , 0109
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	one oval shaped object , 200 metre diameter, dark silhouette , 2 creamy white lights, either side . v. little sound . Possible low hum.
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Back garden of house in Rugeley , Cannock Chase .
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked eye
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	First seen almost directly above house .
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Almost directly overhead . Heading towards Hazle Slade . 45' at one point .
G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Object very low + close when first seen
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Initially hovered , then descended in erratic way . Followed in car . Object then shot off v high speed + high level
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	clear
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Houses

K. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Cosford - Flt Lt [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ext: [REDACTED]
L. Name & Address of Informant	Mr [REDACTED] Rugeley, Staffs. [REDACTED]
M. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	See Q
N. Other Witnesses	Mr [REDACTED] wife, daughter + her boyfriend
O. Date, Time of Receipt	Wed 31 st March, 0145
P. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nmc
Q. <u>Remarks</u>	Mr [REDACTED] has had observer recognition trg with Army. RAF Cosford have received 10 reports. witnesses included CPl [REDACTED] from Cosford + colleague, Mr [REDACTED] from Bristol + someone at Shawbury met office, who saw something approx 15 km away, moving erratically at approx 400 - 600 kts. Cosford checked with West Drayton - no radar trace. Birmingham airport also picked up nothing.

Signal reports to follow

Telecom: 1.07, 31st March. Sitting in house. Daughter outside walking dog. came in hysterical. Rushed out - object spinning anticlockwise, 2 or 3 times then still + levelled off. 900-1000 ft. 150-200 metres diameter. Cylindrical shape. Two round objects on either side. Creamy pearly glow from them. Moved, with low, sickening hum (wife heard + saw too). Tilted away, then slow descent to 300-400 ft. Banked to right v slow, then shot off. 5 witnessed [REDACTED] wife, son, daughter + daughter's boyfriend. Object looked like classic UFO photo from The Unexplained - Texas/New Mexico, 1957? Will send sketch.

witnesses - [REDACTED] Shawbury met office
CPl [REDACTED] colleague at
RAF Cosford. Their boss is
Pilot Officer [REDACTED]

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	31 ST MARCH 1993, 0110 HRS. DURATION 45 SECS - 1 MINUTE
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2 OBJECTS, APPEARANCES CONSIDERED IDENTICAL TO STARS
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	DRIVING WEST ON A38 @ MAP OF LOOSEMILLS RD. LINCOLN. 230 GS STOPPED + ALIGHTED FROM CAR + MADE FURTHER OBSERVATIONS FROM A STATIONARY POSITION.
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	DUE NORTH
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	APPRX 20' CLOUD
G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	INESTIMABLE
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	BOTH LIGHTS MOVED VERTICALLY UPWARDS ON PARALLEL COURSE, THEN CURVED HIGH ABOVE ME BEARING NORTH - SOUTH
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	CLEAR, DRY, STILL NIGHT.
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	NOTHING

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FOR CAB

ROUTINE 310720Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SIC Z6F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 310110Z MAR 93. 30 SECONDS

B. TWO, POSSABLY THREE, STARSHAPED WITH VAPOUR TRAIL WHEN MOVING,
YELLOW/GOLD AND BRIGHT

C. MOORSWATER, LISHEARD, CORNWALL, OUTDOORS, STATIONARY

D. NAKED EYE

E. NORTH

F. ABOVE

G. N/K

H. STATIONARY THEN MOVING STEADILY

J. CLEAR

L. POLICE

M. SGT [REDACTED] LISKEARD, CORNWALL

N. POLICE OFFICERS

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O. SEEN BY OTHER POLICE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT DEVON AND CORNWALL

P. 310130Z MAR 93

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CWD151 31/1002 090C1243

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 310730Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SIC Z6F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 310110A MAR 93. 2 TO 3 MINUTES

B. TWO, VERY BRIGHT, CIRCULAR WITH TAILS, WHITE IN COLOUR

C. GELLIGAR COMMON TREHARRIS, MERTHER TYDFIL

D. NAKED EYE

E. OVERHEAD MOVING NORTH

F. LOW, APPROX 100-200 METRES

G. OVERHEAD

H. VERY SLOW

J. CLEAR

L. POLICE

M. PC. [REDACTED] MERTHYR TYDFIL, CENTRAL POLICE STATION, SWAN STREET,

N. NONE

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O. OTHER POLICE OFFICERS

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Wed 31 March, 1.10 am
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2 bright white lights in parallel - one slightly behind the other. No sound No flashes. Marked vapour trail, not v long.
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	outdoors, from high ground - witness was laughing. Brighter + larger than Jupiter
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked eye
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Heading from NW to SE, towards Sunset
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Object v high. Covered horizon in under 2 minutes. 2/3 miles up?
G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Either very high + large or very low and quiet.
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Speed constant
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Still quiet night, no clouds, 1st Quarter moon
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None

K. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS)2a , and Cardiff airport , who debriefed nothing on radio
L. Name & Address of Informant	[REDACTED] Pontre Galar , Crymmych , Pefydd [REDACTED]
M. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Farmer . Has science degree , and is v used to seeing civil + military witnesses
N. Other Witnesses	None
O. Date, Time of Receipt	Wed 31st March , 9.15 am
P. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
Q. <u>Remarks</u>	Appeared to v sensible + reliable witness

Signal reports to follow

[REDACTED]
Sec (AS)2a

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Wednesday 31 st March, c 1.10 am
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One oval shaped object, spinning, non stationary. 2 dull creamy colored lights / glows on each side. Low humming noise heard
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Back garden of house
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked eye
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	virtually overhead, then moved off in direction of Hazelstade
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Almost directly over house
G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	When first seen, approx 1000 ft height, overhead. Descended to 300-400 ft.
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Spinning at first, then slowed. Slow descent, then banked and moved off at very high speed
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Houses

K. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Contacted RAF Cosford + local police
L. Name & Address of Informant	Mr [REDACTED] Breckon, Rugeley, Staffs
M. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	N/k
N. Other Witnesses	Mr [REDACTED] wife, son, daughter, and daughter's boyfriend
O. Date, Time of Receipt	Wed 31 st March, 1.45 am
P. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
Q. <u>Remarks</u>	Mr [REDACTED] believed object had come down near Hazelstade, and went to investigate. Nothing found. Insistent that object wasn't anything explainable.

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FOR CAB

ROUTINE 010850Z APR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SIC Z6F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 310115Z MAR 93 30 SECONDS

B. TWO WHITE LIGHTS TRAVELLING AT HIGH SPEED, FORTY TO FIFTY FEET APART

C. GREATLY HAMPSHIRE, OUTDOORS AND STATIONARY

D. NAKED EYE

E. NORTH TO SOUTH

F. 300 - 400FT AGL

G. OVERHEAD

H. HIGH SPEED

J. REASONABLY CLEAR, SLIGHT OVERCAST

K. LOCAL HILL (COSLEY HILL)

L. SATCO MIDDLE WALLOP

M. Section 40 [REDACTED] GREATLY HAMPSHIRE

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N. AVIATOR WITH ARMY FLYING ASSOCIATION, ENGINEER AND BOOKING SECRETARY

O. MISS [REDACTED]

P. 010845Z APR 93

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting Local times to be quoted	TC 31st MARCH 1992 0115 am
B. Description of Object Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc.	NO SOUND 2 BRIGHT LIGHTS BALL SHAPED. TRAILS OF VAPOUR
C. Exact position of observer Geographical location, indoors or out, stationery or moving.	INDOORS, STATIONARY BRIDGEWATER ON DOCKS.
D. How Observed Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera.	NAKED EYE
E. Direction in which Object was First Seen A landmark more useful than badly bearing.	FM NORTH HEADING SE
F. Angular Elevation of Object Estimated heights are unreliable.	RIGHT OVER HOUSE
G. Distance of Object from Observer Ref. to known landmark when possible.	- 11 -
H. Movements of Object Changes in E, F & G more use than est. course and speed.	FASTER THAN AEROPLANE SE
I. Met. Condition During Observation Moving clouds, haze, mist, etc.	CLEAR NIGHT CAUCUS
J. Nearby Objects Telephone or high-voltage lines; dam, lake or reservoir; swamp or marsh; river; high building, tall chimney, steeples, spires or masts; airfields, generating plants; pits, factories or other lighted sites, or lighting.	ST MARYS CHURCH CENTRE OF B'WATER ON DOCKS
K. To Whom Reported Police, Military org. the press, etc.	B'WATER MERCURY - NO RESPONSE
L. Name and Address of Informant	MRS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BRIDGEWATER
M. Any Background Information on Informant that may be Volunteered	SANE.
N. Other Witness	HUSBAND
O. Date and Time of Receipt of Report	1st APRIL 1800 L (1st REPORTED 31st MARCH)

FILE

Signature [REDACTED]

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COS/87/2/Sy

RAF Police Flight
RAF Cosford
Wolverhampton
West Midlands
WV7 3EX

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OC RAF Police Flt

Mar 93

Sir,

POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTINGS

1. I have to report that at RAF Cosford on 31 Mar 93 at 0115 hours in company with Cpl [REDACTED] RAF Police, I was on mobile patrol of Leeming Road, adjacent to the Gravel Car Park when I saw two bright lights in the sky above the Airfield. The lights appeared to be flying at great velocity in a South Easterly direction at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The lights were circular in shape and gave off no beam. They were creamy white in colour and constant in size and in relation to each other.
2. I brought the vehicle to a standstill and pointed out the lights to Cpl [REDACTED]. I switched off the vehicle engine and we both got out of the car and observed the lights. There was no sound of any engine noise despite there being no wind and the sky being free from cloud. The lights were observed over-flying the Unit and away towards the Wolverhampton area. A slight red glow could be seen from the rear of the lights as they disappeared from view over the horizon. The lights were visible for approximately one minute.
3. Myself and Cpl [REDACTED] then returned to the COC and I contacted RAF Shawbury. I was informed that there were no aircraft flying from there.
4. At 0125 hours, I contacted ATC at RAF Lyneham and was informed that there were no known aircraft in the area of Cosford.
5. At 0127 hours, I contacted RAF Brize Norton and was informed the same.
6. At 0128 hours, I was informed by the Ord Cpl, Cpl [REDACTED] that a Mr [REDACTED] Brereton, Rugeley, Staffordshire had reported seeing the same lights over Rugeley. Four members of Mr [REDACTED] party had also witnessed the lights. Mr [REDACTED] had followed the lights which he described as being cream in colour at an altitude of 900-1000 feet and an estimated size of 200 metres. He could hear a humming noise as the object flew directly above him. Mr [REDACTED] stated that he believed that the object landed in an area known as Hazelslade but when he approached he could not find any signs of the landing. Mr [REDACTED] was instructed to inform his local Civil Police Force, which he did, and during a subsequent conversation, it was established that a Constable from Staffordshire Police had visited Mr [REDACTED].
7. At 0130 hours, I informed West Mercia Police, WPC [REDACTED] of the sightings.

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8. At 0140 hours, I informed HQ P&SS (UK), Cpl [REDACTED] of the incident.

9. At 0142 hours, I informed RAF West Drayton, Lt Cdr [REDACTED] of the incident, and he confirmed that there was no military aircraft of any kind in UK airspace and there had not been since 0001 hours.

10. At 0143 hours, the Senior Air Traffic Controller at Birmingham International Airport was contacted, and he confirmed that there were no civilian aircraft in Cosford Airspace and had not been for some hours.

11. At 0215 hours, OC RAF Police Flt and the Ord Off, Flt Lt [REDACTED] were informed of the incident.

12. At 0250 hours, Mr [REDACTED] RAF Shawbury Met Office, contacted Cpl [REDACTED] and stated that he had seen two lights in the sky at RAF Shawbury. The lights were first sighted approximately 15-20 kms away and Mr [REDACTED] observed them travel towards him over the Airfield moving erratically at hundreds of miles per hour unlike any aircraft. He described the lights as appearing to be searching for something. He heard a low humming noise and watched the object for 5 minutes until it disappeared from sight in a southerly direction. Mr [REDACTED] stated that he had been a Met Officer for 8 years and had never seen anything like it before.

13. At 0300 hours, Cpl [REDACTED] contacted a Mr [REDACTED] the Met Officer at Bristol Airport, who stated that similar lights had been seen there at 0055 hours. He had initially put the lights down to adverse meteor activity but in the light of the subsequent reports recorded it as unidentified.

14. At 0310 hours, West Mercia Police were made aware of the further reports and would contact Staffordshire and Avon & Somerset Forces to correlate the reports.

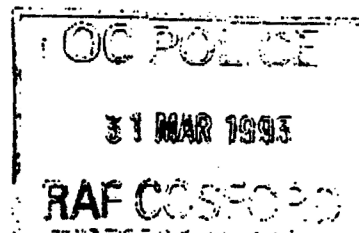
15. At 0330 hours I resumed normal duties.

[REDACTED]
RAF Police

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RAF POLICE SITUATION REPORT.30-31 MAR 93.

DOB NO	DATE / TIME	PERSON REPORTING	OCCURRENCE	ACTION TAKEN
70211/93	31 Mar 93 0115 hrs	RAFP Patrol	<u>POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTING.</u> Reports sighting two white lights overflying the Unit in a South Easterly direction at a height of 1000 feet. The velocity of the lights suggested fast jets, however, no collision beacons could be seen.	1. ATC units at Lyneham, Stize, Shawbury, Birmingham and West Drayton contacted and it was established that no Aircraft were flying.
	0125 hrs	Mr [REDACTED] Rugeley.	Reports the same lights in the Rugeley area flying erratically. He had followed the lights and seen them land at Hazelslade. He had got within 200 feet of what he described as flying saucers, but on entering the area they had landed could not locate them. Report recorded by Ord Cpl.	2. All details passed to W. Mercia Police and P&SS. 3. Mr [REDACTED] contacted Staffs Police, who attended the scene. 4. Ord Off and OC Police informed.
	0250 hrs	Mr [REDACTED] Shawbury Met Office	Reports to the Ord Cpl that lights of the same description had been seen in RAF Shawbury Airspace heading South.	5. Mr [REDACTED] was certain that the lights could not be Aircraft of a known kind.
	0300 hrs	Mr [REDACTED] Bristol Met Office	Report that the lights had been seen there also. Initially it was presumed they were meteorites, but in light of other sightings could offer no explanation and recorded the sighting as unidentified.	6. Avon & Somerset Police were informed by Airport Staff. 7. West Mercia Police were informed of the further sightings and will correlate all reports. 8. Report submitted by Cpl [REDACTED]



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FOR CAB

ROUTINE 311220Z MAR 93

FROM RAF CHIVENOR
TO MODUK AIR

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

SIC Z6F

SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENAL

A. 310120L MAR 93

B. 3. LARGE, VERY BRIGHT LIGHT

C. BRAUNTON BURROWS/OUTDOORS/WALKING

D. NAKED EYE

E. OBJECT FLEW OVER BURROWS FROM SOUTH AND SEEMED TO LAND IN SAND
DUNES

F. NIL

G. N/K

H. STEADY

J. CLEAR SKY

K. NIL

L. REPORTED TO RAF CHIVENOR OPERATIONS ALSO SEEN BY POLICE PATROL
PASSING BURROWS IN CAR

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M. MR [REDACTED] BRAUNTON, DEVON

N. NIL

O. POLICE OFFICERS PLUS FRIENDS

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Witness Statement

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age if under 21 0 21 (if over 21 insert 'over 21').

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 31st day of March 19 93

Signature [REDACTED] Section 40

I am a Sergeant in the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary stationed at Liskeard in Cornwall.

At about 0110 hrs on the morning of Wednesday 31st March 1993 I was on duty in uniform and driving a marked Police vehicle along the A38 at Looe Mills near Liskeard travelling in the direction of Dobwalls.

This was naturally during the hours of darkness and the weather was fine and dry, with some patchy cloud; the moon and a number of stars being visible. I was unaccompanied.

As I began to negotiate a sweeping uphill left hand bend at the bottom of Lantoom Hill, I became aware of what appeared to be two 'stars' just above the horizon in the approximate position of "two o'clock". They were due North of me and motionless in the sky. My attention was drawn to these "stars" because apart from being in a part of the sky where there are usually no stars, they were of a darker hue bordering on yellow instead of silvery-white. They were reasonably close together but as I could not begin to estimate their distance from me, I likewise cannot estimate how far they were from each other.

As I negotiated the bend I continued to observe them when I suddenly saw them begin to move what appeared to me vertically upwards. They maintained a parallel course and identical speed and as they approached the "one o'clock" position they began to leave vapour trails. I brought my car to a halt, switched off the engine and got out. My location now was [REDACTED]

Signature [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by.....

Continuation of Statement of [REDACTED]

Continuation sheet No

approximately 100 yards the Liskeard side of the lay by outside Lantoom Quarry, map ref 230 650.

My view of these objects was very good; the sky being clear, and they continued their ascent still at an identical speed to each other and still on a parallel course. I realised that they were not ascending vertically but rather curving overhead and heading due South. As they gained in height the vapour trails became much more pronounced. I was still unable to estimate their height because of their small size (identical to a star in the night sky) but I believe they were very high. As they passed directly overhead at "12 o'clock high", the heavens at this point were bright and moonlit and I could see that there was nothing between the objects apart from empty sky. They were definitely two separate objects.

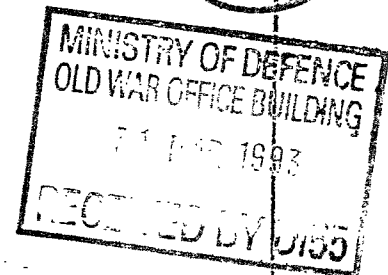
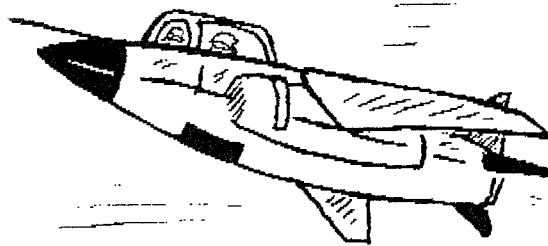
At about this time I became aware of what I believed to be a third object visible only by its vapour trail which was considerably less obvious than the vapour trails of the other two objects. This third object seemed to be travelling to the right hand side of the left hand object (as I was looking up), and slightly to the rear of it. It maintained the identical speed and parallel course of the other objects.

As the objects continued on a dead straight north south course, they seemed to be travelling at a similar speed to a high flying passenger jet aircraft. I lost sight of them owing to the high ground of the quarry immediately on my left.

During the total duration of this sighting, which was between 45 seconds and 1 minute, my observation of these objects was continuous and uninterrupted. There was no sound whatever, the night being very still with no traffic.

Signature [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by



FAX MESSAGE

FROM



Sec (As) 2

TO



DTSS

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MESSAGE:

Please see the attached. It might be in with last night's sightings, but is interesting anyway.

I haven't seen anything from RAF Leeming yet, and the CRO is on leave. I'll follow up with them etc.

ANY DIFFICULTIES PLEASE TELEPHONE MB 6110

29/3/93

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am writing to you as i would be interested to hear the M.O.D.s comments on the sightings of a strange object seen over the Teeside/Cleveland areas on the 23,24,25 of march 1993 as reported to R.A.F.Leeming.

What i would specifically like to know is a,if the object was picked up on radar at either R.A.F.Leeming or at Teeside airport to which i know the R.A.F contacted when the object was first reported,b,if you would be prepared to state that two aircraft from Leeming were diverted from areconnaissance flight over the north sea to the area of the sighting,and C, if the M.O.D. would be prepared to state that the object that has and indeed still is being seen over this area is the American (supposedly secret) test stealth aircraft commonly known as the AURORA.

May i point out to the M.O.D. that this object is not only causing concern among the residents of the areas around NUNTHROPE and LONGLANDS, but also around the area of YARM, but has also frightened a great many people including children. If this is a secret aircraft that is being tested (as reported in some areas of the media) then surely by allowing such an aircraft to fly so low, at night, and over a built up area, and also frightening people half to death would not be in the best interest of the people of these areas, (taking into account safety) but would surely be breaking laws.

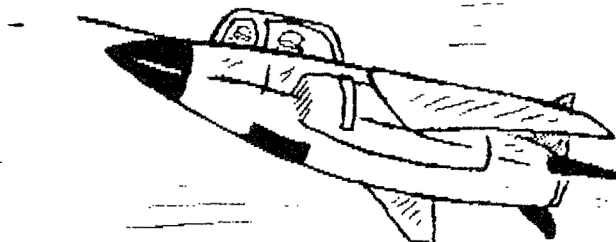
I know of at least 12 people that have seen this object over a period of 18 months to 2 years, and i am sure there are many more. The object has been reported as flying as low as 200 feet, it has also been seen in broad daylight, by several people, and was on one occasion, chased for 20 miles by two men in a car, and was found to be hovering 200 feet above a main road, the two men got out of the car and the object from being completely still shot off and vanished at an amazing speed. It has been seen hovering above the chemical plants (I.C.I. ect) over M.O.D. installations, and also over the nuclear plant over the river tees at Hartlepool.

I would be very grateful if you can shed any light on this, it only to be able to tell the people who have reported this so far what it could or could not be. I would like to thank you for your time.

yours

sincerely [REDACTED]

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FAX MESSAGEFROM

Sec (As) 2

TO

DT55

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MESSAGE: As discussed, info on last night's sightings
The signals from RAF West Drayton are also beginning to
arrive.

ANY DIFFICULTIES PLEASE TELEPHONE MB 6

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1st April 1993.

Dear Sir,

I would be most grateful if you could assist me with the identification of one, or two flying objects I happened to see at 2210 hours on 30th March 1993. Conditions were good with approx. 2/10 cloud.

Whilst out walking my dog, I happened to see two bright lights in the west which at first I took to be stars. These however were soon seen to be moving, one rather higher than the other giving the impression of an aircraft banking.

The objects were at a considerable height (40,000ft. perhaps) and passed ahead of me flying due East in the direction of Brown Willy near Camelford.

I heard very little in the way of engine noise, but whilst at the nearest point to me, I could hear a faint sound.

The two white lights were visible for some minutes until they disappeared from my view, but at no time did I see the usual intermittent flashing aircraft identification light which struck me as being very unusual.

Yours truly,

The Station Commander,
Royal Air Force, St. Mawgan,
Newquay,
Cornwall.

P.S. I hasten to add the above date is in no way relative to my enquiry!



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone 01-218 (Direct Dialling)
01-218 9000 (Switchboard)

Your reference

Our reference

Date

1 April 1993

I spoke to HQ MATO today to ask them whether any military low flying activity was going on which could account for the reports of UFO activity in the West Country during the night of 30-31 March. All they could suggest was a pair of Sea Kings from RNAS Yeovilton who were operating in LFA 2 up to 2400 local on 30 March. I hope this is helpful.

From: Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room 8245



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LATCC (Mil)
RAF West Drayton

Your reference

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Date
6 April 1993

Dear [REDACTED],

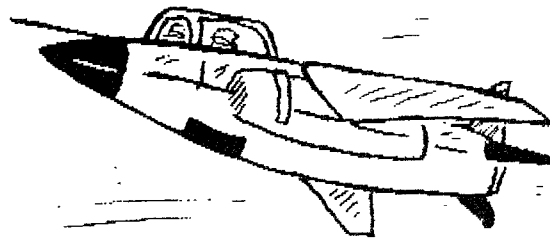
UFO SIGHTINGS - WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 1993

1. As we discussed, I am currently looking into a wave of UFO sightings that occurred on Wednesday 31 March at around 1.10am. I would be grateful if the appropriate radar tapes could be transferred onto video and examined.
2. I have attached one of the most detailed reports received, together with a map showing the timings and approximate locations of some of the sightings. The actual locations are Braunton, Liskeard, Bristol Airport, Grateley, Merthyr Tydfil, St Bride's Bay, Rugeley, Crymych, RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury. There are many other reports - mainly from Devon and Cornwall - that we do not yet have details of. The most common time is 1.10am.
3. There is some confusion about the height, size and speed of the object(s), but enough evidence to suggest that something unusual occurred.
4. Many thanks for your assistance with this, and please let me know if you require any other information.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]





FAX MESSAGE

FROM

TO

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MESSAGE:

As discussed, the note I intend to
put up to my Head of Division. Grateful for
any thoughts/comments you may have.

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ANY DIFFICULTIES PLEASE TELEPHONE ME 611.

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Your reference

[REDACTED]
Wadebridge
Cornwall
[REDACTED]

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
14 April 1993

Dear [REDACTED],

Your letter to the Station Commander at RAF St Mawgan concerning the strange lights in the sky that you saw on 30 March has been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings.

You will be interested to hear that many other people reported having seen two bright lights later on that night, with similar reports being made from areas such as Devon and Cornwall, South Wales and Shropshire. Although your report is earlier than the others, the description is very similar. We are not sure what the explanation is, although the possibilities include a satellite in low orbit, or some piece of space debris entering the atmosphere. We are not aware of any aircraft activity that would explain what was seen.

You might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with some of the other reports I know they have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association

Section 40
[REDACTED]

Harpenden
Herts

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International

Section 40
[REDACTED]

Skipton
North Yorkshire

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40



Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Oxford

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

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Yours sincerely,

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FOOSE MINUTE

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Head of Sec(AS).

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16 Apr 93

Head of Sec(AS) - through M

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Mr. [REDACTED] has spent a lot of time following this up, within the confines of restricting his approaches to official sources and not speaking to members of the general public. It would certainly appear that some unidentified object was seen. The problem is to decide what, if anything, to do next.

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT - WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH

1. In the early hours of Wednesday 31 March an unidentified object was seen over several parts of the UK. Most of the sightings were in Devon and Cornwall, South Wales and Shropshire, although reports were received from other locations. We are aware of at least 30 or 40 people who witnessed something, although this number is growing.

2. Aside from the fact that so many people reported seeing something strange, a number of other factors combine to make these sightings highly unusual; firstly, there is some commonality in the description of the object, and considerable commonality in the times of the sightings (around 1.10am). Secondly, none of the usual explanations for UFOs seem applicable, and thirdly, the reliability of the witnesses, most of whom were police officers, and some of whom were military and civil aviation personnel. I have attached the report made by a Corporal at RAF Cosford, together with three of the many other reports, as illustrations.

3. As far as can be ascertained, no military aircraft of any kind were operating in UK airspace at the time, as confirmed by both HQ MATO at RAF Uxbridge, and RAF West Drayton.

4. Sector Operations Centre (South) at RAF Neatishead have told D Air Def's staff that nothing was detected on Air Defence radar. London Air Traffic Control Centre (Military) confirmed that nothing was detected on Air Traffic Control radar.

5. RAF Fylingdales told me that a Russian rocket re-entering the atmosphere at 12.10am would have been visible from the UK, but this time does not match the majority of the sightings; furthermore, the descriptions from witnesses are not consistent with this explanation. The Royal Observatory at Greenwich were aware of no meteorite showers or similar occurrences.

6. DI55c have been consulted, but have not as yet been able to come to any conclusions about the sightings.

7. Some of the reports state that the object was moving at a very high speed (one estimate, based on timing the object over a known distance, was of 1100 mph), while some reported that the object hovered, moved slowly, and then flew off at high speed. This, together with some of the other descriptions given, suggests Aurora. Notwithstanding the US denials, these sightings might prompt renewed speculation.

8. The UK's two main UFO groups are well aware of this wave of sightings, and have told me that they have received many reports themselves. At least one local newspaper has reported the sightings. Although we have not received any press enquiries yet, there is always a possibility that questions will be asked, and it might be difficult to maintain our usual line that no further action was being taken as the sightings had been looked at, and were judged to be of no defence significance.

[REDACTED]
REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

I have spoken to as many of the police and military witnesses as I could contact; nearly everyone I spoke to said that the object was unlike anything they had ever seen before.

10. Given the above, it would not seem sufficient to simply write these sightings off. It seems that an unidentified object of unknown origin was operating in the UK Air Defence Region without being detected on radar; this would appear to be of considerable defence significance, and I recommend that we investigate further, within MOD or with the US authorities.

[REDACTED]
Sec(AS)2a
MB8245 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UFO Sightings - Wed 31 March - Contact nos, names etc

[REDACTED]
Saw object pass almost directly overhead heading due South, High, with thick vapour trails. Believed there to be 2 objects, stationary at first, then moving slowly. Like nothing he's seen before.

[REDACTED] Saw object from Morley Tydfil
Spoke to **Section 40** thought there were 2 objects, but because size would be immense if it was only one (c. 500 metres diameter?) 2 lights never moved in relation to each other. Neither had seen anything like it before.

[REDACTED] Devon + Cornwall UFO researcher Member of BUFORA.
Has been co-ordinating reports - has approx 30 - largely from police witnesses. Will send me data. Mentioned 3 x helos seen nr Bridgwater at 1.30 am, and 2 x jets, seen from Hoxton/Woolley at approx 20,000 ft, heading East - West. Again, 1.30 am. Info not substantiated by Walsbridge West Droyton.

[REDACTED] Nothing in civil + military logbooks that would indicate unusual flaps etc. This covers ATC radars.

[REDACTED] Spoke to MPC **Section 40**

Devon + Cornwall Police HQ: [REDACTED] Not co-ordinating reports.

Ludgate ATC, Bristol Airport [REDACTED] Witness Officers at

[REDACTED] at RAF West Droyton [REDACTED] Took details of RAF Coastal report, and compared to military as in UK airspace at time. Has improved ATC radar tapes, which can be viewed + analysed. 120 miles - 60,000 ft. 100 miles 7000 ft. 10 miles - 1000 ft. Sites at Cleethill and Eucington. Contact for analysis (requested).

RAF - Fylingdales - [REDACTED]

Pocket belly from an unmanned re-supply mission to the Russian space station MIR re-entered atmosphere at around 1:30 am, but would not have been visible from UK. Solar illumination unlikely at this time. Nothing else to suggest. Phoned back to say that burn up may have been visible over UK on previous orbit, but time would be 12:10 am. Possibility of mix up over times (Zulu etc.), but v unlikely with so many reports.

Royal Observatory Greenwich [REDACTED]

explain what was seen. Fireballs are more frequently reported in SW/W areas, for some reason, but this doesn't appear to explain these sightings.

[REDACTED] RAF Shoebury [REDACTED]

Saw object at 2:40 am (low stationary, then moving straight up, then zig-zag movements. 2 red lights, and beam (white) which was narrow, like laser beam, and appeared to be searching for something on the ground when the object was at its lowest point (approx 400-500 ft, 1 or 2 km from Shoebury). Object then passed directly overhead at approx 4000 ft, heading almost due South. 3 Red lights seen, 2 side by side, 1 larger red light slightly behind, and slightly larger, flashing. Guesswork of object's size: somewhere between C-130 and 747.

[REDACTED] Witness from RAF Cosford, with [REDACTED]

Section 40

Spoke at length, although most info in his report. Object disappeared off into NNE, at constant speed, course etc. 10-15 miles in 1 minute (600-900 mph?).

File Note

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from [REDACTED] Phoned [REDACTED] Told me UFO sightings report by Russian
 Rocket - Cosmos 2238 - using Venus launcher - burning up after launching secret radio communications
 Satellite - NORAD category no 22586, International code 1993/088B. Info came from
 BBC Dublin journalist [REDACTED], on [REDACTED] Home address, [REDACTED]
 Dublin, Eire. He got info from "Kelsa" (unknown) in USA. Irish Govt took interest, as
 many sightings reported over Eire. Also, allegedly, aircraft were launched to investigate.

[REDACTED] at Fylingdales confirmed details of rocket. Decay estimated at 2-20 am local,
 ± 1 hour. Just possible, i.e., that this could explain high level sightings.

[REDACTED]
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of Sec (AS)

I spoke to RAF West Prayton this morning, re the contacts recorded on the Bournemouth radar head; they believe them to be "radar clutter", caused by meteorological factors such as changes in air density.

We could therefore either drop the sentence entirely, or say "One ATC radar head did record slow moving contacts in the North Devon area, but it is believed that these can be attributed to 'radar clutter'."

I've asked them to send me all the tapes anyway (they're on video) - so we can get a second opinion from D Air Defs staff etc.



The video tape shows data from two radar heads: Clee-Hill and Burrington. The data is in realtime, with timings (Zulu) displayed on screen.

I have set the video to commence at about 1.15 am local. Before 1.15, the Clee-Hill data is used (a cross indicates the selected radar head). As we approach 1.15, the display is "frozen" and Burrington is selected. At this point we see several returns close to the radar head.

However, West Bay's controllers and Section 40 in P Air Ref do not believe there is anything unusual in the tapes. The Burrington radar is, apparently, prone to radar clutter, and the returns could even be caused by tall trees or buildings close to the radar head.

I have another tape, for earlier in the evening, at a time when we had no UFO reports. This tape shows the same sort of returns close to Burrington, when the Burrington radar is selected. This tends to suggest that there is probably nothing strange about the returns, which do not track from left to right, but simply fade in and out.

[REDACTED]

Rank WO Name [REDACTED] Signature [REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM

To Sec (AS) 2a

From [REDACTED]
AIS(M)

Date 19 April-93

Tel [REDACTED]

Your ref D/Sec(AS)12/1

Our ref INC 055/93

Subject UFO Sightings - 31 March 1993.

1. As requested we have completed the radar replay for Wednesday the 31 March, transferring this information onto a video recording for further examination.

2. I have attached your map on which I have now placed the radar heads used together with numbers which now relate to individual timings. Unfortunately the Clee-Hill radar head was not working on primary radar during the recording period, therefore, only aircraft working Secondary Surveillance Radar can be seen.

3. Listed below is the breakdown for each incident time you gave us which we have now changed to zulu time.

1. 302310z Clee-Hill Squawk 1461/039 N/E to S/W
2. 302315z Clee-Hill Nothing seen.
3. 302355z Clee-Hill Traffic out of Bristol going north squawk 4652/086 vicinity Mommouth 2355z. Squawk 1461/040 vicinity Bristol Filton 2347z going S/W, changing to 7201.
4. 310009z Clee-Hill Squawk 6416/090 northbound.
- 5A. 310010z Burrington 0015z primary contacts slow vicinity of Launcester and Bodmin.
- 5B. 310010z Clee-Hill Northbound traffic on A25 squawk 2363/242.
- 5C. 310010z Clee-Hill Nothing seen.
- 6A. 310015z Clee-Hill Squawk 4651/110 from the north through Pease Pottage Salisbury Plain area towards Southampton.
- 6B. 310015z Clee-Hill Squawk 2363/239 north on A25 and squawk 6416/090 15nm east of Shawbury northbound.
7. 310020z Burrington Intermittent slow primary contacts close to the radar head moving N/E towards Chivenor, another to south manoeuvring. East of the radar head primary contact slow heading east.
8. N/K No times given.
9. 310140z Clee-Hill Squawk 2304/200 descending on A25. At 0146z overhead Shawbury squawk 5231/203 southbound.

5. Unfortunately I would say there was nothing unusual seen on the radar recordings, I will hold the master tapes and video recordings until we hear from you. Should you require any further assistance please call we are only to happy to help.

Rank WO Name [REDACTED] Signature [REDACTED]

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19 APR '53 8:20 FROM A I S M

UFO 5:40pm 10/10/71 10000 11

Notes : All times are local
Pencil arrows show estimated heading of U.



From: [REDACTED] Secretariat(Air Staff)2 [REDACTED] Room 8245,



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) 071-21-8 2140
(Switchboard) 071-21-89000
(Fax) 071-21-8

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
22 April 1993

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Interim Report on the wave of UFO sightings that occurred in the early hours of Wednesday 31 March.

I have attached a copy of a map that I have produced, setting out the locations of sightings, together with a time and heading, if known. I have included the sightings described in your report (some of which we already had details of), together with some other reports that you may not have heard about. Our policy of witness confidentiality means that I am unable to give out names and addresses, but the following locations correspond to the crosses on the map:

Penistone, S Yorks.
Bradway, S Yorks.
Cosford, Staffs.
Rugeley, Staffs.
Shawbury, Salop.
Grateley, Hants.
Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan.
Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
Crymych, Dyfed.
Bristol, Avon.
Bridgewater, Somerset.
Quantock Hills, Somerset.
Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset.
Taunton, Somerset.
Minehead, Somerset.
Braunton, Devon.
Ilfracombe, Devon.
Plymouth, Devon.
Exeter, Devon.
Liskeard, Cornwall.
Wadebridge, Cornwall.
St Ives, Cornwall.

I hope this will be useful to you in your investigation; I will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



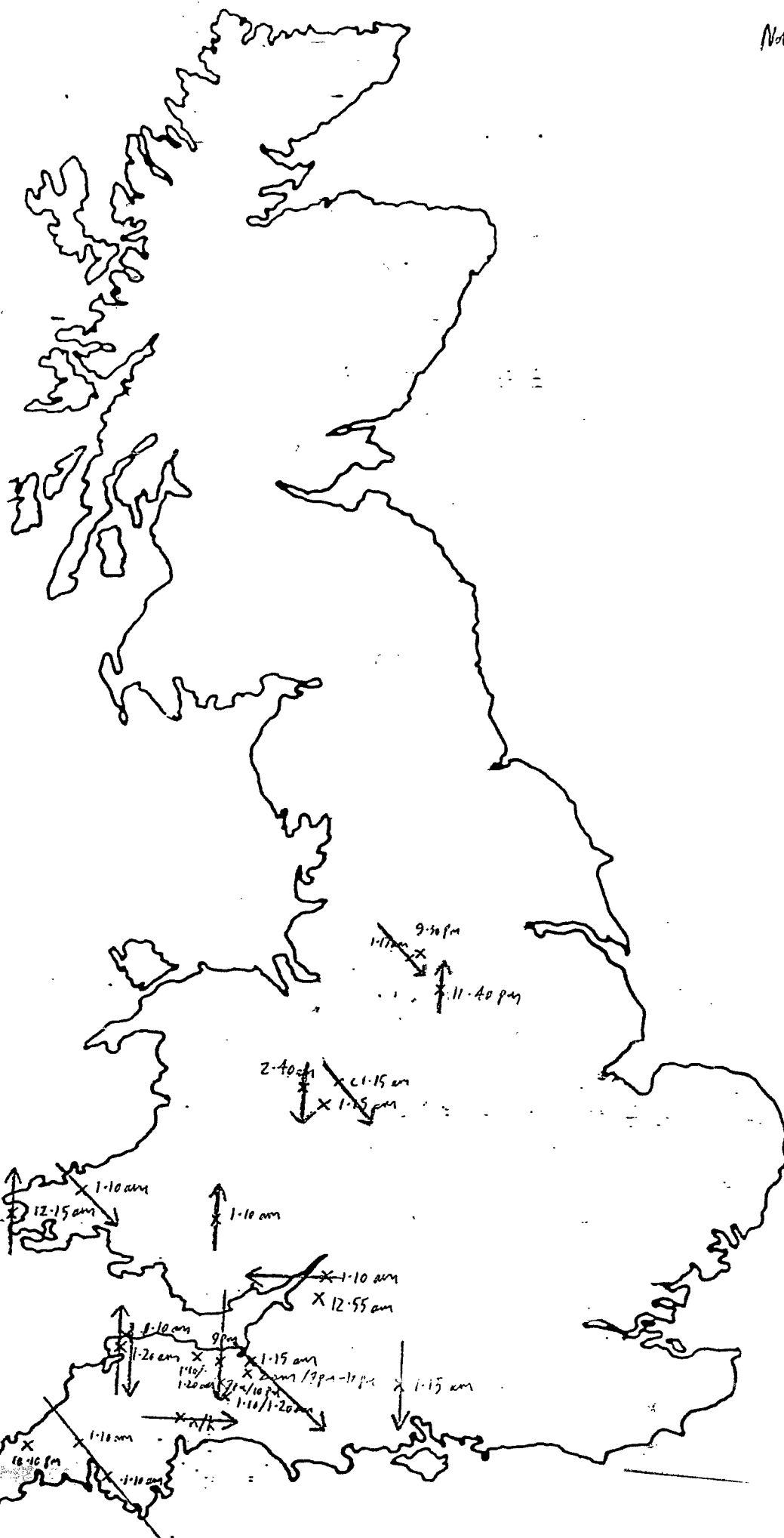
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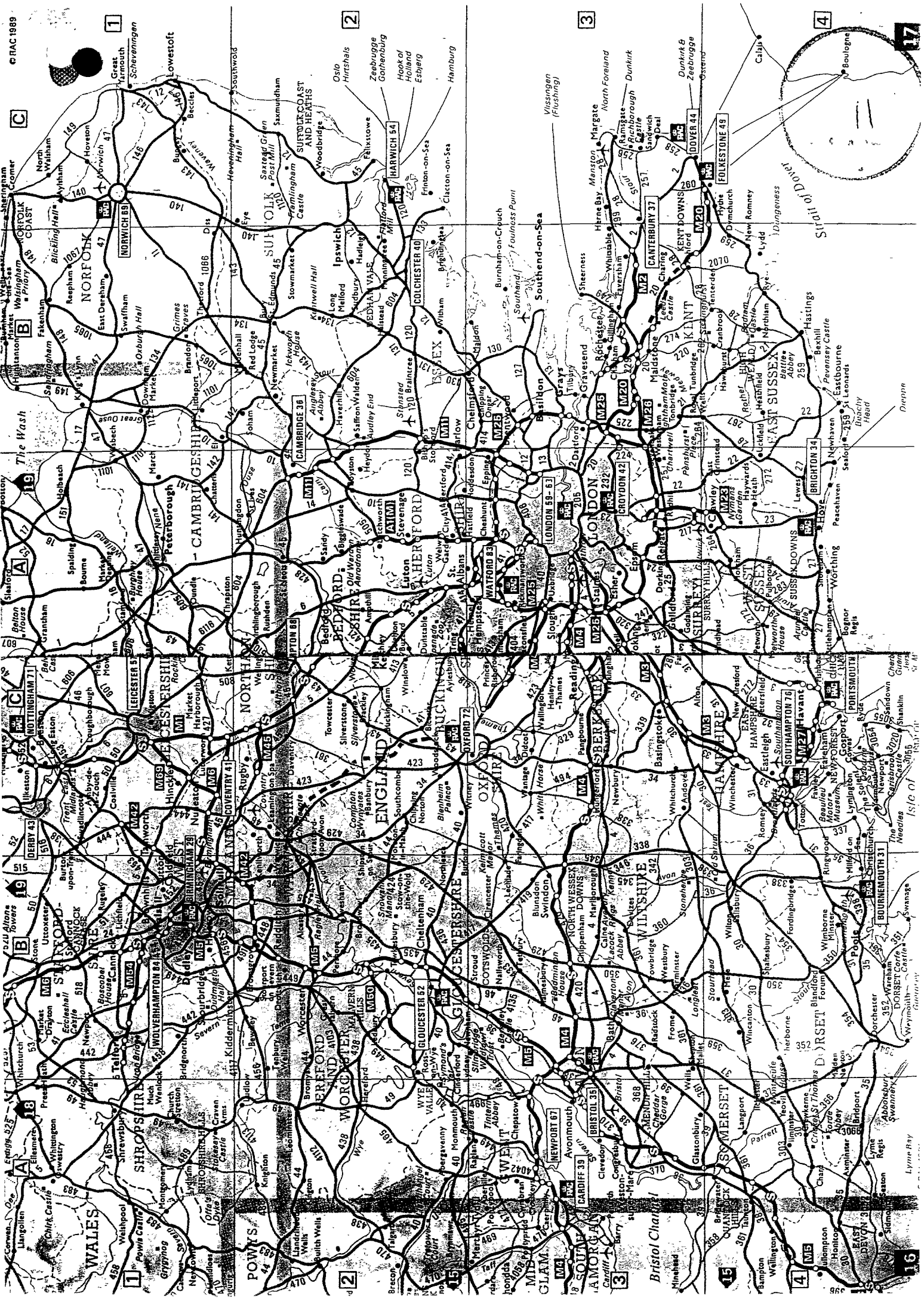
RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton	1.15 am	→ SE	✓
Rugeley, Staffs	1.10 am	v. low, slow	✓
Walsbridge, Cornwall	10.10 pm	High, ac speed?	✓
Grateley, Hants	1.15 am	Low, high speed, N → S	✓
Bravington, Devon	1.20 am	Low, S → N	✓
Bristol	1.10 am	fast, E → W	✓
Merthyr Tydfil	1.10 am	Low, slow, S → N	✓
Bristol	12.55 am		✓
Liskeard	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Haverford West	12.15 am	N → S, v. fast	✓
Crymch, Pwllheli	1.10 am	v. high + fast, NW → SE	✓
Bridgewater	1.15 am	v. fast, N → SE	✓
RAF Shawbury	2.40 am	Low, slow + fast, → S	✓
Bradney, Sheffield	11.40 pm	→ N	✓
Liskeard		→ SE	✓
Ilfracombe	1.10 am	→ S	✓
Alnmouth	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Exeter		→ E	✓
Bridgewater	2 am	Low	✓
St Ives	1.30 am		✓
Quenker Mills	9 pm	→ S	✓
Bridgewater	9 pm - 10 pm		✓
Bishops Lydeard	9 pm - 10 pm		✓
Taunton	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Monehead	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Penistone	9.30 / 1.17 am	→ SE	✓

UFO sightings late 30th / early 31st March '93

Notes : All times are local

pencil arrows show estimated heading of







LOOSE MINUTE

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D/Sec(AS)12/7(JC106/93)

22 April 1993

ACAS

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. I do not normally concern you with the UFO aspect of Sec(AS)'s work but in the light of previous conversations we have had, you may wish to be aware of a recent particularly unusual incidence of UFO sightings over the UK, involving descriptions that match some of the reported characteristics of the so-called "Aurora".
2. The sightings took place over a period of about 3 hours early on Wednesday 31 March. Most of them were in Devon and Cornwall, South Wales and Shropshire. There is a number of factors which make these sightings unusual; firstly, there is a good deal of commonality in the description of the object, and considerable commonality in the times of many of the sightings - around 1.10 am (although several occurred in locations some distance apart at about the same time indicating the possibility of more than one phenomenon); secondly, none of the usual explanations put forward to explain UFO sightings seem applicable; and thirdly, the reliability of the witnesses, a good many of whom were police officers and military personnel. Our latest information indicates that at least seventy people witnessed something, and I have attached a small selection of the reports.
3. My staff have made extensive efforts to find an explanation for these sightings, including discussions with air defence and both civil and military ATC authorities; generally it has been confirmed that nothing unusual was seen, and no requests for clearance for any "unusual activity" have been acknowledged to have been received. However the ATC radar at Burrington recorded some slow moving contacts over North Devon at the same time as some of the sightings in that area were reported. Despite this coincidence West Drayton suggest these recordings could be attributed to clutter. The only other main ATC radar (Clee Hall) which might have picked up contacts in the area in which sightings were reported was in fact not working on primary radar during the period of the sightings and therefore only aircraft working Secondary Surveillance Radar could be seen. Routine checks have advised us that there were no military aircraft operating at the time.
4. Some of the reports state that the object was moving at a very high speed, while some say that it was hovering or moving very slowly. Many of the reports refer to the object being very large, flying low and making a low humming sound. My staff have spoken to a number of the military and police witnesses, many of whom commented that the object was unlike anything they had ever seen before; a



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Met Officer at RAF-Shawbury reported seeing the object projecting a narrow beam of light at the ground at a height of 400-500 feet and estimated its size at somewhere between a C130 and B747 when it passed over his head at an estimated 4000 feet.

5. In summary, there would seem to be some evidence on this occasion that an unidentified object (or objects) of unknown origin was operating over the UK. Given recent speculation about Aurora by both media and MPs it is surprising that so far this has not been taken up by the Press or, indeed, again by MPs. Frankly, I can see little that we can do to follow it up. If there has been some activity of US origins which is known to a limited circle in MOD and is not being acknowledged it is difficult to investigate further. I would however be interested in your views in the light of your earlier interest about Aurora. I attach a copy of a letter I sent to the US Embassy not long ago which I am assured has been disseminated to all "interested Agencies" in the US.

[REDACTED]

Head of Sec(AS)

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]



AS2

ACAS.70549 -855

27 Apr 93

Hd Sec(AS)

Copy to:

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

PS/CAS

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Reference: D/Sec(AS)12/7(JC106/93) dated 22 Apr 93 (copy attached for PS/CAS).

1. Thank you for your Minute at Reference which we subsequently discussed.
2. In spite of the quality of the many witnesses who reported the unusual sightings on 31 Mar, I can add nothing to the debate. You will recall that my earlier interest in Aurora was prompted by a question from our AA in Washington seeking advice on whether the UK had any "black" programme or whether the earlier alleged sightings in Scotland could be attributed to the Vulcan display aircraft. My answer on both counts was "no". I regret that I cannot add anything further to the debate in the light of the events which took place on 31 Mar.

[REDACTED]

ACAS

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Hd Sec(AS) 70549-855

[REDACTED]



OSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/7

7 May 1993

DI55 [REDACTED]

UFO SIGHTINGS - WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH

1. As we discussed, I have forwarded three video recordings of radar data for 31 March, covering the locations and times of most of the UFO sightings. Although there are some slow moving primary contacts in the Devon/Cornwall area at 1.10am local, and 1.20 am local, the Controllers at RAF West Drayton, together with GE3, did not believe that this was significant; the contacts appear when the data is being drawn from the Burrington radar head, which is apparently prone to clutter.

2. As I also mentioned, I was contacted by a representative of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA), who believed he had an explanation for the sightings; he told me that the sightings coincided with the decay of a Russian rocket, which had been used to launch a radio communications satellite. The NORAD category number is 22586, and the international code is 1993/08B. This information came from Mr [REDACTED] a journalist with BBC Dublin (The BUFORA representative told me that there were many sightings in Eire, and that the Irish Government had been interested; he also said that aircraft were launched to investigate).

3. I spoke to RAF Fylingdales, who confirmed that there had been a decay, estimated at 2.20am local, but with an error margin of an hour either way. This decay was not mentioned during my original checks with RAF Fylingdales, although as you will recall, an earlier decay was mentioned, involving a standard re-supply rocket to the space station MIR. I now understand that this decay did not occur until 1 April.

4. Whilst the decay mentioned in para 2 might explain some of the high altitude sightings, it does not explain the low level sightings. It also fails to explain [REDACTED]'s report of a low hum, or the report from [REDACTED] the Met Officer at RAF Shawbury. The spread of timings and bearings of the sightings also argues against this decay explaining all of them.

[REDACTED]
Sec(AS)
MB8245 [REDACTED]

UFO OR NOT - THE NEXT STAGE

Speak to [REDACTED] again. If the Russian rocket was visible from the areas in question at the time quoted, especially if it broke in two, the UFO could probably be ascribed to it.

If not, examine the times and places of the sightings in more detail. See if a trajectory can be plotted. A quick look suggests this will not be possible, but it is worth trying.

Look at previous sightings. See if they match the observations.

Some of the sightings were in the Plymouth area. It is likely that some RN ships were at sea in the time. Did anyone report anything?

UFO VISITS UK?

Reports

In the early hours of 31 March, bright lights were seen in a series of places around the UK. I have 13 reports, some of which derive from several witnesses, indicating at least 30 people saw the event.

Geographically they range from Shropshire down to Bristol, South Wales and Cornwall. Aside from the wide spread of locations in the west country, the reports have a number of similarities:

- Timings around 0110 to 0120.
- Two bright white lights
- In a set formation from each other.
- No/little noise.
- Altitudes estimated around 1000 ft.

The speeds varied considerably, from hovering to Mach 2 (measured by the time taken to cross a bay of known size).

The observers were mostly RAF/civil police or personnel involved in aviation, making them reliable witnesses.

No civil or military aircraft matched the reports.

Possibilities

RAF Fylingdales reported that a Russian rocket, a resupply vehicle for the MIR space station, re-entered the atmosphere at 0010, an hour earlier than most of the sightings. I have checked that Fylingdales did not mean 0010Z and the others 0110A.

Such a rocket would orbit the Earth in 90 minutes, as would debris falling from it. I have asked DI50 to investigate the likely trajectory of the rocket to determine whether it is likely to have been visible at the given times and places. If the rocket came down to Earth and broke into two, it might explain the sighting of a pair of objects with vapour trails passing through the sky.

The [REDACTED] has collected together a series of reports which suggest an object *"about 500 ft in width, carrying two very bright light sources at its outer edges with a number of smaller lights surrounding its main body. It left a tail of light, something like a vapour trail, only illuminated or lit up."*

The number of people who apparently saw the object(s), particularly with most of them being police, suggests that there was something there and that it is not simply a hoax, despite being a day short of April Fools' Day.

Some of the witnesses quoted dimensions and altitudes. How do you estimate the height of a light of unknown size at night, with nothing with which to compare it? Also, the

estimates are not necessarily independent. For example, Sgt [REDACTED] estimated an altitude of 1000 ft. However, he filed his report after interviewing another witness who also gave that figure.

An aircraft (or whatever) travelling at, say, Mach 2 could not cover such a wide area in such a short time. Either the object was much higher in the sky, such that all observers could see it at the same time, or it somehow travels much faster than that.

Conclusions

The observers saw the same object, or a series of similar ones, at the same time.

The Russian rocket is a definite possibility, although it could not explain all the claims. [REDACTED] should be able to confirm one way or the other.

If the claims as worded are true, something penetrated UK airspace without our radars seeing it. It then visited several places of military interest at very high speed and then departed.

A comparison with previous events might provide more data.

COSFORD

[REDACTED] RAF Police

0115. 2 bright lights, constant in size and in relation to each other. Altitude 1000 ft. Circular in shape, creamy white. Moving fast SE. No noise.

Mr [REDACTED]

0125. Also seen by [REDACTED] Rugeley. 900-1000 ft altitude. 200 m in diameter. Humming noise as it passed over him..

SHAWBURY

[REDACTED] Met Office

0250. Lights of same description, heading south. Two lights, moving erratically at hundreds of miles an hour, unlike any aircraft.

BRISTOL

[REDACTED] Met Office

0055. Lights seen there. Initially assumed to be meteorites. Also seen by other airport staff.

DYFDD

[REDACTED]

0110. Two bright lights in parallel, one slightly behind the other. No sound. Marked vapour trail but not very long. Covered horizon in 2 minutes.

BRAUNTON, DEVON

[REDACTED]

0120. Three large, very bright lights. Seemed to land in sand dunes.

LISKEARD, DEVON

[REDACTED]

0110. 2/3, star-shaped lights with vapour trail. Also seen by other police officers in Devon/Cornwall.

MERTHYR TYDFIL

[REDACTED]

0110. Two bright, circular lights with trails. Overhead, moving north, 100-200 m altitude.

Similar reports from

Greatly Hampshire	0115
East Harptree, Bristol	0010
Haverford West, Pembrokeshire	0015
Wadebridge, Devon	2210
Bridgewater, Devon	0115

B N S C

CRAI/NATS.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Please find enclosed letter from the Staffordshire Police, I have spoken to the Dept. of Transport, Civil Aviation Section who suggested I send to N.A.T.S. as it was nothing to do with DT/BNSC.

[REDACTED]

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STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Telephone: **Section 40**

Our Ref. CAN/JC/SAT

Your Ref.



Police Station,
Wolverhampton Road,
Cannock,
Staffs.
WS11 1AW

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

7th May, 1993

Department of Trade and Industry,
National Air Traffic Control Services,
1 Victoria Street,
London SW1H 0ET

Dear Sirs,

I attach hereto copy reports received from my officers in connection with alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,


Superintendent.

Secretary (Air Staff) 2A
MOD
Main Building
Room 8245
Whitehall
London SW1A 2H

FAO

Mr. 

The person dealing with this correspondence is:

Staffordshire Police

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

FROM: P.C. [REDACTED]
TO: SUPT. [REDACTED]

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

STATION: RUGELEY

DATE: 31.3.93

SUBJECT: U.F.O. REPORT

1. With reference to the attached report by P.C. [REDACTED] concerning a U.F.O. being sighted in the Brereton Area of Rugeley, more information has been received by myself from a Cpl [REDACTED] of the Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford.
2. Cpl [REDACTED] has informed me that from enquiries he has made he has further sightings of the U.F.O. in Bristol at 0100 hours by an [REDACTED] at Bristol Airport, at Ternhill Barracks at 0200 hours by two guards on duty there and at R.A.F. Stafford where two guards also saw it travelling at a speed of approximately '400 knots' on a very low flight path.
3. Cpl [REDACTED] also informed me that he has liaised with R.A.F. Shrewsbury, at Section 40, who informed him that he had seen a U.F.O. in the sky travelling at high speed but riding erratically at different attitudes. He observed it for approx. 15 minutes until it went off at speed (400 knots) in a southern direction.
4. Enquiries have been made with all aviation centres and there was no activity in the area at all by any military or civil aeroplanes.
5. All the above information has been recorded at R.A.F. Cosford and a separate report has been compiled by Cpl [REDACTED]
6. If any more information is required it can be obtained from The Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford Tel. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

P.C. [REDACTED]

Staffordshire Police

Form No. 65

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

FROM: P.C. [REDACTED]

TO: SUPERINTENDENT [REDACTED]

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

STATION: RUGELEY

DATE: 31st March, 1993

SUBJECT: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. At 0149 hours on Wednesday 31st March, 1993 a Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Brereton, Rugeley, reported to Rugeley Police Station that he had sighted a U.F.O. in the Brereton area. The informant was visited and the following details were obtained:

A TIME - 0109 hrs
DATE - 31.3.93
DURATION OF SIGHTING - Approx. 1 minute

B DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Shape - Oval
Size - Approximately 150 metres in length
Colour - Shiny. Unable to state colour.
Brightness - The object had lights at each end which were cream and very bright
Sound - Loud humming noise.

C EXACT POSITION OBSERVED

The informant sighted the object whilst stood in the garden of his home address.

D HOW OBSERVED

Naked eye

E DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN

The informant saw the object over the Stile Cop area of Cannock Chase.

F ANGLE OF SIGHT

Approximately 45 degrees

G DISTANCE

Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile

H MOVEMENTS

Moved away into the distance slowly

J METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Dry and Clear

Cont'd Overleaf / Sheet No.

K NEARBY OBJECTS

Housing and industrial estate

L TO WHOM REPORTED

R.A.F. Cosford and Rugeley Police Station

M NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Brereton, Rugeley

N ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

It is not thought that the informant has ever made any previous reports of a similar nature in the past.

O OTHER WITNESSES

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Pear Tree Estate, Rugeley

P DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT

0149 hours 31.3.93

Q IS A REPLY REQUESTED

Yes

2. In accordance with Force Standing Order E4 1:1 I would ask that this report be forwarded to:

Department of Trade and Industry,
National Air Traffic Control Services,
1 Victoria Street,
London SW1H 0ET.

[REDACTED]
P.C. [REDACTED]

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Superintendent [REDACTED]

- (1) This report, together with the report from P.C. [REDACTED], dated 31st March, 1993, is forwarded for your information and subsequent transmission to the Department of Trade and Industry at the above address.

13.4.93

[REDACTED]
Inspector

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Chief Superintendent [REDACTED]

1. I would ask that a copy of this report be forwarded as outlined in Minute 1 (2) above.

26 April 1993



[REDACTED]
Chief Inspector

PAB.

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Superintendent [REDACTED] Cannock.

1. This type of report need not be referred to Headquarters and may be forwarded direct to the Department of Trade and Industry.

5th May, 1993.

[REDACTED]
Chief Superintendent.

Head of Sec(AS)

1 SE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/7

7 May 1993

DI55c

*Thank you
I suggest you
now drop this
subject*
07/5

*As you will see, we may have
an explanation for some - but certainly
not all - of the recent UFO sightings.
PISSC will follow this up.*

UFO SIGHTINGS - WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH

1. As we discussed, I have forwarded three video recordings of radar data for 31 March, covering the locations and times of most of the UFO sightings. Although there are some slow moving primary contacts in the Devon/Cornwall area at 1.10am local, and 1.20 am local, the Controllers at RAF West Drayton, together with GE3, did not believe that this was significant; the contacts appear when the data is being drawn from the Burrington radar head, which is apparently prone to clutter.

2. As I also mentioned, I was contacted by a representative of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA), who believed he had an explanation for the sightings; he told me that the sightings coincided with the decay of a Russian rocket, which had been used to launch a radio communications satellite. The NORAD category number is 22586, and the international code is 1993/08B. This information came from [REDACTED] a journalist with BBC Dublin (The BUFORA representative told me that there were many sightings in Eire, and that the Irish Government had been interested; he also said that aircraft were launched to investigate).

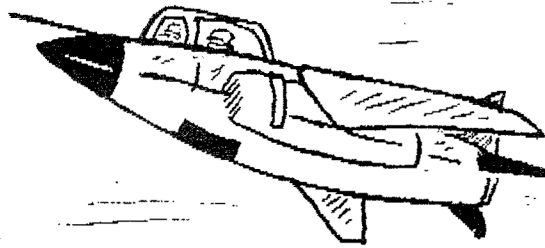
3. I spoke to RAF Fylingdales, who confirmed that there had been a decay, estimated at 2.20am local, but with an error margin of an hour either way. This decay was not mentioned during my original checks with RAF Fylingdales, although as you will recall, an earlier decay was mentioned, involving a standard re-supply rocket to the space station MIR. I now understand that this decay did not occur until 1 April.

4. Whilst the decay mentioned in para 2 might explain some of the high altitude sightings, it does not explain the low level sightings. It also fails to explain [REDACTED]'s report of a low hum, or the report from [REDACTED] the Met Officer at RAF Shawbury. The spread of timings and bearings of the sightings also argues against this decay explaining all of them.

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FAX MESSAGE

FROM



Sec (AS) 2

TO



DT551

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MESSAGE:

As discussed, copies of all the reports
that you don't have (although I presume
the signals should be filtered through somewhere)

ANY DIFFICULTIES PLEASE TELEPHONE MB 6110

[REDACTED]

D/DI55/108/15/2

19 May 1993

31 MARCH 93 INCIDENT - SUMMARY

1. In the early hours of 31 Mar 93 an aerial incident occurred over much of the UK. The incident has not yet been investigated and the following summarizes the incident.

2. Visible Phenomena. Generally reported as twin (some reports triple) white/crummy lights, circular in shape with no beam. Lights moved parallel to each other and were about 450 ft apart (estimates vary). Several reports indicated that there was a structure between the lights. Some reports indicate that a gold/silver tail was present sometimes with a red glow. Some reports indicated a trail.

3. Audible Phenomena. Described as either quiet or "a low hum".

4. Locations. See attached map.

5. Witnesses. Many, including civil and military police.

6. Speed. From hovering to Mach 2 (calculated by witness by time taken to cross bay of given size).

7. Altitude. Around 1000 feet.

8. Other Information.

a. Radar tapes held by 55 [REDACTED]

b. A MIR resupply vehicle re-entered the atmosphere an hour before the incident started.

[REDACTED]

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DI55
OWOB 336 [REDACTED]

Enclosure:

1. Locations of Sightings.

[REDACTED]

Notes : All times are local
Pencil arrows show estimated heading of



<u>Location</u>	<u>Time seen</u>	<u>Height/Heading/speed etc.</u>	
RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton	1.15 am	→ SE	✓
Rugeley, Staffs	1.10 am	v. low, slow	✓
Witchbridge, Cornwall	10.10 pm	High, ac speed?	✓
Gravelly, Hants	1.15 am	Low, high speed, N → S	✓
Brampton, Devon	1.20 am	low, S → N	✓
Bristol	1.10 am	fast, E → W	✓
Moorhys Tydfil	1.10 am	low, slow, S → N	✓
Bristol	12.55 am		✓
Liskeard	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Haverford West	12.15 am	N → S, v. fast	✓
Crymch, Pwllheli	1.10 am	v. high + fast, NW → SE	✓
Bridgewater	1.15 am	v. fast, N → SE	✓
RAF Shrewsbury	2.40 am	low, slow + fast, → S	✓
Bradway, Sheffield	11.40 pm	→ N	✓
Liskeard		→ SE	✓
Ilfracombe	1.10 am	→ S	✓
Alnmouth	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Exeter		→ E	✓
Bridgewater	2 am	low	✓
St Ives	1.30 am		✓
Queensbury Mills	9 pm	→ S	✓
Bridgewater	9 pm - 10 pm		✓
Bishops Lydeard	9 pm - 10 pm		✓
Taunton	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Marehead	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Penistone	9.30 / 1.17 am	→ SE	✓

[REDACTED]
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Tel: [REDACTED]

14th March 1993

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Firstly, thank you for your help when I rang you last week re: the sighting of an unknown object on Wednesday 31st March '93 over Wales and the Westcountry.

As requested I am enclosing a copy of my hastily prepared Interim Report concerning this event. It will obviously take some time to collate all the information I receive, but once this is completed I will let you have a copy of my final report.

I understood from our conversation, that you have also received some reports of this event and would appreciate anything you can tell me concerning this. I have no idea at present what flew over this area on the night in question, all I do know is that it was very big, was shaped something like a 'Catamaran' and was completely silent!

Once again many thanks for your help.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

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INTERIM REPORT

Case No 933

Case Name - 'Westcountry / Wales Sightings - 31st March 1993'

Introduction

At 2.20am on the morning of 31st March 1993, I received phone call from Sgt [REDACTED] of the Devon & Cornwall Police Force informing me that at 1.10am he had observed 2 very bright white objects hovering at approximately 2,000' north of his position, S.E. of Liskeard on the A38. He had been notified of the objects presence in the area, by two other Police Officers, P.Cs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These officers were travelling out of Liskeard in a north westerly direction and had themselves observed the two objects approaching from the N.E. Sgt [REDACTED] watched the objects for a few seconds before they started to ascend fairly quickly and moved S.E. in an arc to a height of about 10,000' towards Torpoint, Plymouth, Devon.

Following this report, I contacted the Police Control Headquarters at Exeter, Devon and was informed by an officer on duty that they had received a number of similar reports from other Police Officers in Ilfracombe, Plymouth and East Devon. They also mentioned a report from the South Wales Gwent Police. Acting on this information, I telephoned the police station at Ilfracombe, (Nth Devon) and spoke to a Sgt [REDACTED] who informed me that at approximately 1.10am whilst driving down into Lynton, with another officer (P.C. [REDACTED]) they saw two

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very large bright white lights approaching from the north, across the Bristol Channel. He estimated their height to be about 2,000'. As the lights passed overhead, both officers discerned a structure between the lights and estimated that an object some 500' wide with lights on either side had passed over their heads at low altitude! They subsequently logged a report of this event with their headquarters.

After this call, I contacted the Plymouth police and was informed that they had received a call, about 1.10am, from a gentleman who reported seeing two very bright lights, flying fairly high over Stoke (Plymouth) and proceeding in a S.Easterly direction. Because of the time of night and the improbability of what the person was reporting, this report was not officially logged.

Later in the day, I contacted the police at Merthyr Tydfil (South Wales) and after some delay obtained the names of two police officers stationed at Treharris Police Station who had also reported seeing two very bright white objects/lights flying across South Wales and heading across the Bristol Channel. Their report was also timed at about 1.10am.

That evening I contacted the Exeter Police and was given the names of three police officers who had earlier reported a sighting. These proved to be a Sgt [REDACTED] PC [REDACTED] and PC [REDACTED]. All three officers had been on duty in Paul Street, Exeter, when they observed two very bright objects flying parallel to each other and on an Easterly course over the city.

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On Thursday 1st April 1993, I received a call from [REDACTED] at the British UFO Research Associations Office, giving me the name, address and telephone number of Mrs [REDACTED] from Pentregalar, Dyfed, who had also seen the two very bright lights in flight across N.W.Wales at 1.10am on Wednesday 31st March 1993.

At this point, I now had some seven or eight reports, mostly police officers, who had all observed two very bright white lights or objects, travelling across the night sky from approximately N.W to S.E. in complete silence and trailing some form of illuminated vapour trail behind them / it! What was noticeable about these sightings, was that all the persons I spoke too had great difficulty in describing the 'trails' and used the term vapour as a simply means of doing so. What was also noted was the fact that whatever it was that was trailing behind the objects, it was 'illuminated' or 'lit up' by some means or other. One person described them as 'like car head light beams shining backwards, another thought they looked like long thin fluorescent light tubes!

Because of the extraordinary similarity between the reports, it was obvious to me that at approximately 1.10am on the morning of the 31st March 1993, an object of enormous size had crossed N.W.Wales, S.Wales, N.Devon, Cornwall and E. Devon. During its flight it had descended from a great height over N.W.Wales to about 2,000' above the Bristol Channel and hovered at the same height north of Liskeard. From there it ascended to approximately 10,000' over Plymouth and subsequently E. Devon. From here I felt sure it must have travelled further east or south easterly and decided therefore to try and obtain some additional sightings by use of the local press. I contacted the Taunton Gazette and Honiton News, both weekly papers and gave them some details of the events of Wednesday 31st.

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I avoided giving the time of the sightings and a full description of what had been seen.

These reports were published on Friday 2 April 1993 and by mid afternoon on that day my phone was ringing continuously. My callers were mainly from the Taunton, Minehead area and interestingly gave me a good picture of the objects journey over Somerset and onto the Dorset border. Again most of the reports were of two very bright white lights, flying parallel to each other and at a constant speed. The rear light source was again mentioned in all the reports and as before the callers had difficulty in describing this. The length of the trailing light varied from caller to caller and was anything from 100' to 100yds depending on the callers angle of sighting. Most of these sightings were timed between 1.10am and 1.17am, which indicated a 1.10am to 1.15am sighting, some five minutes later than the Welsh, Cornwall sightings.

In addition to the 1.10am - 1.15am sightings, I also received two reports concerning a large object carrying two very bright outward light sources. This object was seen at 2am over the River Parrot, Nr Bridgewater, flying very low, about 800', by some local fishermen known as 'Elvers'. Elvers being young eels. Both reports concerned a number of fishermen, but were initially made by two of them, Mr [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED] of Bridgewater, Somerset. One of the sighters, [REDACTED] described the object as looking like a very large 'Catamaran'. It had two long ski like sections underneath which appeared to be joined by a centre structure about 400' to 500' apart! From the rear they described a long beam like light source, something like a cars headlights dimmed.

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In all the reports received, there was no mention of any noise being associated with the lights / object, in fact the reverse appears to be the case, i.e. complete silence!

Whilst collating all these reports, I also received some reports concerning bright lights flying in formation and hovering over Bridgewater and Bishops Lydiard between 9pm and 10pm on the evening of 30th March 1993. I also received one report, again from a police officer, who was off duty and with some Scouts up on the Quantock Hills at about 9pm on the 30th. He reports seeing a large object flying in from the north, fairly low and said it resembled 'two concord aircraft fixed together' and covered in a number of white bright lights. Obviously this could not have been two 'Concords' but its not a bad description in comparison with the 'Elvers' description at 2am i.e. a large 'Catamaran'.

Since these reports I have received three more, only these have come from St Ives, Cornwall. again two very bright lights are reported flying parallel to each other and very high in the sky. This is some twenty minutes later than the earlier sightings on the 31st and indicates that the objects or objects were seen over the West Country and Wales, on at least three separate occasions i.e. 1.10am, 1.30am and 2am.

From the general description given, it would appear that the object seen was about 500' in width, carrying two very bright light sources at its outer edges with a number of smaller lights surrounding its main body. It left a tail of light, something like a vapour trail, only illuminated or lit up.

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At this point in the investigation, Sunday 11th April 1993, I have now despatched 33 report forms to all the 'sighters' and once returned will hopefully be able to plot at least the 1.10am flight path of the object and provide a better description of its form, structure and performance. I will also have a better picture of the 1.30am St Ives, Cornwall and 2am Bridgewater, Somerset events.

As a matter of interest, two of my reports concerned the presence of two 'Jet Fighters' flying in from the East. one behind the other, and across Devon at 1.30am on the 31st. One report came from a retired airline pilot living in East Devon who gave the altitude of the jets as 20,000' and their speed as 1,500mph. He also said they were in a hurry and had their 'after burners' on! This report was later corroborated by a second report from a gentlemen living in Wellington, Somerset. My efforts to confirm the presence of these aircraft with SEC (AS) 2A at the MOD (AIR) was not successful. From their records no military aircraft were airborne at this time over Devon and are therefore unknown to anybody at this time!

I also received two reports of three military type helicopters flying in a radius of Bridgewater between 1.30am and 2am on the 31st. Both reporters are adamant that the helicopters were military - probably 'Sea Kings'? but again MOD (AIR) were unable to confirm their presence in the area. My information is that these Helicopters were on a search operation of some kind or another and that at one stage 'red flares' were seen due south of Bridgewater.

13th April 1993

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
22 April 1993

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Interim Report on the wave of UFO sightings that occurred in the early hours of Wednesday 31 March.

I have attached a copy of a map that I have produced, setting out the locations of sightings, together with a time and heading, if known. I have included the sightings described in your report (some of which we already had details of), together with some other reports that you may not have heard about. Our policy of witness confidentiality means that I am unable to give out names and addresses, but the following locations correspond to the crosses on the map:

Penistone, S Yorks.
Bradway, S Yorks.
Cosford, Staffs.
Rugeley, Staffs.
Shawbury, Salop.
Grateley, Hants.
Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan.
Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
Crymych, Dyfed.
Bristol, Avon.
Bridgewater, Somerset.
Quantock Hills, Somerset.
Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset.
Taunton, Somerset.
Minehead, Somerset.
Braunton, Devon.
Ilfracombe, Devon.
Plymouth, Devon.
Exeter, Devon.
Liskeard, Cornwall.
Wadebridge, Cornwall.
St Ives, Cornwall.

I hope this will be useful to you in your investigation; I will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]



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UFO sightings late 30th / early 31st March '93

Notes : All times are local

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26th May 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

Firstly, many thanks for your help over the last few weeks, it really has been appreciated.

Just a quick update on the events of 30th/31st March 1993 re: the sightings here in the Westcountry.

It is almost certain that the majority of the 1.10am sightings were in fact the re-entry of a Russian second stage rocket that had put a Cosmos Radio Satellite (2238) into orbit sometime before midnight.

What we don't know is what the object or objects seen at 1.30am over St Ives, Cornwall and 2.00am over Bridgewater, Somerset and indeed the hovering object(s) seen over Nth Devon between 8.00pm and 11.00pm on the 30th!

From the evidence to date, something was most definitely haunting the sky over Nth Devon on the evening of the 30th and I have substantiated reports confirming this.

The 2.00am Bridgewater sighting also appears to be genuine and I can see no reason to doubt it.

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Then there is the collection of sightings you kindly gave me covering Avon, Shropshire and South Yorkshire up to 2.40am on the 31st - it certainly was a busy night for something.

At the moment I am busy putting together a 16 page report on these events and once completed will despatch it to the appropriate authorities - you will of course receive a copy.

However, before finalising this report, I wondered if you had been able to obtain any information re: the two fighter aircraft seen over Devon at 1.30am on the 31st or the 3 helicopters seen over and around Bridgewater at 1.30am also on the 31st.

Could I please ask if you could once again check your records and ascertain, if possible, what they were doing! I realise this may be difficult, but I do honestly believe that they have a bearing on this case.

Once again, many thanks for your help to date and do hope I,m not causing you any undue trouble or inconvenience.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



P.S. Thanks for the letter sent to you by the Post office - I received it this morning.
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Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
28 May 1993

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter dated 26 May.

I am afraid that I can offer very little with regard to tracking down the fighter aircraft and helicopters seen on 31 March; when you first mentioned this to me, I attempted to track down any military aircraft that might have been operating at the times and locations specified, but found no evidence of any such activity. I should add that it is unusual for military aircraft to be operating as late as 1.30am.

I will await your final report with interest - personally I agree that while the decay of Cosmos 2238 might explain the high level 1.10am sightings, it would not explain the other sightings on the night in question.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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Ref: Case No 933

26th May 1993

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2 Room 8245
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thankyou for your letter received today in reply to mine of the 26th May last.

As promised please find enclosed a copy of my report re: the events of the night 30th/31st March 1993. As is usual with these types of cases once the event has passed there is not much more we can do with it. Our only hope is that something else might pop out of the woodwork at a later date to throw some light on it.

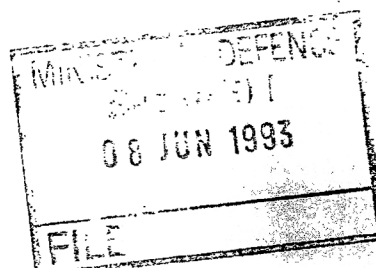
There appears to have been a lot of ufo activity over the last few months particularly in the Gwent area of South Wales. Some of the sightings are very similar to the events in that area in 1980 and 1982 which were in themselves quite extraordinary - but again once reported upon what else can we do. One day perhaps we shall have a landing or some tangible evidence of what these 'things' are and more importantly - what their doing!

I hope you find the report of some interest and if you have any ideas or theories on this event please let me know.

Once again many thanks for your help and look forward to speaking to you again.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

20th May 1993

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CASE NO 933 - 'The Wales and Westcountry Sightings'
30th / 31st March 1993

This report has been compiled with information received from, and with the much appreciated co-operation of [REDACTED]

It also includes information received from Mr [REDACTED] of the Ministry of Defence (Sec Air)2, Mr [REDACTED] of the British Astronomical Association (BAA), Mr [REDACTED] a BBC correspondent for BBC Radio 4, based in Dublin, Ireland, members of the Devon & Cornwall Police Force and numerous members of the British public living in Wales, Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

Introduction

On Wednesday the 31st March 1993, at approx 2.20am, I received a telephone call from Sgt [REDACTED] of the Devon & Cornwall Police Force. He is stationed at Bodmin, Cornwall and was reporting an incident that had occurred at 1.10am that morning whilst on duty near Liskeard. Briefly he reported that at 1.10am, whilst driving towards Dobwalls on the A38, he noticed 2 very bright lights of objects hovering at about 2,000' above the N.W. Horizon. Knowing the night sky fairly well he immediately realised that 'they' were not stars and did not conform to any known aircraft or their navigation lights. At this point he stopped his patrol car and got out. he watched the objects for a few seconds and was amazed to see them suddenly start to ascend at a fairly fast rate of knots.

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They seemed to move in an arc over his position and disappeared to the south. At their highest point, about *10,000' 2 vapour like trails appeared behind each object and they appeared to be self luminous. * This height is based on information obtained from the control tower at Exeter Airport later that day.

At the end of his report, [REDACTED] informed me that several other police officers had made similar reports to their operations room at Exeter.

Shortly after this call, I contacted the Ops. Room at Exeter and was told that they had received a number of reports, all from police officers on duty within the counties of Cornwall and Devon. They also said that 2 other officers of the Gwent Police Force, had also logged a similar report.

In total I was given the names and contact addresses of 11 officers. In addition I was informed that 2 other officers who were on a special surveillance operation somewhere in East Devon, had also reported something very similar. Unfortunately, I was unable to obtain these officers names and can do no more than note their sightings.

During that day, I managed to contact (by phone) all the officers concerned and after taking details of their sightings and with their permission despatched each a copy of our UFO report forms for completion and return.

* Strangely, to date I have only received back 3 completed sets of forms and what is even more puzzling, is the fact that all of these have been from police sergeants - none from police constables! Whether there is a particular reason for this remains to be seen, but it does seem a bit odd to say the least.

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From the original phone reports and the returned report forms a fairly comprehensive picture of the nights events soon became apparent.

* At appendix 'A' to this report is a summary of these reports, coupled with others received from members of the public during the course of the investigation.

What emerged from these reports, (with the exception of Sgt [REDACTED] (Liskeard) and Sgt [REDACTED] (Lynton) was that they all virtually told the same story - this is as follows:

The time is 1.10am on the 31st March 1993, and a number of police officers on duty within Devon & Cornwall, observed 2 very bright white lights or objects, traversing the sky from the N.W. to the S.E., and at a high altitude. All report seeing some sort of vapour trails behind and staying with the objects. Most had problems in describing these 'trails' but most thought they were self luminous or lit by some light source from the objects. What is certain is that they were not the usual vapour trails associated with high flying conventional aircraft. Most reported the objects as fairly fast - somewhat faster than a Jet aircraft. In addition all reported that the objects were completely silent.

As stated earlier all the reports are very similar, given due regard to these officers knowledge or otherwise of the night sky and their abilities to judge the height or speed of objects traversing it. This is not doubting these officers truthfulness or their observation powers, but I do think it's a case of 'horses for courses'. Objects in the night sky, as we all know, can be very deceptive and this is particular so when uncommon phenomenon such as decaying space hardware is concerned.

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Most of these reports (if not all!) were, I have reason to believe, their observations of a Russian 2nd stage launch vehicle of the Tsyklon class, which had previously (about midnight) put into orbit a Cosmos 2238 Satellite. Its return to earth had occurred at approx 1.05am and was first seen over Innis, Ireland at that time. From its orbital direction of 65 degrees it would have traversed the sky at a height of between 80kms and 100kms in a S.E. direction. If it did cross Innis at 1.05am and I have reliable evidence to support this, then it would have crossed Lands End shortly after - approx 1.10am. Given the officers locations in Cornwall & Devon, it is I believe reasonable to assume that what they saw was the re-entry of this space vehicle. However, at this time a final conclusion cannot be given, until receipt of a report from a [REDACTED] investigation team in Ireland, which will hopefully confirm the spent rockets course over Innis.

This leaves me with the problem of the reports from Sgt [REDACTED] and Sgt [REDACTED] they tell a different story! Sgt [REDACTED] in company with P.C. [REDACTED], were approaching the the coast town of Lynton, Nth Devon, at 1.10am. Their direction of travel was due north and as they neared the town they noticed 2 very bright lights approaching from the north across the Bristol Channel. Stopping their patrol car they watched as the lights drew nearer to them. The lights or object(s) passed to the west going in a S.Easterly direction. As it / they passed over, they noticed a third light, much smaller than the other two and positioned somewhere between them. Sgt [REDACTED] states - that as it passed silently by, he got the impression that the lights were attached to a very large object, but could not make out any shape of other details. As it went away from from them, both officers saw two white vapour like trails

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behind each light. They described these trails as 'self luminous' but not the same as normal aircraft vapour - more like beams of light! They estimated the elevation of the objects to be 40 degrees to the horizon at a distance of between 1,000' and 2,000'.

This is obviously at variance to the other reports, but would seem to substantiate Sgt [REDACTED]'s report who was at the same time S.W. of their position and saw the objects in a stationary mode N.W. of his position. This suggests that both the Sgts sighting are in many respects different to the others and indicate that their objects were extremely low and appeared to have the ability to stop and hover!

I personally have no doubts about their sightings, because, as whereas some people may have difficulty in judging objects at great height, I hardly think these officers could be mistaken in their judgements - 2,000' is one thing, but anywhere between 10,000' and 80kms is another. It is therefore my considered opinion that these two sightings are of different to that of the re-entry rocket and may be associated with certain other events that took place later in the morning, at 2.00am and indeed the previous evening between 8.00pm and 11.00pm over Nth Devon.

Most of these reports were received following the publication of some news articles in two local papers. (Honiton News & Somerset Gazette) The articles did not specify the type of objects seen or the time. As a result I received a large number of phone calls from members of the public and another police officer, this time from Somerset. After evaluating these reports and filing away those which I considered were not relevant to this case, it became apparent that in addition to the initial 1.10am police reports, there were a number which were very similar and did therefore have some association.

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In an effort to give these events some clarity - they have been separated into groups with each group being given its own heading, they are as follows:-

<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
'A'	Innis, Ireland	31/3/93	1.05am
'B'	* Wales, Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.	31/3/93	1.10am to 1.17am
'C'	Bridgewater, Somerset	31/3/93	2.00am
'D'	North Devon	30/3/93	7.00pm to 11.00pm
'E'	St Ives & Penzance, Cornwall	31/3/93	1.30am
'F'	** Wales, Westcountry, Avon, Shropshire, Sth Yorkshire	30-31/3/93	Various

* The reports associated with this event include those received from the police officers who initially saw the objects at 01.10am on 31/3/93.

** These reports are the subject of a letter received from the MoD (Sec Air)2a giving some details of reports received by them. They are thought to be associated with the events of 30-31/3/93 because of the similarities between them and those already known to me.

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Investigation

Event 'A' - Innis, Ireland.

This event occurred at 1.05am on Wednesday 31st March 1993 over Innis, Ireland, when 2 bright lights were observed traversing the sky. It is believed that they were seen at high altitude, displaying white vapour trails. they appeared to be flying parallel to each other, on a N.W. to S.E. course. Evidently this sighting caused some concern to the Irish Government and as a consequence a fighter aircraft was despatched to monitor the objects. It seems the operation was not successful as the objects were thought to have been travelling at about 3,000mph - obviously too fast for the jets. The full details of this sighting are not yet to hand, but it is thought to be basically correct.

As with the 1.10am police reports and some of the other 1.10am reports, this sighting is also believed to be result of the previously mention rocket re-entry, but more of that later!

* Information supplied by Mr [REDACTED] a BBC Correspondent based in Dublin.

Event 'B' - Wales, Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

At various time between 1.10am and 1.17am on Wednesday 31st March 1993, 12 people (excluding the original 11 police officers) reported the sighting of two very bright objects flying across the night sky in a south easterly direction. With the exception of one, they all report seeing some sort of vapour trails, but describe them slightly differently! In the main they were white, and trailed back from the objects and appeared to be self luminous.

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This indicates that they were not normal jet aircraft trails, but do seem synonymous with something like the trail of a 'shooting star'.

After evaluating these reports and giving due regards to peoples different perspectives of the objects, it is reasonable to assume that they, like the police officers, had also observed the spent rocket on its south easterly travels.

As a footnote, I have also received a report from [REDACTED] of the British Astronomical Association, that two people, one in Belgium and one from the south of France, also observed some bright objects flying in a south easterly direction. The French report indicates a number of objects (6 or 7) and this I believe is the breakup of the original two seen earlier over Ireland and the south west coast of England. The Belgium report is not very comprehensive, but the 'sighter' is believed to have seen them from his location, most probably over France, but not over Belgium.

What is evident here, is that although I cannot be absolutely certain that the two objects seen was the re-entry of the Russian Space Rockets, their presence at this time and their reported locations, must be a strong consideration. Given the known height of these objects - between 80kms and 100kms, and the time they would have taken to traverse from horizon to horizon, some 2' to 3 minutes and certainly not less than one minute, then it can be reasonable assumed that from their known flight path i.e. from Ireland over Lands End and on over France, they would easily have been seen from as far away as Somerset and most probably even further! On the night in question there was very little cloud cover, which would have afforded all of the 'sighters' a clear view for many miles.

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At this point, given all the known facts, what we are dealing with is the following scenario:-

At sometime between 1.10am and 1.17am two very bright white objects with some sort of vapour trails, were observed flying N.W. to S.E. at high altitude and parallel to each other and appear to have been on a pre-determined course. There were I believe the remnants of a Russian Space Rocket that had earlier deposited a Cosmos Radio Satellite into orbit.

But, at the same time i.e. 1.10am, two brightly lit objects or a very large one with two lights attached, crossed the Bristol Channel, flew low over Lynton and somewhere between there and Liskeard came to a halt and hovered for a few seconds. They /it then ascended at great speed to about 10,000' and then altered course taking a southerly course over the English Channel.

If the information contained in the letter from the MoD is correct, then the object or objects were later seen over or near Bristol, Avon, at approx 1.15am heading south easterly! Also, if the MoD information is correct, similar objects were seen between 9.10pm on the 30th March 1993 and 2.40am on the 31st covering area from Cornwall to South Yorkshire! The implication of this being that some 4 hours before the re-entry an 'unknown' object or objects were flying across the Westcountry up into Avon and on to South Yorkshire with the last known sighting over Shropshire at 2.40am. It also indicates that the objects appeared to be crisscrossing these areas during this period.

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Event 'C' - Bridgewater, Somerset.

On Wednesday 31st March 1993, a group of fishermen (known as Elvers) were fishing the river Parrot, Nr Bridgewater, Somerset. At approx 1.30am they noticed 3 military type helicopters flying in a radius from Bridgewater to Hinkley Point. This activity was observed for some 30 minutes or so. At a little before 2.00am the 'elvers' saw two bright orange coloured lights approaching from the north. As they drew closer, the 'elvers', who had previously thought they were the returning helicopters, realised they were not. Firstly there was the absence of any engine or rotor blade noise and navigation lights. The objects approached their position at a steady pace, not over fast, and appeared to be at a height of about 800'. On their final approach, in addition to the orange lights seen, two very bright white lights seem to be glowing from the rear of the objects. As they passed overhead, one of the elvers [REDACTED] thought the objects were joined by some sort of structure and likened this to a 'Large Catamaran'. As the object(s) cleared their position, two very bright light sources were seen at the rear of the 'craft' throwing light beams backwards. These were described as like car headlights. What amazed the sighters most ([REDACTED]) was the complete absence of any noise, in fact quite the opposite - deathly silence! the objects proceeded on a south easterly course towards Dorset and were in view for 2 to 3 minutes before disappearing.

I have personally spoken to both of these gentlemen and received a written report from one [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] has not returned his report form and this I believe is because he has difficulty in writing - (don't we all!). and therefore feel it best not to persue the matter any further.

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One other interesting point that I noted during conversation with [REDACTED] was this. During the early hours, somewhere between midnight and 1.00am, the cows occupying an adjacent field appeared to be very restless, which I am told was very unusual. Just after their sighting, [REDACTED] and their wives, were astonished to see all the cows had congregated in the middle of the field. They were all facing each other in a circular formation and had gone very quiet! This is also I'm told very unusual.

Event 'D' - Nth Devon and Somerset.

During the evening of Tuesday 30th March 1993, 6 independent witnesses reported an object or objects flying over and or hovering over Somerset and Nth Devon.

The first sighting occurred at 9.00pm, when Mrs [REDACTED] observed two glowing white/orange objects hovering north west of her position. At the time she was travelling from her home at Kington-St-Mary, Somerset, towards Bishops Lydeard and thought they were somewhere above or just beyond the town. They remained stationary for some 2 or 3 minutes, were very silent and Mrs [REDACTED] got the feeling that 'something was going to happen' as everything seemed to have gone very quiet.! She eventually lost sight of the objects behind some clouds.

Meanwhile, [REDACTED] a local business man, who lives at [REDACTED] Nr Lydeard-St-Lawrence, Somerset, - just north of Bishops Lydeard, had gone out into his garden to feed his fish. It was about 8.00pm and on looking up observed a triangular formation of 3 objects approx 5 miles north west of his home. They were brightly lit (self luminous) and each object was larger than a star.

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He likened them to golf balls, two at the top with the other immediately below (^{oo}o). From the lowest object a light beam seemed to be shining down at an angle of about 45 degrees. Mr

kept the objects in view for a little over 3 hours.

During this time his daughter: had also been out to see the objects and has confirmed the sighting.*

At this point I think it is worth pointing out that from the evidence the object(s) seen by Mrs and that by Mr are probably one and the same. The direction is right i.e.N.W. and although Mrs feels the object(s) were over Bishops Lydeard I think in this she could be mistaken and that they were a bit further away towards the N.W.

The third report came from P.C. who is stationed at Bishops Lydeard. His report (by phone) was as follows: At approx 9.00pm he was up on the Quantock Hills, Nth Somerset, with a group of Scouts carrying out some field exercises, when his attention was drawn to a series of bright lights approaching from the north west. They appeared to be at a height of about 3,000' and travelling at a constant speed, but not over fast! As the lights got closer he made out the outline of a large craft, which he said "looked like two Concorde flying side by side and joined together". the lights he had seen appeared to be around the object(s) and were similar to cabin lights on an aircraft, only much brighter. the object passed to his left and after 2 or 3 minutes was lost to sight as it proceeded on a south easterly course.

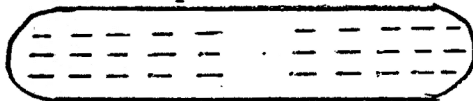
Strangely, as with the other P.Cs, despite agreeing to complete a report form, this has never been returned - I wonder why?

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At approx 10.30pm, Mr [REDACTED] was standing outside his home on the Sandhill Park Estate, at Bishops Lydeard when he noticed a brightly lit object approaching from the south. At arms length he describes the object as about the size of a Zippo Lighter and had 6 rows of lights numbering 30 in all. They were in two sections of 15 which were spaced in 3 rows of 5 lights in each.

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The objects speed was similar to a jet aircraft and appeared to be at a high altitude. Because of this Mr [REDACTED] had the object in sight for nearly 15 minutes before it disappeared to the north. Some 5 minutes after the event Mr [REDACTED] observed a civil airliner on the same course at approx the same altitude and he was able to identify this without any problem.

The 5th report came from Mr [REDACTED] who lives in Taunton, Somerset. At approx 10.20pm (maybe a bit later) he observed 2 white lights, apparently connected, flying parallel to each other in an easterly direction. Again there was no noise from the objects and they appeared to be moving very fast. He gave the length of his sighting as 2 minutes and is convinced it /they was not an aircraft.

The 6th and last report for this evening, came from Mr [REDACTED] who lives at Milverton, Devon. At sometime before midnight - about 11.30pm, he saw 2 groups of lights flying along side each other. He describes them as 2 objects with 3 lights in a triangular formation. He says that they were moving very fast and watched them for 2 minutes before they disappeared in a south westerly direction.

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Notes

From these reports it is obvious that during the evening (8.00pm to 11.00pm) an object or objects were clearly visible and seen hovering over Nth Devon. This is substantiated by Mrs [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED] in their reports. In addition other objects of a similar type, were seen traversing the sky from north to south and south to north. Although the reports are not identical, i.e. they are different in their descriptions, they do indicate that a fairly large twin hulled craft was airborne that evening and flying low over some areas. What this object was, is of course unknown and must therefore, temporally at least, be classed as an Unidentified Flying Object!

Event 'E' - St Ives & Penzance, Cornwall

At just before 1.30am on Wednesday 31st March 1993, two men living in St Ives, Cornwall, observed two very bright objects flying on a N.N.W. to S.S.E. course over the town. Their height was estimated to be about 2,000' and were described as rockets with light trails. they were moving very fast and were only in sight for 5 to 10 seconds. At one stage one of the sighters [REDACTED] thought that the two lights seemed to dim and come on brightly again. The other observer [REDACTED] did not see this particular effect. He, however, only had the objects in sight for a couple of seconds.

Meanwhile [REDACTED] who lives at Crowles, Nr Penzance, was himself watching two very bright objects, with trails, heading S.E. at a very low altitude 2,000' to 3,000'. He also observed a third object behind the other two, but was less bright. none of the objects made any noise and the light trails "were" he said "thin and straight like a light tube". At the rear of the

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2 large objects he also noticed a pink and blue light source but was unable to say if they were attached to the objects or the smaller one flying close by. From his southerly position the objects were to the north and not moving very fast. In fact he had them in sight for at least 2 minutes. this of course is at variance with the other two sighters at St Ives, who said their objects were very fast!, but this maybe because they saw the objects overhead whilst Mr [REDACTED] was looking at them from a distance. It's my belief that this sighting was of the same 2 objects seen over St Ives only from a different location and therefore different line of sight.

Event 'F' - Ministry of Defence reports 30th/31st March 1993

During the course of this investigation, I received a non Ufo report from a gentleman (name on file) who is a recently retired airline pilot. he had phoned me in response to one of the local newspaper articles and thought he had the answer to this case? He told me that at 1.30am on Wednesday 31st March 1993, he had observed two Jet Fighter Aircraft travelling at 30,000' in a westerly direction and at a very fast speed - about 1,500mph. They had their 'after burners' on which indicated they may still have been climbing! As an airline pilot he was well qualified to identify these 'jets' and was also certain that they were of a single engine type. Once I explained our sightings, (at this time I only had a number of 1.10am sightings) it was fairly obvious that his sighting was not connected to my reports - or was it?

Thanking him for this information, I resolved to contact the MoD to try and ascertain if they had any knowledge of these aircraft. The next day I phoned [REDACTED] at the MoD (Sec Air) 2nd office and relayed my information to him. He was most helpful and promised to look into it for me - and would ring

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back. About an hour later he did, but what he had to tell me was nothing short of amazing. He had been unable to discover any details regarding these aircraft and was at a loss to explain their presence over East Devon at the time. To his knowledge there had not been any flyovers by RAF, NATO or other aircraft and stated that all known flights would most certainly have been logged and there was no way that aircraft of this type could fly over Britain without the MoD's knowledge.

However, having explained to him why I was making this enquiry he did tell me that 'they' also had received a number of calls and letters reporting the same kind of 'objects' i.e. two very bright lights traversing the sky during the evening of the 30th and early morning of the 31st March 1993. Upon request, he later sent me a list of these sightings, giving locations, times and directions of travel. A study of these locations and times was most informative and I have to say, also somewhat puzzling. Because I had sent [REDACTED] a summary of my reports, some of these were mine and were in accordance with them. There were, however, a number which were not. Briefly his reports covered the period 10.10pm on the 30th to 02.40am on the 31st, and indicated that these objects had been seen as far north as South Yorkshire, Shropshire and the counties of Cornwall, Devon and Hampshire - all at different times and in many cases flying in different directions!

This as you can imagine was very confusing. For example, there were 3 sightings from South Yorkshire, all at different times i.e. 9.10pm, 11.40pm & 1.17am. the 9.10pm sighting had the objects travelling S.E., the 11.40pm ones travelling north whilst the 1.17am ones were unknown. In addition there was a sighting from Bristol at 1.10am but these objects were travelling westwards - and so it went on. * A copy of the MoD report with map is attached to this report.

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What all this means is anybody's guess. Was the information correct and I see no reason why it shouldn't be, or was it incorrect and a deliberate ploy to confuse the issue and try to put me off the scent? - I really don't know.

If correct, and lets suppose it is, then this surely means that not only were there 'unknown' objects flying and hovering over the westcountry between 8.00pm and 2.00am on the night, but were also tracking across the Midlands, South Yorkshire and Hampshire - what were they doing?

Conclusions

As a Ufo researcher, it's my job to try and evaluate all reports and information received in an objective and hopefully methodical way. This case has, to date, shown all the hallmarks of a typical ufo event with evidence swaying the urgently sought answers one way and then the other. Were the events on this night nothing more or less than the re-entry of a man made space vehicle, or was it a ufo phenomenon related to that event? I think it may well be the latter. My reasons for thinking this are twofold.

Firstly, there is no doubt that the re-entry took place and that this occurred at approximately 01.05am on the 31st. From the evidence collected and collated it is almost certainly a fact that the reports describing the events at 1.10am indicate that what these people witnessed was the re-entry of this missile. The heights given are synonymous with a re-entry of this kind and the length of 'sighting time' likewise. All the 'sighters' give the objects direction of flight as N.W. to S.E. or N. to S. giving some margin of error and this would certainly been the spent rockets course.

This I believe, is evidence enough to suggest that this is exactly what these people saw - a rocket re-entry.

What is also evident is that on the evening before, between 8.00pm and 11.00pm, objects were seen traversing the North Devon sky and indeed hovering N.W. of the same area. In addition it is fairly certain that at 2.00am on the 31st, an object of some considerable size, flew over the River Parrot at Bridgewater, disturbing not only the local fishermen, but also the cattle in the adjacent fields. Also at this time we have the mystery of the 3 helicopters seen. They were almost certainly of a military type, but as with the 2 fighter aircraft over East Devon earlier, their presence has been denied by the MoD - Why?

In association with this we have the 1.30am sightings at St Ives and Penzance and the other numerous sightings over Cornwall, Devon, Shropshire, South Yorkshire and Hampshire, starting at 10.10pm on the 30th and ending at 2.40am on the 31st.

If these reports are correct, and as I said earlier, I have no reason to doubt them and my reports are also correct, then it must be the case that at least one, if not more, unidentified flying objects were active over these areas on the night in question - but what was their purpose? Were they / it here on a specific mission, or just carrying out a nighttime surveillance operation. The latter scenario is of course quite feasibly given what we already know from their well documented past, but what about the first proposition?

Well if we examine the evidence and what we already know about this alleged mode of operation, there is clearly a case for this line of thinking.

In Timothy Goods latest book 'Alien Update' he edits a whole chapter on this very subject. He cites a number of cases from

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Russia where ufos have been observed tracking rocket launches, space flights and more importantly their re-entry procedures. It seems that this activity has been monitored for some years and that the Soviet Authorities are fully aware that their space program has been subjected to some very intense scrutiny by unidentified objects, which appear disc like and are able to traverse their air space at will, and in some extraordinary ways!

Additionally, it seems that Britain has also been the victim of such activity. In her new book 'From Out Of The Blue' Jenny Randles also explores this possibility. This book is the follow up to another entitled 'Sky Crash' which she co-authored with Dot Street and Brenda Butler and is more than just a spectacular account of a ufo landing in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, Nr the Bentwaters Air Base jointly manned by the RAF and USAF. Around the time of the alleged landing it is known that a similar re-entry of a Russian space rocket occurred over the area. Following this, and in addition to the events at the Bentwaters Base, a number of ufo sightings were received. Some of the sightings were before the known re-entry time and indeed after. This strongly implies that some unknown craft was present over the area and as suggested by Jenny, may have been interested in the re-entry.

The events at Bentwaters are in themselves quite remarkable and suggest that a space vehicle of unknown origin actually landed in Rendlesham Forest and that a possible 'alien liaison' took place. The evidence presented does seem to substantiate this, but as with most, if not all of these cases, will we ever learn the truth!

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Unlike the Bentwaters case, this one has not to date thrown up any evidence of a ufo landing, but there is certainly enough evidence to imply a ufo presence over the Westcountry, and possible other parts of the country, on the evening before and after the known re-entry of a Russian space rocket at 1.10am. My gut feeling is that this is exactly what occurred, and until the present 'unknown object(s) reported upon are identified, then they should without question be classified for what they are - 'Unidentified Flying Objects'.



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5. Sgt [REDACTED] Fletchers Bridge, Bodmin.

Time 1.10am. Two bright slightly yellowish objects / lights, stationary 2,000' due north of his position - S.E. of Liskeard. Watched object lift up and ascend banking left towards the S.E. Object dropped slightly, then climbed and continued S.E. over Torpoint, Plymouth. No sound. At height (about 10,000') a vapour like trail appeared and what appeared to be a third object or light source behind the object. Objects / Lights gave the impression of being controlled or guided.

* Other side of Liskeard at approximately the same time, PCs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were N.W. of Liskeard and saw two very bright white dot like objects appear from the north and head towards Liskeard.

6. Plymouth police received a call from a gentleman at approx 1.10am who reported seeing two white lights flying over Stoke, Plymouth. Incident not officially logged but noted by officer on duty!

7. Torquay. Two lights seen over gentleman's house. Report with [REDACTED].

8. Sgt [REDACTED] and PCs [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Heavitree Police Station, Heavitree Road, Exeter.
Time 1.10am Saw two dot like objects / lights flying parallel, fairly high, heading east. Sighting time 15 seconds.

9.* East Devon. Two police officers observe two white objects flying easterly. Objects seen through binoculars - report to follow from station Inspector.

10. [REDACTED], Cotleigh, Devon [REDACTED]
Time after 1.05am! Two large light gold / yellowish lights heading towards Stockland. No noise, fairly fast, one light slightly in front of the other!

11. [REDACTED], Wellington, Somerset
Time 1.11am Two bright white lights - like round balls, small vapour trails (lit up!). Very high. Speed very fast. No noise. Time of sighting 20 seconds. Flying parallel N.W. to S.E. but could have been West to East!

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12. [REDACTED] Taunton, Somerset..
Time 1.15 (approx) Two very bright white / yellowish objects, flying parallel to each other. Long vapour trail - not smoke! Objects approx 3" apart at height. Very high but not star height! Time of sighting 20 seconds. Passed left to right in a southerly direction.

13. Taunton Man - Wishes to remain anonymous.
Time 1.13am two very large luminous objects - glowing, silent. After glow that stayed with objects - (fluorescent). Speed- Gliding very fast. Direction N.N.W. to S.E. Seemed to turn right. Time of sighting 2 minutes. Objects 2" to 3" apart at height. Seen through binoculars. Felt compelled to get up and go outside. No noise.

14. [REDACTED] Taunton, Somerset. Time 1.15am Returning from Bristol Airport. Saw two bright white objects with whitish vapour trail. Thought vapour trail was lit up by another light source! Very high in sky, appeared cigar shaped and silver in colour. Flying parallel (in tandem) in an easterly direction, south of his position. Objects appeared 6" to 7" apart at height. No noise.

15. [REDACTED], Bridgewater, Somerset
Time 1.15am 2 Balls of light - followed by vapour trail or a light! No noise. Flying over Bridgewater in a south easterly direction. Knew it was not an aircraft!.

16. PC [REDACTED] Wiveliscombe, Somerset. Time 1.15am to 1.20am. Two bright objects - vapour like trail. From right hand object/light appeared to be a long light shining backwards! Height 10,000' Speed 2 or 3 times faster than a jet airliner. 3" apart at height. Flying N.W. to S.E. Right object appeared to be leading.

17. [REDACTED], Bridgewater [REDACTED]
Time 1.17am Two very bright lights - trail of light behind. flying parallel, left object slightly in front. No Noise - completely silent 'OZ FACTOR?' Time of sighting 50 to 55 seconds. Very low - if piloted could have seen pilot.

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18. [REDACTED] Carhampton, Minehead [REDACTED]
Time 1.10am to 1.15am Two white coloured lights - trailing
vapour reddish/orange in colour! First one object seen, then
followed by second 30 seconds later. Flew parellel to each
other and decended to approximately 2,000'. Observer thought
they /it was going to land! No noise. Flying in easterly
direction.

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Annex 'A'

WESTCOUNTRY AND WALES SIGHTINGS - 31st March 1993

Event 'B'

1. [REDACTED], Nr Kerris, Cornwall

Time 1.10am - 2 very bright lights, travelling fast, flying parallel with wonderful vapour like trails. *Two smaller trails to left hand trail! thought there might have been two other smaller objects. Looking towards moon, from north, very high. No sound from object/s but audible rumbling sound from ground level. Time of sighting 30 seconds. When in cloud, object/s illuminated them. Distance apart as seen from the ground = 1" to 1½".

2. [REDACTED] Pentregaler, Crymyn, Dyfed

Time 1.10am. Lady on hill side approximately 1,000' above sea level. Attending sheep, observes 2 large white objects, flying parallel, one slightly in front of the other. Time 2 minutes - maybe less!, very high - vapour trail.

3. PCs [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] Treharris Police Station, Perrot Street, Treharris, Nr Merthyr.

Time 1.10am. 2 bright white objects (brighter than stars) came from north west travelling south east, flying parallel to each other - approximately same height as conventional aircraft - steady pace. light vapour trail but third light or vapour trail between the other two! Sighting time 2 to 2½ minutes. No noise. Object passed overhead.

PC [REDACTED] phoned MOD - told no aircraft known to be in the area.

4. Sgt [REDACTED] Bideford [REDACTED]
Time 1.10am. Accompanied by PC [REDACTED] East of Ilfracombe driving into Lynton. Looking towards the Bristol Channel and

saw two white lights, which they they thought were attached to a very large object. Estimated distance between lights as 500'. No sound. Object passed overhead and headed south, south west. Time of sighting 10 to 15 seconds. Height 2,000' plus!

* Same night, PC [REDACTED] en-route to Holsworthy after departing Lynton, observed white lights pass over his vehicle going in south westerly direction.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending me a copy of your final report into the UFO sightings of 30/31 March.

I agree that unless a sighting is explained almost immediately, there is very little hope that it will ever be explained; perhaps if the case is mentioned in "UFO Times" it will lead to some useful feedback.

I appreciate that your report had to cater to a number of different viewpoints, but I can assure you that there is absolutely no question of our ever supplying incorrect information ("... or was it incorrect and a deliberate ploy to confuse the issue and try to put me off the scent?"). Also, in relation to the aircraft and helicopters that were seen, I said that I had been unable to find evidence of military activity that might account for what was seen - not quite the same as "their presence has been denied by the MOD - Why?".

Good luck with your research, and please feel free to contact me in the future; we will always do our best to help, and can let you know whether we have details of any sightings that might tie in with ones you are investigating - as with this case, however, I cannot guarantee that the timings or bearings will match yours!

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]





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Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your letter to the Ministry of Defence about contact with extraterrestrial lifeforms. Your letter has been passed to this department because we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'unidentified flying objects'.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence's only interest in reports of 'UFOs' is to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit

With regard to your questions about whether we have any information about extraterrestrials visiting this planet and any experiments having been carried out with them, I can inform you that the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. We remain open-minded, but to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

You also asked about the alleged "Roswell incident". I am unable to comment on these events as Roswell is in the United States of America and this is therefore a matter for the US government.

If you have access to the internet, you can see information the MOD has released from our UFO records into the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under 'UFO' will take you to these records. There are also UFO records available for viewing at The National Archives at Kew, Richmond, Surrey. Their website can be found at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

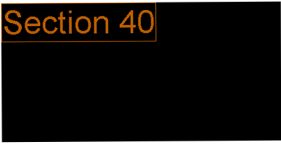
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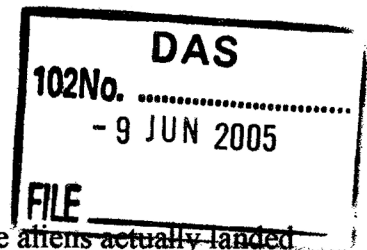
Yours sincerely,

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14-06-2005-111023-005

Expiry: 7 July 2005



Dear whom it may concern,

Have we actually done an experiment with aliens? Have aliens actually landed on earth (Roswell incident)? There are thousands of questions I could ask. But what I really want/ need to know, are there extraterrestrials on this planet?

Please please please could you tell me if these photos are? And if there are extraterrestrials on this planet? Because I really need to know. I **PROMISE** to keep it a secret.

Thanks a lot,
Sincerely

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To reply, please send a letter to:

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To whom it may concern

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Dear **Section 40**



I am writing concerning your message of 15th June in reply to my e-mail regarding MOD policy on UFOs. It may assist you if I clarify the MOD's position with regard to these matters.

It is a common misconception that the MOD has a role in exploring the possibilities of life on other planets and has knowledge of extraterrestrial visitors to earth. This is not, and never has been the case. In the late 1940s / early 1950s, there was some concern both in the USA and here in the UK about the large number of reports of objects being seen in our skies which were not identifiable by the observer. Radar was not as advanced as it is today and there were concerns that foreign nations may be infiltrating our airspace using new types of aircraft or weapons technology. The US Air Force started to take an official interest in 1948 with PROJECT SIGN, later changed to PROJECT GRUDGE and then to PROJECT BLUE BOOK. The aims of this Project were to determine whether these sightings posed a threat to the security of the USA; to determine whether they exhibited any unique scientific information or advanced technology which could contribute to scientific or technical research and, to identify and explain all UFO sightings reported to the US Air Force. PROJECT BLUE BOOK studied reports from 1948 to 1965 and concluded that none of them produced any indication of a threat to national security, there was no evidence that they represented technological developments beyond the range of scientific knowledge of the time and there was no evidence that they were extraterrestrial vehicles.

In August 1950, following the lead of the US, a working party was set up in the UK at the suggestion of Sir Henry Tizard who thought "flying saucers should be investigated". This working group was aptly named the Flying Saucer Working Party. In 1951 the Working Party concluded that all the observations reported were either, astronomical or meteorological phenomena of a known type, mistaken identification of conventional aircraft, balloons, birds or other natural objects, optical illusions and psychological delusions or deliberate hoaxes. At the 11th meeting of the Joint Technical Intelligence Committee, the Chairman of the Flying Saucer Working Party presented his report and the Committee decided in view of their conclusions the Flying Saucer Working Party should be dissolved. If you wish to see this report it can be viewed in the MOD's Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk. Search under UFO and then go to Report.

In the 1960s a Secretariat branch within the MOD became responsible for answering public correspondence about UFO matters and that branch was our predecessors. At that time, all UFO sighting reports and correspondence were sent to this branch and copied to the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) who examined them to see if they were of any value in analysing the performance and threat of foreign weapons systems, and to the Directorate of Air Defence who looked for any air defence implications. In 1990 the policy was reviewed and it was decided that it was not necessary for either of the other two branches to see all the reports and from then on they were only sent to us. Any which we thought warranted further attention would be forwarded to the other branches as necessary. In December 2000 DIS decided that as none of the reports they had received over a 30 year period had yielded any valuable information, they no longer wished to receive reports. To date, we continue to forward reports to air defence staff as necessary.

I hope this is helpful.



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e-mail: das-ufo-office@mod.uk

20th June 2005.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 15 June 2005 11:30
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Request for Information[Scanned]

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your reply.

I thought that the MOD did have a role in respect of UFO/flying saucer matters.

Is it the case that there is no longer an MOD role in investigating UFO matters or that there has never been an MOD role in UFO matters?

If there was an MOD role in UFO matters previously, please could you let me know the dates that it was operational?

Best wishes,

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

From: Section 40 @mod.uk]
Sent: 14 June 2005 16:27
To: Section 40
Subject: Request for Information[Scanned]
Importance: High

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14th June 2005



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14th June 2005

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Date request received: 31 May 2005**Applicant Details****Title:**

Section 40

Other:**First Name:*****Surname:**

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Organisation:

Unique TV

Applicant Type:

Media and Journalists

Other:**Contact Details** (Mailing or email address required)**Address Line1****Address Line2****Address Line3****Town/City:**

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

hardcopy

Language Requested ☐ Welsh***Enter the request for information:**

infosubject: I'm writing to you under the FOI to ask that you send me a policy statement on the MOD's position on the so called 'alien abduction phenomenon' together with any reports of such phenomenon or other documents relating to it.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40** [redacted]

Case Number: 03-0202005-143016-023

Expiry: 03/03/05

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

How many UFO sightings have there been in North Wales? As far back as your records go please.

Case for release of information

We could not fully comply with this request as the amount of information that **Section 40** requested would be over the £600 limit as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act. I looked through the database, in the years we have completed - 2002, 2003, 2004 and up to date 2005 and identified 4 reports for North Wales for which I have enclosed. Personal information has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Draft of letter included also.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40** [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 20/05.....

Date: 10/6/05.....



From: **Section 40**

Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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Telephone	(Direct dial)	020 7218 2140
	(Switchboard)	020 7218 9000
	(Fax)	Section 40

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Your Reference:

Our Reference:

03-02-2005-143016-023

Date:

13 June 2005

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for UFO reports from Wales from our records. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in responding.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

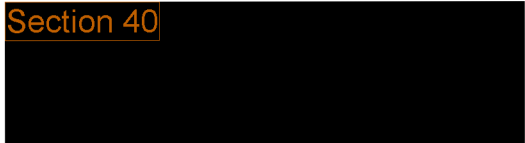
With regard to the records we hold of UFO sightings reported to the MOD I should inform you that they are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. We currently hold such records spanning a 25 year period and they are not segregated according to area or region. If we were to examine all of these records in order to identify those from North Wales the cost would exceed the £600 limit set for the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we are in the process of compiling a database of UFO reports and this has now been completed for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and to date in 2005. I have looked through these records and found 4 reports from those years, in North Wales and I have enclosed copies for your information. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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Hope these will be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Person_Title: Section 40

First_Name: [REDACTED]

Surname: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Applicant_Type: Not Specified

Address_Line_1: Section 40

Address_Line_2: [REDACTED]

Address_Line_3: Colwyn Bay

TownCity: Conwy

Postcode: Section 40

Country: United Kingdom

Email: Section 40

Telephone: Section 40

Fax:

Request_Details: Dear Sir/ Madam
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> This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
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> I would like to request the following information:
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> Q How many UFO sightings have there been in North Wales? As far back
> as your records go please. > Please can you send the information as
> Word attachments to the following email address -
> Section 40
>
> If this is not possible, then please could you post photocopies of the
> information to the following postal address -
> Section 40
> Llandudno Junction, Section 40
>
> Please can you notify me straight away if you do not possess this
> information, or if you believe someone else holds it.
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> My telephone number is Section 40
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> Please call me if you need any further details to comply with this request.

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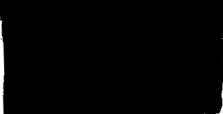
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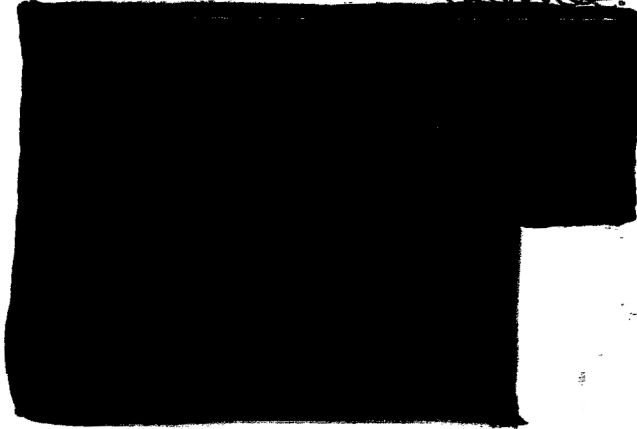
1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	20 March 2005 19.35L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	[REDACTED] just said it was a UFO.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Had a camcorder and was filming the object while talking on the Das answerphone. Said [REDACTED] filmed it for over half an hour.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Not given.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Das answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	[REDACTED] North Wales [REDACTED]
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Just said about having a video of it.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	21 March 2005 11.30L

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	7 September 2004 11.30L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two silvery objects, very high up in the sky on the horizon. They were moving apart and pulling together again, they did this in a matter of ten seconds. They left vapour trails as they were moving.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Not given.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Not given.
6.	Approximate distance.	Said about 40,000 ft up, as high as a plane on the horizon.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were moving so fast and moving side to side, i.e. apart, then moving towards each other again.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Das answerphone. 
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	 Flintshire North Wales 
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	 said it was an amazing sight, has never seen anything like that before. Said it certainly was not a plane, and that he'd done some investigation work and was told it wasn't a plane, by whom, I don't know. Someone then told him to report his sighting to a lady called Mrs  (whoever she is)! She said it was definitely a UFO!! Then he was told by someone else, (he didn't say), to report his sighting to this office!
13.	Date and time of receipt.	9 September 2004 12.30L

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

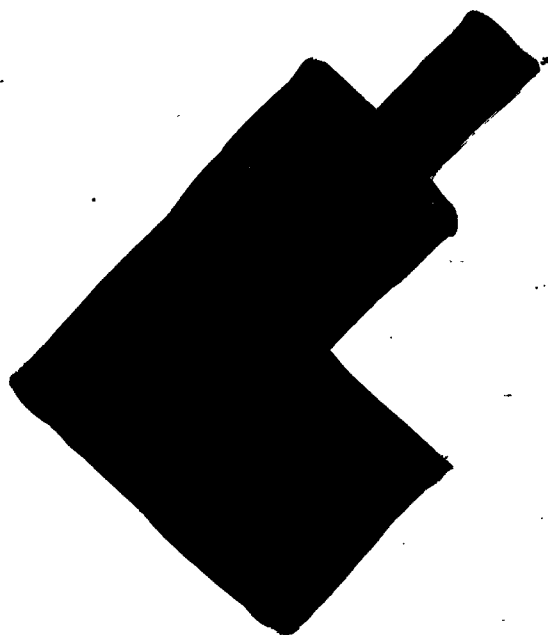
1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	18 February 2004 16.02L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Large black object over Rhyl.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given
4.	How object was observed. (Naked-eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Not given
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Not given
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Policeman
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Rhyl North Wales
11.	Other witnesses.	None mentioned.
12.	Remarks.	NVW Police helicopter was up at the time and saw a civilian aircraft in the area.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	Message left on our answerphone by 1218.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	2-11-02 17.00 pm 15 mins
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	round yellowish light followed by green light
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Indoor with binoculars
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Binoculars
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	East - West
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	over the village of Govs Goch
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Went up vertically into space at 45°
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Still night
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	N/K

K. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	CRO Wales
L. Name & Address of Informant	[REDACTED] Capel Pwll Hanevych medd
M. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Enthusiast with 81c hives underneath Manchester flight path milkman saw it at 7.00pm
N. Other Witnesses	4. 11. 02
O. Date, Time of Receipt	No
P. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
Q. <u>Remarks</u>	Could have been fireworks as it was Guy Fawkes night in some villages





AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 11-02-2005-095649-002

Expiry: 10 March 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I would like to know what Ministry of Defence involvement there has been in Nottingham and the surrounding area concerning Unidentified Flying Objects. I would like to know:

- 1) How many sightings were reported to the MOD between 1 January 1970 and 31 December 2004 and when they were. I would like copies of any documentation relating to these sightings and the results of any investigations.
- 2) I would like to know how many people, dealt with an inquiry in May 1991 when two triangular objects were seen by more than 100 people.

Case for release of information

1) Any surviving UFO records between 1970 and 1977 are already open for public viewing at The National Archives. The attached draft letter informs the applicant how they can access these. With regard to records 1978 to 2004, the applicant has been informed that to search the entire period for reports from Nottingham would exceed the £600 limit. I have, however, informed her that we are compiling the database and a search of the completed records (2002 – to date) has revealed only one UFO report from Nottingham. A copy is attached. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

2) I have examined our UFO reports and correspondence files for May 1991 and there appear to have been only a few reports for sightings in May. Only one of these came from Nottingham and this did not describe "two triangular objects". A brief description has been provided to the applicant.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 30/05.....

Date: 14/6/05.....

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information about reports of sightings of 'unidentified flying objects' in Nottingham. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs. I apologise for not sending you a reply sooner.

With regard to your question about how many UFO sightings were reported to the MOD from Nottingham between 1 January 1970 and 31 December 2004, I can inform you that any surviving records that the MOD held for the period 1970 to 1977 are now open for public viewing at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey. Details of opening times and how to access records (including their online catalogue) can be found on The National Archives website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

Records of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) since 1978 are held by this Department. They are not held electronically or segregated by area, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. It is possible that amongst these documents there are reports from Nottingham, but in order to gather the information you are seeking, a manual search of all of these records would be required. It has been assessed that the cost of such an exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

You may wish to be aware, however, that in order to assist members of the public with enquiries about UFO sightings, this department is currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme in the near future. To date we have completed records for 2002 to 2005 (to date) and a search of these has revealed only one report from Nottingham which was at Belford in 2002. For your information, I enclose a copy of the report and the MOD reply. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

With regard to investigations in to these sightings, I should inform you that the MOD examines any UFO reports it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

Finally, you enquired into how many people dealt with an inquiry in May 1991 when two triangular objects were seen by more than 100 people. I have examined our UFO reports and correspondence files for the period and can confirm that although the MOD received a few UFO reports during May 1991, only one of these was from Nottingham (Calverton), at 23.40 on 22nd May and the witness described the object as "two cross shaped orange lights, with sound like a propeller engine aircraft". This was witnessed by a lady and her husband.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

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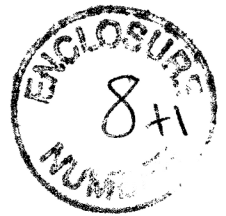
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14th June 2005



From: **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace)
Operations & Policy 1a
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Room 6/73, Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5BP



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[REDACTED]
Belford
Nottingham
[REDACTED]

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/2 ✓

Date
25 November 2002

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing with reference to your report of a sighting of an 'unidentified flying object' on 11 November 2002, the details of which were left on the DAS (LA) Ops & Pol 1 answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 11 November from anywhere in the United Kingdom. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised air activity.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	Monday 11 November @ 23:00 2-3 minutes
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	8 objects joined into a circle, then separated. Moved independently then joined together in a circle.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	Outdoors walking dog - went indoors as the objects frightened her.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	
6.	Approximate distance.	
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS (LA) Ops & Pol answerphone
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Belford Nottingham Tel:
11.	Other witnesses.	
12.	Remarks.	
13.	Date and time of receipt.	Tuesday 12 November 2002 @19:20

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Response Format Requested: electronic

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

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infosubject: I would like to know what Ministry of Defence involvement there has been in Nottingham and the surrounding area concerning Unidentified Flying Objects. I would like to know how many sightings were reported to the MoD between Jan 1 1970 and Dec 31 2004 and when they were. I would like copies of any documentation relating to these sightings and the results of any investigations. I would like to know who, and how many people, dealt with an inquiry in May 1991 when two triangular objects were seen by more than 100 people.

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Date request received:

10 February 2005

Applicant Details

Title:

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Other:

First Name:

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*Surname:

Section 40

Organisation:

Nottingham Evening Pos

Applicant Type:

Media and Journalists 

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:

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Postcode:

Country:

United Kingdom 

Email:

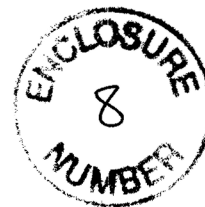
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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40** [redacted]

Case Number: 24-02-2005-110253-003

Expiry: 23/03/05

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please can you give me details of UFO sighting reports received by the Ministry of Defence during 2004 and those received to date in 2005. I would like data relating to all UFOs reported in Hampshire. I would like to know the date of each report, the time, the town or village within Hampshire, a full description of the nature of the sighting – and an explanation of what the object was, if this was later established by the MOD. In addition, I would also like to know where each person who reported the sighting is from and their age and sex.

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Our UFO database has been completed for the relevant years and I have identified two reports for Hampshire. Copies of these are attached. Personal information has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act. We do not ask for ages of people making the reports, but occasionally a member of the public may, if they wish, volunteer the information. This has been explained to Miss Roberts in the attached draft letter.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: 82 Name: **Section 40** [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 20/05.....

Date: 10/6/05



From: **Section 40**

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Near Hook
Hampshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

24-02-2005-110253-003

Date:

13 June 2005

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information for data relating to all UFOs reported in Hampshire during 2004-2005. Your request has been passed to the Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

I have looked through our sighting reports for the year 2004 and up to date in 2005 and have found two sighting reports in Hampshire, copies of which are enclosed. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Also, you asked for the ages and sex of the people that reported these sightings. We have no requirement for this information, so we do not ask the age of those making reports. Occasionally a member of the public may volunteer this information and it may be included in the remarks section of the report. With regard to the sex of those who made these reports, both are from men. I hope this is helpful.

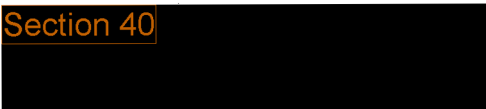
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Yours sincerely

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Date request received: 23 February 2005

Applicant Details

Title:	Section 40	Other:	
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Organisation:			
Applicant Type:	Not Specified	Other:	

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:	Section 40		
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Language Requested ☐ Welsh***Enter the request for information:**

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Please could you post the information and photocopies of the relevant documents to the above postal address. Please call me on the number above if you need any further details to comply with this request.

Yours sincerely,

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	30 September 2004 21.10L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Just mentioned a sighting.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Not given.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Not given.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Das answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Porchester Hampshire
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	4 October 2004 11.00L

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	4 September 2004 14.30-14.45L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	The object was a black cylinder rectangle shape and was the size of a house. The colour was black, but then depending on what angle you looked at it, it changed to bright silver and then to white.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors/stationary.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	The naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen hovering over Willbourg car park next to Aldershot Police Station.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Was constantly moving slowly up and down in the sky. Said it looked like it was going to land on top of them, as it moved horizontally and then vertically down towards him and his wife.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Very sunny, clear day.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Das answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	White Hill East Hampshire
11.	Other witnesses.	His wife, children, and said about 30 other people witnessed the object, who were also in the vicinity of the car park.
12.	Remarks.	Says that as they watched this object, sometimes, as it moved, it looked as thin as a pencil, and hovered for a good 15 minutes. said him, his wife and other people were very scared and that it was the weirdest and scariest thing to happen to his family in their lives so far. Said it was scary, because at one point, it looked like the object was going to land on top of them. That the object wasn't in a rush to move away from the area that they were in.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	6 September 2004 11.00L



Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your e-mail message requesting information about sightings of 'unidentified flying objects' in the Warren Road area of Bexleyheath in 1952 and in King Harold's Way in 1955. Your message has been passed to me as this Department is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. The MOD examines any reports of 'UFOs' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to your request, I can inform you that it was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. Since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive are available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. Details of opening times, how to access information, and their on-line catalogue, can be found on The National Archives website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

I hope this is helpful.

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Date request received: 16 May 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name: Section 40

*Surname:

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Organisation: Reporter

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists

Other:

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Request DetailsResponse Format Requested: Language Requested ☐ Welsh***Enter the request for information:**

Dear Sir,
Can I have information from MOD files re UFOs in the King Harold's Way area of Bexleyheath in 1955 and The Warren/Warren Road area of Bexleyheath in 1952. I have included details below from an article that was published in the News Shopper newspaper about two years ago.

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Dear Sir,

Can I have information from MOD files re UFOs in the King Harold's Way area of Bexleyheath in 1955 and The Warren/Warren Road area of Bexleyheath in 1952. I have included details below from an article that was published in the News Shopper newspaper about two years ago.

More than 47 years ago, an unidentified flying object was spotted in the Bexleyheath area by several people.

Now a former policeman is doing research on the sightings. LINDA PIPER investigates ...

TWO Bexley men, both now in their 60s, have recently been reliving their own X-Files experiences from their childhood.

Rodney Maynard, from Belvedere, who is now 62, has contacted the News Shopper to reveal he was one of the youngsters who saw the UFO featured in our September 4 edition.

Retired policeman John Hanson, from the West Midlands, was appealing for a group of children who saw the craft land in the King Harold's Way area of Bexleyheath in 1955 to get in touch with him, as he is researching the incident for a book.

Mr Maynard was 15 at the time and was working as a labourer on a building site in nearby Streamway.

He remembers the incident vividly.

"We were on our lunchbreak when we heard something was happening in King Harold's Way. So we went up there to have a look.

"This thing had landed in the roadway. It took up the whole width of the road and overlapped onto the pavements.

"It wasn't on the ground, it had about eight massive suckers. The centre was still, but the outer rim was spinning slowly and it had white lights flashing, like a camera flash," he recalled.

"There were about 30 of us staring at it. We could hear it humming.

"It had what looked like windows but the glass was concave and moulded together so you couldn't see in. A couple of us went forward to try and touch it and it began to spin faster.

"Then it lifted slowly off the ground and hovered above our heads, tilting slightly."

The craft moved slowly until it was over Bedonwell Primary School, where it stayed for about a minute, then shot up into the sky and disappeared.

Mr Maynard, whose 16-year-old brother also saw the craft said: "It was black, sleek and streamlined with a surface like polished metal. It was very fine and beautiful. It certainly wasn't a prank."

He went on: "I have never forgotten it but I don't talk about it because people would think you were barmy.

"We used to talk about it among ourselves but our mums kept telling us we hadn't seen anything."

As well as his brother, Mr Maynard listed several other pals who were also there:

"Ron Deadman, Tony Savin, Vic Clarke, Tommy Staggs, we were all there."

Ken Fairman knows just how he feels.

Mr Fairman, from Bexleyheath, says he saw a very similar craft with his pal Roy Beadle three years before, in 1952.

They were out walking Ray's dog at an old farmstead in Bexleyheath known as The Warren (now the Warren Road area).

"It was late afternoon. We had just come home from Bexleyheath School and we had Ray's young border collie with us. We saw it come down and hover about 18ft above the ground. There was no noise at all. We threw ourselves down on the ground and watched it. The dog which was young and usually lively, lay down between us. We lost all track of time.

"It was about 20 or 30ft wide, with terrifically bright white lights underneath. It looked very similar to the drawing in your September 4 issue. Then it shot off and disappeared from view before you could click your fingers.

"I could still take you to the exact spot. I don't know how long we watched for but I got told off for being late home for tea. I told my parents but they thought I was crackers."



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Mr Issac

Case Number: 10-02-2005-092009-002

Expiry: 9 March 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

1. Copies of all requests made under the FOIA between 1- 31 January 2005 in relation to the subject of "Unidentified Flying Objects" together with all documents relating to such requests including letters, e-mails or faxes in response to these requests (including any attachments).
2. In so far as they discuss specifically responding to requests in relation to this topic (rather than requests under the FOIA generally), any relevant internal memoranda, emails, minutes of any relevant meetings, guidance notes and circulars.
3. Any documents specifically discussing the possibility of publishing (under the MOD Publication Scheme) information provided under the FOIA in relation to UFOs or the proactive release of information pertaining to this subject pursuant to the policy stated on the penultimate page of the Defence Internal Brief dated 1 December 2004.

Case for release of information

When this request arrived I checked with DG Info whether there is anything to prevent individuals requesting copies of all the requests we have received and whether they are permitted to use pseudonyms. Apparently, the answer to both, is no. As there were 37 FOIA requests about UFOs in January 2005, I have been pursuing with Info-Access practical ways of putting these requests and replies in the Reading Room so that we could direct Mr Koi (and any other interested parties) to them. However, this has not been resolved due to the fact that some of the documents are not held electronically and until last week we had no working scanners. All the documents would also have to be redacted before scanning to remove personal data. As this request is now seriously overdue I have come up with a solution which I hope you will find acceptable.

1. Under the FOIA the applicant is entitled to information, not documents. If we were to release copies of the documents they would have to be redacted to remove personal data. I have therefore copied each of the requests and our response into separate documents, thereby still providing the information Mr Koi requested. Where attachments have been sent to the applicants, these have now been scanned and are held electronically. This enables us to send Mr Koi all the requests, replies and attachments electronically as requested. This should also enable us to put this request and response into the Reading Room.

2. There have been no meetings, guidance etc specifically about answering FOI requests about UFOs so there is no information that can be provided.

3. I have had a few discussions with Info-Access staff about how we can get some of the information released in response to FOI requests into the Reading Room, but this was not recorded. We hold some internal papers concerning consultation between DIS, CT and UK Ops, Info-Access, Info-Records and myself about future release of information into the Publication Scheme but this does not concern "information provided under the FOIA". I do not therefore believe this comes under the scope of this request. I have however, explained our plans for the future release of information to the applicant in the attached draft letter.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 20/05.....

Date: 8/6/05.....

Section 40

Clearly, a considerable amount of time + effort has gone into preparing this material. Well done for being so thorough.

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 09 June 2005 09:42
To: Section 40
Subject: Internet-authorized:Freedom of Information Request

Dear Mr Koi

I am writing concerning your request for information about 'unidentified flying objects'. I apologise for the time it has taken to send a response. This is due to the large number of requests we have received on this subject since the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In January 2005 we received 37 Freedom of Information requests about UFOs and details of these together with our replies are attached as requested. Personal data about those who made these requests has not been supplied in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

With regard to your request for internal memoranda, emails, minutes of meetings, guidance notes and circulars which specifically discuss responding to Freedom of Information requests about UFOs, there are no such documents as these requests are treated in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in exactly the same way as request about other subjects.

You also requested information about the possibility of publishing information provided under the FOIA in relation to UFOs. Prior to the FOIA the MOD operated in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government (the Code) and requested information was released provided it did not fall under one of the exemptions in the Code. During the years immediately prior to the introduction of the Freedom of Information, the MOD developed a FOI Publication Scheme to proactively release information on a variety of subjects. Given the public interest in UFOs it was decided to include a few classes of information on this subject and these can be viewed on the internet at www.foi.mod.uk. It is our intention to add further classes of information on UFOs to the Scheme in the near future and we have recently obtained the Information Commissioners approval for two new classes. These will be added as soon as we have had the opportunity to prepare the information for release. As you aware, the MOD has also now provided a "Reading Room" as part of the publication scheme. It is our intention to publish some of our replies to FOI requests here and we are pursuing practical ways to achieve this. We are also compiling a database of the UFO sightings which have been reported to the MOD and this will also be added to the Publication Scheme in the near future.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

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9th June 2005

09/06/2005

Request 1

Could you advise on how I can obtain the FS4 (Unidentified Flying Objects) reports to date.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 24 January 2005 in which you requested information about "FS4 (Unidentified Flying Objects) reports". Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

As your request currently stands I am unable to assist you as I do not recognise the term "FS4". Perhaps you could clarify your request if we are able to assist you? In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.



Request 2

I would like to obtain a copy of the MOD's policy statement on the UFO phenomenon, as described on your website at <http://www.foi.mod.uk/classes1.asp>.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for a copy of the MOD's policy statement on UFOs. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

I am sorry you have had trouble accessing this information on the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk. For your information I have enclosed a copy of the statement. The Policy statement can be accessed by searching under 'UFO' on the website and then clicking on 'Policy'. This action will also allow you to view other released information on the Rendlesham Forest incident and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party.

I hope this will be helpful.

Attachment to Request 2

MOD Policy on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO / flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. To date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

The MOD examines any 'UFO' reports it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

If you wish to report a sighting or have any questions about the MOD's position regarding UFOs, you should write to the following address;

Ministry of Defence
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information
5th Floor, Zone H
Main Building
London
SW1A 2HB

Alternatively you can contact us on any of the following;

Telephone: 020-7218-2140 (24 hour Answerphone)

Fax: **Section 40** or **Section 40**

E-Mail: das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Request 3

Findings of an MOD investigation into an alleged UFO sighting above Craigluscar reservoir near Dunfermline, Fife.

Photograph of a UFO near Pitlochry, Perthshire in 1990

All correspondence, (letters, memos, etc) between ministers and civil servants relating to the incident at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980.

Response

I am writing concerning your message dated 6 January in which you made a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First you requested the findings of an MOD investigation into an alleged UFO sighting above Craigluscar Reservoir near Dunfermline, Fife. Our records show that The Scottish Daily Record contacted the MOD in February 1994 concerning a UFO sighting report and some photographs that they had been sent by a member of the public. The individual reported travelled to Craigluscar Reservoir on the afternoon of 19th February 1994 to take some photographs of the Reservoir to assist with a painting of the area. He heard a humming noise, turned towards the Reservoir and saw a disc-like object, high in the sky, moving slowly in his direction. He described the object as metallic, with several points of diffused light on its underside, inside a darker coloured rim. He took two photographs before the object moved away to the west. Air defence staff were consulted at the time and records show that there had been no unusual radar returns. There is no indication that this sighting produced anything of defence concern. The photographs are not contained in our files and we assume they were returned to the Scottish Daily Record.

You also requested a photograph of a UFO near Pitlochry, Perthshire in 1990. The MOD does not produce photographs of UFO sightings. The only photographs the MOD holds are those which members of the public very occasionally send to us with their sighting reports. If requested these are returned to the individual, or if they do not want them returned, they are filed with the report in our files. We have examined our records for 1990 and they contain no photographs relevant to your request. However, we have a record that two members of the public contacted The Scottish Daily Record to report a large diamond shape UFO hovering for about 10

minutes before ascending vertically upwards at high speed. The witnesses said that during the sighting an RAF aircraft believed to be a Harrier was in the area. The sighting was over Calvine, 20 miles north of Pitlochry at 2100 hours on 4 August 1990. A number of colour photographs were taken and passed to The Scottish Daily Record, who in turn sent the negatives to the MOD. These were considered at the time and it was concluded that the jet was a Harrier. No definite conclusions were reached regarding large diamond-shaped object. Our records show that the original negatives were returned to The Scottish Daily Record.

Finally, you asked for correspondence between ministers and civil servants relating to the incident at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980. The MOD papers on this incident are already published in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme on the internet and can be viewed at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search under 'Rendlesham Forest' will take you directly to these documents. We are not aware of any specific internal correspondence about this incident which has not already been released. It is normal practice for officials to brief Ministers as to the background of parliamentary business, for example, when answering specific parliamentary questions. If this is the type of information you are seeking, it would be useful if you could clarify the information you are particularly searching for.

I hope this is useful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Request 4

I wish for any current and updated information into the two following incidents which occurred and where classed as 'UFO incidents'. These are the Berwyn Mountain Crash in Wales. I am not sure of exact date. The second one is on the Rendlesham Forest incident in Dec/Jan 1980/1981.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information about 'UFO incidents' in the Berwyn Mountains in Wales, and Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk. Your request has been passed to this Department because we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

The alleged events at the Berwyn Mountains took place on 24 January 1974 and the Ministry of Defence UFO records for this period are now open for public viewing at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU. Details of how to access information at The National Archives can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

A quick look at the archives catalogue (PROCAT) has revealed two files for this period that might hold relevant information. These are AIR 2/18873 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1973-74) and AIR 2/18874 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1974-75).

All of the Ministry of Defence records about the Rendlesham Forest Incident have been included in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and can be viewed at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under "Rendlesham Forest" will take you directly to scanned images of these records.

I hope this is helpful.

Request 5

What's Area 51 and why do u say its not there when we have photos videos. What do they do in there?. Also have you really communicated with aliens?.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information about Area 51 and contact with Aliens. Your enquiry has been passed to me as this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Questions about Area 51 are a matter for the US Government. I suggest therefore that you may wish to look at the US Department of Defense website www.defenselink.mil/pubs/foi/ which includes details of how to make a request for information in accordance with the US Freedom of Information Act.

With regard to your question about whether the Ministry of Defence has communicated with Aliens, the answer to this is no. The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the Ministry of Defence knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'UFOs' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the Ministry of Defence to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

If you wish to see the information the Ministry of Defence has already published on UFOs please see the MOD Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk and search under UFO.

I hope this is helpful.

Request 6

Regarding to the incidents occurring from the 01/12/1980, could any photographs potentially have been taken and discarded for obvious reason by formal officers; and are there any at present available to see?

Response

It is not clear what "incidents" you are referring to. If you could be more specific we may be able to assist with your enquiry.

In the meantime, please be aware that the only photographs the Ministry of Defence holds of sightings of unexplained aerial phenomena are those that are sent to us by members of the public. In general these photographs are returned to the individual if requested, or if they do not require them to be returned, they will be placed on our files with the individual's correspondence. We hold no separate record or file containing photographs.

Request 7

I want to receive the document of UFO written by SF4.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 10 February 2005 in which you requested "to receive the document of UFO, written by SF4."

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. Further, these records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.

Request 8

Please let me have details of Unidentified Flying Objects:
MOD's policy statement on alleged UFO phenomenon, and reports which have been released to the public from as far back as possible.

Response

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for the Ministry of Defence policy on alleged 'unidentified flying object' phenomenon and reports which have been released to the public. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. Any reports of UFO sightings the MOD receives are examined solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to the records the MOD holds of such reports, these are kept on paper files in the order in which they are received and this department currently has such records spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. In order to assist members of the public with enquiries about UFO sightings reported to the MOD, this department is currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. The Scheme which already contains some documents about UFOs, including a class of information on the well known events at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980, can be found on the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search under 'UFO' will direct you to this

information. In addition, there are MOD files on UFOs which are open to the public at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The National Archives on line catalogue and details of how to access these records can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Request 9

Any documentation, correspondence or the contents of any files you hold on UFO sightings since July 1 2004.

Any documentation, correspondence or the contents of any files you hold on research and studies relating to crop circles.

Response

I am writing concerning the two requests for information you made for "any documentation, correspondence or the contents of any files you hold on UFO sightings since July 1 2004" and "any documentation, correspondence or the contents of any files you hold on research and studies relating to crop circles". Your requests have been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

With regard to your first request I should inform you that the records we hold of reports of UFO sightings and correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. If we were to process copies of all the records relevant to your request the costs would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you. In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that we are compiling a database of UFO sighting reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. If you wish to look at the Publication Scheme, it can be found on the internet at www.foi.mod.uk.

As for your request concerning information about research and studies relating to crop circles, I am unable to provide any information as there is no evidence to suggest that these phenomena are caused by anything of military concern and the MOD does not therefore investigate reported sightings or carry out any research into them.

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Request 10

I would like the details of all the reported Triangular UFO sightings between March 1st 1998 and the end of April 1998.

Response

Your correspondence dated 30th December 2004 concerning reported Triangular UFO sightings between 1st March 1998 and the end of April 1998 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have examined all our available UFO reports and correspondence files for the period you have stated and have found a total of three reports which are relevant to your request. One of these was the report you made on 10 April 1998. The details of the other two are as follows;

1800 on 4 March 1998 to 0600 on 5 March 1998

The MOD did not directly receive any UFO reports, but a UFO group informed us that they had received reports from some of their members. There were several different descriptions of what was seen but some of these described the object as being a dull grey or black triangular object, about the size of a conventional passenger jet, or smaller, with panelling or grooves underneath. Some of those reporting this described a low rumbling noise and others, no apparent engine noise. These sightings were between Mansfield (Nottinghamshire) and Shirebrook (Derbyshire).

0100 to 0430 on 16 April 1998

MOD received a report of a large triangular object with flashing green and red lights seen in the area of Regents Park and Baker Street, London. Enquiries revealed that there was a Search and Rescue helicopter in the area involved in the movement of a casualty to St Mary's Hospital.

I hope this is useful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

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and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the
Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Request 11

I request the release of certain information concerning Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) in the UK. I understand the MOD's official line is that UFOs represent no threat to the defence of the UK and therefore all information relating to them is freely available under the FOI Act as it does not compromise national defence.

I understand a number of UFO crashes have occurred in the UK and the MOD holds files documenting as much information on each of them as it could compile. I am therefore requesting all information held by the MOD on the following crash incidents in the UK including copies of letter, official reports, studies and other documentation:

5th May 1955 - Brighton

10th December 1963 - Cosford RAF Air Base

26th & 27th December 1980 - Rendlesham Forest RAF / US Air Base.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this email as soon as possible and arrange for the above requested documentation to be posted in hard copy to my address at the top of this email. I understand you now have 20 working days to do this.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information regarding UFO sighting reports. Your requests have been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. To date, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these phenomena and we therefore have no information about alleged "UFO crashes". The MOD examines any 'UFO' reports it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this

purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular request, I should advise you that MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few did survive before 1967 and if these included any of the incidents you refer to in 1955 and 1963 they will now be at The National Archives. You can contact The National Archives at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

All the surviving MOD documents concerning events at Rendlesham Forest in 1980 can be viewed at The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme www.foi.mod.uk. A search in the Scheme under 'Rendlesham Forest' will take you to this information.

I hope this will be helpful.

Request 12

I would like information on united kingdom u.f.o sightings from 1900 to 2004.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 24 January 2005 in which you requested "information on u.f.o sightings from 1900 to 2004." Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.

Request 13

Information on ufo's.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 25 January 2005 in which you requested "information on UFOs." Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.

Request 14

FOI Document release's from January 2004 to 2005, relating to Unidentified flying objects.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information for "FOI document releases from January 2004 to 2005, relating to Unidentified Flying Objects". Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

It is not clear what information you are seeking. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 did not come into force until 1st January 2005. We have received FOI requests concerning UFOs and examples of these can be seen in the Reading Room of the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk. This Scheme also contains other released information on UFOs.

In addition we are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

The National Archives also hold UFO information. For details about the records and how to access them, can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

I hope this will be helpful.

Request 15

Please could you send me the information that you have released on UFO and UFO sightings.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for released information on UFOs and UFO sightings. Your requests have been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived from 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. They can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. In addition, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this will be helpful.

Request 16

I am looking for any documented information on the following reported UFO sightings:-

1/ UFO radar sighting at RAF Lyneham during May 1994. The UFO was also captured on video by **Section 40** of Pinehurst, Swindon. The footage was featured on BBC's programme 'Fortean Review of 1994', with the commentary:- "and closer to home in Swindon, Wiltshire, this alien craft was filmed hovering over Pinehurst. Air Traffic controllers at nearby RAF Lyneham admitted the mystery vessel did appear on their radar screens." In a letter, dated 3rd April 1997, Squadron Leader **Section 40** of Air Traffic Control RAF Lyneham said the following after I wrote to RAF Lyneham asking about the incident. Part of his reply was as follows:- "I believe 2 of my controllers were involved in a television programme on the subject; however, both have been posted elsewhere, and I cannot confirm details of what was witnessed on radar."

2/ Sighting reported to the MOD in the sky by a witness at Crick, Matlock at around 2330 hrs on August 23rd 1994. This UFO sighting was recorded on video by another member of the public and was featured on ITV's programme 'Schofield's Quest', where a statement from the MoD concerning the sighting was read out. As well as the two reported UFOs, helicopters can be seen on the video footage heading towards the UFO. In a letter from **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a, dated December 14th 1995, it states the following:- "There were no military aircraft booked into Night Low Flying training sector 3A on the evening in question."

3/ UFO sighting over Cardiff on May 11th 1996, reported to RAF St. Athan.

Response

Further to my e-mail message of 9 February concerning your request for information about three UFO sightings, I am now in a position to give you a substantive reply. I apologise for the delay, which was due to the need to retrieve and search a large amount of material held in Archives.

With regard to your first request, a search of our records for the whole of 1994 has revealed no documents relating to the alleged incident near RAF Lyneham in May 1994. It is possible that RAF Lyneham handled this incident and subsequent press interest locally. I have contacted RAF Lyneham on your behalf, but they have been unable to locate any relevant surviving information about these events.

For your second request I have located documents concerning a report from a family in Crick, Matlock who reported lights seen over Crick on 23 August 1994 at 2130 hours and again on 24 August 1994 at 2100 hours. There are also two file notes concerning a request for information from Schofield's Quest. Copies of these documents are enclosed for your information. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

The only UFO sighting report we received relevant to your third request was the one you made to RAF St Athan on 11th May 1996. I enclose a copy for your information.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

24 Aug 94 -

Section 40

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On the evening of the 24 Aug 94 at approx 2100hrs
Section 40 decided to look to see if she could
see the lights again. This time she thought she
could see 3 lights - One bright large one and 2
smaller lights. They appeared stationary for a
time and then began to move around.

- a) up
- b) down
- c) side to side
- d) Spiralling

12 SEP 1994

The speed was variable from looking like a
shooting star to slowing completely down. An
aircraft went by and they appeared to move
out of the way. I believe it disappeared and
came back again. This was seen with the
naked eye. This was continued to 22.25hrs
The evening was again clear but not as bright.

24 Aug 94 - Section 40

Section 40 then came onto the telephone and
informed me that he had observed this evening's
sights through binoculars. He believed that it
was not one light but a cluster of lights. When
on the move it appeared to adopt a figure 'A'
or an arrow head. It seemed to change shape.
He went outside and there did not appear to be
any noise coming from it but he could not
give me a distance.

24 Aug 94
10.25 hrs
(evening)

UFO SIGHTING - CHECKLIST

Name / Address of Informant: Miss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

12 SEP 1994

Crich
Matlock
Derbyshire
[REDACTED]

Other Witnesses: Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]
Miss [REDACTED]

23 Aug 94

On the evening of the 23 Aug 94 at approx 2130 hrs Miss [REDACTED] was watching TV in their front room. The curtains were not drawn and she noticed a bright white light in the sky. She went upstairs for a better look but could not see anything. At approx 2330 hrs she went to her bedroom and noticed 2 lights in the sky near Crich stand (war memorial). Eventually one shot across the village and behind a hill were as the other remained stationary until about midnight. She could not really estimate the distance or size and she only saw it with the naked eye.

It was a clear, dry night with stars in the sky

Additional Information

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1. Crick Church - illuminated spire.
2. Crick Stand - high hill with lighthouse
3. Sister [REDACTED] has made drawings of sightings.
4. RAF Newton is the only contact made at present.
5. There have been other sightings from people in village.
6. Father may have seen lights once previously before when walking his dog.
7. Castle Donnington Airport is near by ^{maybe a} landing pattern.
8. They believe they would recognise low flying aircraft as they have many going overhead during the day.
9. Were advised that this report would be passed over in the morning for onward transmission to relevant authorities?
10. They were welcome to contact RAF Newton & the civilian police if it was to happen again.

CC-

Orderly officer

3 Oct 95

→ 64/1

FILE NOTE



94

SIGHTING -23 AUG 95 - 2345 HRS - MANSFIELD/SHIREBROOK AREA

I can confirm that we did not receive any reports of unexplained aerial phenomena which fit in with the location/timing above.

I asked the low flying complaints cell to run a log and trace to see whether there were any military low flying training activities that evening (helos, jets, props) and nothing at all was booked in the relevant Night Low Flying Sector 3A.

Advice given to DPO ([REDACTED])
regarding request for info from
Schofield's Quest.



Resubmitted to
[REDACTED] at £20.



D/Sec(AS)/64/1

4 Oct 95

FILE NOTE

SIGHTING - 23 AUG 94 - 2345 HRS - MANSFIELD/SHIREBROOK AREA

Further to my note of yesterday, in response to the query from "Schofields Quest", I understand that the sighting was in fact in 1994 and not this year. I have therefore looked at our files for last year and also requested another interrogation of the night military low flying system.

We did receive a report of "two lights in the sky" from a witness in Crich, Matlock, at around 2330 hrs on 23 Aug 94. However, we are satisfied that the sighting did not represent a matter of defence concern.

No military aircraft were booked into Night Low Flying training sector 3A on the evening in question.



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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTa. Name and address of informant:[REDACTED]
Cardiff
[REDACTED]b. Telephone:

[REDACTED]

c. Date, time and duration of sighting:

11 May 96 12.45 hrs L for less than one minute

d. Description of object:

Bright white light, solid no shape. No strobe lights.

e. Exact position of observer:

Outside front door of house looking towards central Cardiff

f. How observed: (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or video camera).

Naked eye

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

Came from behind trees and went towards Newport Road - west

h. Angle of sight:

Above tree line

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

Half to one mile

j. Movements:

Left to right smoothly and faster than any aircraft



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- k. Meteorological conditions during observations: (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).

Quite clear

- l. Nearby objects: (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings; tall chimneys; steeples; spires; TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories; pits or other sights with floodlights or other night lighting).

Nothing

- m. To whom reported: (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

RAF St Athan, Central Police Cardiff, Gwent Police and Cardiff Airport

- n. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered:

Third sighting from this street in three years [REDACTED] seemed very anxious to ask lots of questions, this seems to be a bit of a hobby and a regular occurrence - he also went to the press with it, asking for any other witnesses to phone him.

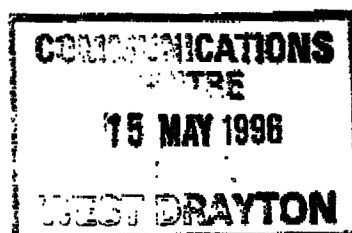
- o. Other witnesses:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both local to Cardiff and friends.

- p. Is a reply requested?

No

- q. Date and time of receipt of report: 13 May 96 at 1030L by [REDACTED]



Request 17

Please could you let me know the number of UFO sightings reported by the public in the last 50 years.

Response

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 January concerning the number of UFO sightings reported in the last 50 years. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached a list of the number of UFO sighting reports received by the MOD since 1959. We do not hold figures before 1959. These figures are not held by source (i.e. members of the public, military, civilian pilots, air traffic controller, police etc) so these show the total number of reports received per year from all sources.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Attachment

**NUMBERS OF "UNEXPLAINED" AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED
TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

N.B. The figures below relate to the number of reports, received by the Ministry of Defence, of aerial activity which was not immediately identifiable to the witness. They should not be taken to reflect sightings of "UFOs/flying saucers".

1959 – 22
1960 – 31
1961 – 71
1962 – 46
1963 – 51
1964 – 74
1965 – 56
1966 – 95
1967 – 362
1968 – 280
1969 – 228
1970 – 181
1971 – 379
1972 – 201
1973 – 233
1974 – 177
1975 – 208
1976 – 200
1977 – 435
1978 – 750
1979 – 550
1980 – 350
1981 – 600
1982 – 250
1983 – 390
1984 – 214
1985 – 177
1986 – 120
1987 – 150
1988 – 397
1989 – 258
1990 – 209
1991 – 117
1992 – 147
1993 – 258
1994 – 250
1995 – 373



1996 – 609
1997 – 425
1998 – 193
1999 – 229
2000 – 210
2001 – 203
2002 – 100
2003 – 99
2004 – 85
2005 - 4

Request 18

All information on UFO's please.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information on the Rendlesham Forest Incident. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

You may wish to be aware that all the surviving MOD documents relating to the Rendlesham Forest incident have been released into the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and can be viewed on the internet at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under "Rendlesham Forest" will take you directly to these documents.

I hope this will be helpful.

Request 19

I request as much information (reports... etc) on unidentified flying objects.

Response

I am writing concerning your message of 16 January in which you requested information from the Ministry of Defence about UFOs. Your message has been passed to this office, as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of UFOs it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to the files the MOD holds on UFOs, these span a 25 year period and the vast majority contain reports and correspondence sent to the MOD, filed in the order in which they were received. These records are not held electronically. Any information released from these files has to be redacted in order to remove personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and it is not therefore possible to supply all the information you are seeking. If however, you would like to specify exactly what information you are seeking we may be able to assist you. In the meantime, the MOD has released some information on UFOs into our Freedom of Information Publication Scheme which can be found at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under UFO will take you to all the classes currently in the Scheme.

Request 20

I require all reports/documents containing information on any form of experimentation within the u.k. I also require all files containing any significant words such as Aliens, exta-terrestrial and unidentified Objects. Also I require reports or documents of events containing RAF Rudloe Manor and the surrounding areas.

Response

You originally requested information from the Ministry of Defence about UFOs on 16 January. My colleague, **Section 40**, sought clarification of your request on 24 January, which appears to have crossed with your further request for information about UFOs which you sent on 21 January. Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I am afraid that in its current form it is still not possible for us to answer your request. As my colleague advised you, the Ministry of Defence holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are held on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you. For example, I do not understand what you are seeking in relation to "any form of experimentation within the UK". Also, it is simply not possible to extract files containing "words such as Aliens..." etc. It would be helpful if you could be more specific.

You may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of

Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.

Request 21

All and everything on UFO's , sightings etc.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 24 January 2005 in which you requested "all and everything on UFOs, sightings etc." Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

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I hope this is helpful

Request 22

With regard to the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident of 27/28 December 1980, I wish to have the following questions answered.

1. Have any of the reported aerial / landed / near landed objects been identified?
2. During the years following December 28, 1980, was information pertaining to any parts of the Rendlesham Incident withheld from the public domain?
3. If "yes" to Q2, why was this information denied public scrutiny?
4. If applicable, do you have for release, - to send to me - a copy of any original document / memo that will support the official suppression of the Rendlesham incident?.

Response

Thank you for your letter dated 3 January regarding your Freedom of Information request for information about the alleged UFO incident at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980.

In response to your questions;

(1) The MOD records of the period contain no evidence that anything was positively identified as landing at Rendlesham Forest on 28 December 1980.

(2-4) Until 31 December 2004 in accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967, by law all Government files were closed from public viewing for 30 years after completion of the last action. This Act of Parliament applied to all Government files, and not just those containing information about UFO sightings. In 1994 the Government introduced the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code). This was not legislation, but a Citizen's Charter which encouraged the provision of information unless its disclosure would, for example, cause harm to defence, invade on an individual's privacy, or it would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to a request. Information requested was supplied wherever possible providing it did not fall under one of the exemptions in the Code. In July 2002 a member of the public made a request under the Code for a copy of the documents the MOD holds on these events and they were released, with personal data removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. A few papers were initially withheld under exemptions of the Code, but these were also later released following an appeal. All of these papers can now be accessed via the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme on the internet at

<http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search under Rendlesham Forest will take you directly to them.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Request 23

Title : Unidentified Flying Objects

Reported by the "Flying Saucer" Working Party

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information for "Unidentified Flying Objects reported by the Flying Saucer Working Party". Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

The Flying Saucer Working Party was set up in August 1950 and dissolved in June 1951. All the surviving papers are now open to the public at The National Archives. You can contact The National Archives at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU, by telephone on +44 20 8876 34444 or via their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

The final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party has also been included in the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and can be viewed on the internet at www.foi.mod.uk. Please search under 'UFO' and then use the link for 'Reports' which will allow you to view an image of the document.

I hope this is helpful.

Request 24

The [REDACTED] would like to know the number and location of UFO Sightings to date in Flintshire, and if any action was taken by the Ministry of Defence as a result.

Response

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for a list of the number and location of UFO sightings to date in Flintshire. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

This department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contains sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. It is possible that amongst these documents there are reports from Flintshire, but in order to gather the information you are seeking, a manual search of the whole 25 year period of records would be required. It has been assessed that the cost of such an exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

You may wish to be aware, however, that in order to assist members of the public with enquiries about UFO sightings reported to the MOD, this department is currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. The Scheme can be found on the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. You may wish to wait until this is published as this might answer your enquiry in full. In the meantime, we could assist you with the information you are seeking if you reduce or refine your request to allow a limited search of records and to bring the cost of compliance with the Freedom of Information Act under the permitted limit. I suggest this would equate to records spanning a one or two year period. Please contact me if you require further advice and assistance on refining your request. If I do not hear from you by 28 February 2005 I will assume that you do not wish to pursue this request further.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor,

MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Request 25

File containing the MOD's investigations into Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), including minutes of any internal departmental committees set up in the ministry or its predecessor departments, and any reports made to ministers or other Governments or international agencies on UFOs.

Response

I am writing concerning your freedom of information request for information about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. The MOD examines any reports of 'UFO' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to your particular request, I can inform you that the MOD does not generally investigate reports of UFO sightings. Reports provided to us are examined, but consultation with air defence staff and others as necessary is considered only where there is sufficient evidence to suggest a breach of UK air space. The vast majority of reports we receive are very sketchy and vague. Only a handful of reports in recent years have warranted further investigation and none revealed any evidence of a threat. All the reports and correspondence we receive is filed on paper files in the order in which it was received. No separate record is kept of any particular type of report. These records are not held electronically. As we currently have files which span a 25 year period, I hope you will appreciate that to supply copies of all of these records would exceed the

£600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act as provided by Section 12 of the Act and the Ministry of Defence is not therefore obliged to comply with your request. If however, you would like to be more specific or refine your request we may be able to assist you.

You also asked for the minutes of any internal departmental committees. There have been no "committees" within the MOD to discuss UFOs. In August 1950 a Working Party was set up to investigate flying saucer phenomenon. The report was presented to a meeting of the Joint Technical Intelligence Committee who decided that "the document should be regarded as the final report and, in view of the conclusions the Working Party should be dissolved". All of the documents of the Flying Saucer Working Party are now held in The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The National Archive online catalogue and details of how to access records can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. In addition the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party dated June 1951 can be viewed on the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. Please search under "UFO" and then under "Report" to navigate to this document.

Finally, you asked for any reports made to Ministers or other Governments or international agencies on UFOs. We are not aware of any specific reports made to Ministers or other Governments about UFOs. However, it is normal practice for officials to brief incoming Ministers as to the background of parliamentary business and for example, when answering specific parliamentary questions. If this is the type of information you are seeking, again it would be helpful if you could clarify the information you are particularly searching for.

We are unaware of any records when other Governments or international agencies have sought to discuss UFO issues with the UK. However, our files indicate that in September 1978, at the 33rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Grenadian delegation sought to establish a working group of the UN to evaluate UFO reports. The British delegation did not think that such an agency was appropriate to the function of the UN and did not support this proposal.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact this department in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review

by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Request 26

I am interested in a UFO sighting that occurred on 19th June 1978 and was subsequently reported to RAF Brize Norton and the investigation that was carried out afterwards by your department. My family reported the sighting and was involved in the investigation.

Do you have any records pertaining to this incident and can I have a copy of them.

Response

Thank you for your request for information concerning a UFO sighting on 19th June 1978.

All the surviving Ministry of Defence UFO records for this period are available for viewing at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey. Details of how to access records at The National Archives and their on line catalogue can be found at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. A quick search of the catalogue has revealed a file which might be relevant to your enquiry. It is titled UFO Reports and Correspondence: June-August 1978 (National Archives Reference- DEFE 24/1210).

I hope this is helpful.

Request 27

Could you please send me copies of intelligence and investigation reports on allegations and sightings of "UFO's" (Unidentified flying objects) within the UK and the UK airspace, particularly, but not restricted to, Scotland, the outcomes of these investigations / reports and any future plans in relations to these allegations / investigations / reports.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 26 January 2005 in which you requested "copies of intelligence and investigation reports on allegations and sightings of UFOs with the UK and the UK airspace, particularly, but not restricted to, Scotland, the outcomes of these investigations/reports and any future plans in relation to these allegations/investigations/reports." Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. We do not routinely investigate such reports. Further, these records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980

and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful

Request 28

I just learned that the British Government (Ministry of Defense) has released (declassified) many documents relating to UFOs and Xfiles. I would like to obtain some of these documents, but I cannot find the link (website). I had found the link a few days ago, but inadvertently deleted it.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information about recently released MOD information on UFO sightings. Your requests have been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

Some MOD UFO records from the early 1970's were released at The National Archives in January 2005. For details please see The National Archives website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk where you can access their online catalogue for details. In addition there is information on UFOs in the MOD FOI Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk.

I hope this will be helpful.

Request 29

1. Please could I have all paperwork regarding the most credible reports of a possible visit by extraterrestrial life-forms is one made by an RAF pilot and two NCOs at RAF Boulmer in Northumberland.
2. Please could I have all paperwork regarding a British Airways Tri-Star on a return flight from Portugal in July 1976 was involved in an incident which led to the scrambling of fighter jets (Please see the Independents article)
3. Please could I have all paperwork regarding details of the Independent article -
<http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/politics/story.jsp?story=603470>.
4. Is there any evidence that MOD or the Government making any contacts with any UFOs in past 100 years?
5. Has UFOs been in any form of communication to the Government / MOD? Any evidence that UFOs has been existed?
6. Has MOD / Government enter any agreements with the UFO?
7. Is there any type of UFOs or are any reports are regarding to the same type of the UFOs?.
8. If UFO are existed, then would the Government allow the citizens to know the information or would they put that as strictly withheld from the public?

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information about 'unidentified flying objects'. Your request has been passed to this department because we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs. I will answer your questions / requests in the same order as your message.

(1 & 2). The link to The Independent articles mentioned in your message is not working, but I am aware that the newspaper has produced two articles concerning the release of UFO information. The first of these refers to the incidents you mention in paragraph 1 and 2 of your message and was written following the release of information at The National Archives in January. This information is no longer held by the MOD as it is now open for public viewing at The National Archives. Details of how

to access information at The National Archives can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

(3). The second article in The Independent followed a Freedom of Information request for a list of UFO reports received by the MOD. I attach a copy of the information given to the newspaper which you may find useful. Personal details about the people who made these reports was withheld in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. With regard to your request for all the paperwork about these reports, I should inform you that this information is not held electronically, but these basic details were extracted from paper files in order to answer this request. Before copies of these reports could be released, they would have to be copied and all personal data would have to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We estimate that to conduct this exercise for all of the reports listed here would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, you wish to be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you further. In the meantime you may wish to be aware that we are compiling a database of all the UFO reports we hold and we intend to publish it at the end of June in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, which can be found at www.foi.mod.uk.

(4 to 6). The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

(7). As you will see from the attached list, the UFO sighting reports we receive describe objects of various shapes and colours.

(8). This is a hypothetical question as the MOD knows of no evidence of the existence of such phenomena.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact this department in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Request 30

On April 28th 1967 I, along with 100 others including school teachers, witnessed a silver UFO pass over Torquay, Devon at approx 11.30 am. The UFO travelled towards Brixham, Devon where it remained stationary for approx. 1 hour. The object was observed by the Brixham Coastguards which was reported to the RAF in Plymouth. According to report the object after remaining stationary over the town proceeded to fly off. I feel that the HM Coastguards must have made a report of this sighting to the authorities, as a matter of procedure.

Under the Information of Freedom Act, I would be very grateful if you would look into this matter.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information about the UFO that you witnessed in Devon in 1967. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

Any surviving information from this period will now be held at The National Archives. I should inform you that MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>.

I hope this will be helpful.

Request 31

I would be grateful if you can please send me hard copies of all documentation held on the sighting of unidentified flying objects(UFOs)flying over or close to U.K. and U.S. military installations based on the UK mainland.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information regarding reports of UFO sightings over or close to UK or US military installations based on the UK mainland. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

This Department currently holds UFO sighting reports and correspondence files which contain reports made to the MOD over the past 25 years. These reports are filed in the order in which they were received and are not segregated by either source or location. It is possible that amongst this vast amount of information there may be reports relevant to your request, but without examining every one of the hundreds (possibly thousands) of reports contained in these files, it is impossible for us to identify those of particular interest to you. However, we are committed to providing requested information wherever possible, so if you would care to specify a period of time (ie 1-2 years) we could examine our files for that period and consider the release of copies of any relevant documents found.

I hope this is helpful. Please inform me if you wish to proceed with your request on this basis.

Request 32

Re events at RAF Bentwaters / RAF Woodbridge UFO incident back in 26th to 29th December 1980. The events were investigated personally by Bentwater CO - Deputy Base Commander Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt (also by US Dept of Defense). Popularly known as the Rendlesham Forest Incident. Date on this event most appreciated.

Other UFO reports include the July 1977 one by Flt Lt A M Wood at RAF Boulmer in Northumberland. Radar confirmed this at RAF Boulmer and also at RAF Staxton Wold. I understand the above is now declassified.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information relating to the incidents at RAF Bentwater/RAF Woodbridge and RAF Boulmer. Your requests has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

All the documents concerning the events at Rendlesham Forest have been released and can be viewed at the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme via the internet at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under 'Rendlesham Forest' will take you straight to this information.

With regard to your request for information about a UFO sighting at RAF Boulmer in 1977, this information was released at the National Archives in January 2005. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also has a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

Request 33

Please publish a full list of unexplained sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in this country.

Request later refined to a two year period.

1st Response (See Annex A)

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request about UFO sighting reports received by the Ministry of Defence. Thank you for refining your request to a two year period of the most recent sightings.

Please see attached details of UFO sightings received for 2004 and those received to date in 2005, as requested. Personal data about the people who reported these sightings has not been included in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We have recalled our files from Archives which contain the reports for 2003 and I will send you similar details as soon as these arrive.

I hope this information is helpful. I will write to you again as soon as possible with the outstanding information.

2nd Response (See Annex B)

Further to my e-mail message of 1 February, please find attached the remaining information which you requested concerning UFO sighting reports the MOD received for sightings in 2003. I apologise for the delay in sending this information.

With regard to your subsequent e-mail in which you requested further details about those who made these reports, I should inform you that we do not request information about the sex, occupation or age of those reporting these sightings. Often it is obvious what sex the witness is by their name, but we do not keep statistics on how many reports are received from men and how many from women. Some people will give details of their occupation if they think it may be relevant and where these have been supplied for the reports made in 2003, I have included them in the attached table. For those reports supplied with my last e-mail, only one gave their occupation and that was for 19 July 2004 from Wellford, Berkshire which was supplied by staff working for a Newspaper. With regard to the ages of witnesses, it is very unusual for people to give their age when making a report.

You also asked about the circumstances in which the sightings were made and what the MOD said about them. It may be helpful if I explain that

the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. Reports of 'UFO' sightings we receive are examined solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit. None of the reports received during the period of your request for information have been considered to be of defence concern.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact this office in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

Request 33 – Annex A

UFO sighting reports received by the MOD

2005

Date	Time	Town / Village	County	Brief Description of Sighting
14-Jan-05	00:24	Leeds	West Yorkshire	Two bright lights, round, and orange in colour.
14-Jan-05		St Clements	Cornwall	A bright light was seen heading towards the earth through the clouds.
15-Jan-05	23:15	Stoke-on-Trent	Staffordshire	Just said it was a flying saucer.
		Chatteris	Cambridgeshire	Just said that it was a sighting.
		Whitstable	Kent	Strange lights were seen in the sky.

2004

Date	Time	Town / Village	County	Brief Description of Sighting
02-Jan-04	04:30	Ayr	Strathclyde	A square red object, pinkish at the front.
09-Jan-04	14:00	Market Harborough	Leicestershire	One large black triangular aircraft with three bright lights in a triangle formation. There was a rumbling sound.
09-Jan-04	22:30	Thaxted	Essex	Strange light that was watched for one and a half hours.
12-Jan-04	16:30	Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	Round object with white lights all around it.
27-Jan-04	21:00	Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Four dull red lights above the house, travelling fast and low.
27-Jan-04	23:08	Retford	Nottinghamshire	One object seen over Retford Town Hall.
28-Jan-04	18:30	Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Flashing green lights 1000-5000ft up in the sky.
28-Jan-04	18.15	Billingsley	Shropshire	Lights in the night sky flying in formation.
04-Feb-04	06:15	Grosmont	North Yorkshire	Object appeared to be a soundless pair of lights, one yellow, the other white. No discernable shape.
08-Feb-04	21:45	Ely	Cambridgeshire	Four lights, one brighter than the others, sometimes fading.

11-Feb-04	21:05	Holbeach	Lincolnshire	Two objects, described as a fast pair of speeding lights - very fast bright light.
18-Feb-04	16:02	Rhyl	Clwyd	Large black object over Rhyl.
01-Mar-04	20:00	Lowestoft	Suffolk	Yellow light in a circular formation. The flash shot across the sky and the lights went out.
17-Mar-04	20:20	Edinburgh	Lothian	Fast moving bright light.
25-Mar-04	22:10	Leighton Buzzard	Bedfordshire	Large ball of light. Looked like a rocket. No sound generally, but at times, a slight whirring sound.
27-Mar-04			Sri Lanka	Saw the object at 17:30 Sri Lankan time. The object looked like a ring doughnut and was orange and had other rings of colour surrounding it too.
02-Apr-04	12:30	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	One sphere.
09-Apr-04	17:57	Greater Chesterford	Essex	60ft long symmetrical object.
09-Apr-04	19:30	Dimchurch	Kent	Just said it was an object. That it was flying over very fast and then disappeared.
11-Apr-04	20:43	Seaforth	Merseyside	Saw a UFO, with a cluster of four bright lights in a ring shape on it. Three beams of white light shone upwards and then disappeared.
14-Apr-04	10:30	Wellingborough	Northants	A round object was flying overhead at a very fast speed.
14-Apr-04	20:27	Honley	West Yorkshire	Looked like a Jellyfish flying in the sky. May have had two bright lights on the side of the object.
15-Apr-04	22:20	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Yellow sphere. Very bright.
16-Apr-04	22:40	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Yellow sphere.
16-Apr-04	22:55	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Yellow sphere.
19-Apr-04	22:10	Filey	North Yorkshire	Two objects travelling together. They climbed at an incredible speed, and headed south down the coast.
22-Apr-04	16:30	Goole	East Yorkshire	The object looked like a boomerang and was stationary over a power station. An aircraft was circling the object.
22-Apr-04		Queensbury	West Yorkshire	Just said an object.
25-Apr-04	08:50	Primrose Hill	London	The object was a rectangle shape with a white light.
29-Apr-04	22:30	Derby	Derbyshire	Four bright lights, plus the outer circle of the round object, had eight lights going round in a clockwise direction.
05-May-04	23:10	Kings Lynn	Norfolk	A bright, pulsing-spider looking object.

10-May-04	22:45	Storth	Cumbria	Looked like a bright star and was moving around like a kite.
10-May-04	22:47	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Two yellow spheres, going at a tremendous speed.
14-May-04	03:10	Leeds	West Yorkshire	A very bright light and also saw strobe lights near the bright light.
15-May-04		West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Two spheres.
17-May-04		West Kilbride	Ayrshire	One sphere.
19-May-04	23:20	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Large bright sphere.
20-May-04	09:43		Surrey	The witness had seen the object so clearly, that grooves and windows could be seen and no room for humans to fit within it.
20-May-04	11:15	Nelson	Lancashire	The object was white in colour and 'chewy mint' shaped.
20-May-04	13:30	Skipton	North Yorkshire	Looked like a light, transparent ring.
22-May-04	23:50			Two objects were both an orange colour and were disc shaped. They looked like aircraft without wings and were very silent.
25-May-04	17:00	Paignton	Devon	Long single, black cylinder type object about 200ft long.
25-May-04		West Kilbride	Ayrshire	One sphere.
30-May-04	12:15	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Five bright spheres flying beside each other.
01-Jun-04	00:00	Hamilton	Lanarkshire	The object was a bright light and it was flashing and making engine noises.
02-Jun-04	00:35	Hamilton	Lanarkshire	One object with a bright, white flashing light, and was making engine noises.
02-Jun-04	01:00	Hayes	Middlesex	Object looked like a comet at first, was quite bright and got lighter as it grew bigger.
04-Jun-04	21:07	Coventry	West Midlands	One long, black, cigar shaped object.
05-Jun-04		Wellingborough	Northants	A black 'UFO' was seen flying over a Methodist Church.
14-Jun-04	09:30	Rushden	Northants	A 'UFO' was following an airliner.
14-Jun-04	23:15	Bridgend		One object, about 70ft long, with brilliant bright lights. The object changed shape, just before the sight was lost.
21-Jun-04	17:55	Oldham	Greater Manchester	One long, black, cigar shaped object.
13-Jul-04	01:00	Winchmore Hill	London	Object was extremely large, completely circular and the lights on it were pulsating different colours.
14-Jul-04	23:10	Corby	Northants	Bright yellow light, low level, appeared from nowhere for about ten seconds.
19-Jul-04	22:20	Wellford	Berkshire	Ball of flames with a solid underneath, the flames went out and

				came on again, and then plummeted to earth.
28-Jul-04		Lynton nr Exmoor	Devon	The object looks like a big white triangle on the horizon.
31-Jul-04	22:45	Shepton Mallet	Somerset	Three very strange, bright orange objects, which were quite large and going in an upward direction.
07-Aug-04	04:30	Chingford	London	Strange looking object, bigger than an aircraft, it had mesh around it and red, blue, green and yellow lights around the outside.
07-Aug-04		Greenside	Newcastle upon Tyne	Only reported as alien sightings above the house.
16-Aug-04	23:35	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Five spheres spotted, flying together.
29-Aug-04	03:05	Loughton	Essex	The object was white, hazy and round, and there was no noise.
01-Sep-04	15:55	Glossop	Derbyshire	Silver disc.
02-Sep-04	23:50	Deal	Kent	The object was very bright and was of large proportions. Large in velocity.
04-Sep-04	14:30	White Hill	East Hampshire	The object was a black cylinder rectangle shape and was the size of a house. One minute the colour was black and then changed to a silver colour.
05-Sep-04	10:24	Birmingham	West Midlands	An object was seen the size of a ten pence piece. It had a domed top and bottom. Was metallic in appearance.
05-Sep-04	15:20	Barry	South Glamorgan	The object was a bright light at first and then looked like a box kite. There was no sound, wings or fuselage.
07-Sep-04	11:30	Holywell	Flintshire	Two silvery objects, they were pulling apart and moving together and they left vapour trails as they were moving.
08-Sep-04	20:15	Cardiff	South Glamorgan	Large flash of light which turned into a grey object descending over Cardiff bay, with trailing smoke behind it.
09-Sep-04	23:20	Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway	Spotted strange lights over the town.
16-Sep-04	03:50	Iwerne Minster	Somerset	The object looked like a great bright light and was really intense, like a big ball of fire, rapidly moving towards the ground.
20-Sep-04	22:00	Lutterworth	Leicestershire	Flashing lights.
24-Sep-04	06:30	Devizes	Wiltshire	Looked like a big ball of fire coming down from the sky with a tail and sparks coming off of the end of it.
24-Sep-04	06:30	Newport	Dyfed/South Wales	One object that looked like a disc, with a tail and was shiny.
24-Sep-04		Swindon	Wiltshire	Saw a big orange disc going from East to West. Said the object was totally silent and moving quite slowly.

30-Sep-04	21:10	Porchester	Hampshire	Just mentioned a sighting.
10-Oct-04	10:15	Strath Bongo/Glasgow	Strathclyde	The object looked like a wide test tube shape, that moved from the South East.
10-Oct-04	22:15	Colchester	Essex	Bright orange/red colour object, rapidly and randomly changing direction, from East to West.
11-Oct-04	02:35	Preston	Lancashire	The object was a round sphere like the moon and it had green and red flashing lights and was very noisy.
12-Oct-04	20:07	Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway	Strange lights over the town.
18-Oct-04		Wimbledon	London	A few objects.
06-Nov-04	21:25	Driffild	East Yorkshire	The object had three to four different colour lights.
09-Nov-04		Warmington	Northants	The object was very bright like the sun, and it looked like the size of a space hopper! Had flames coming off of it, so it could have been a meteorite! Now says probably was!
11-Nov-04	14:15	Ilford	Essex	The object was the size of a round beach ball and black. Looked disc shaped when it became stationary in the sky. Had no wings.
19-Nov-04	08:02	Douglas	Isle of Man	The object was a silver disc, with solar panels, but turned out to be an ATR 42 - twin propeller, Euromanx aeroplane.
26-Nov-04	21:00	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Witnessed at least 25 yellow spheres, flying in groups of five, flying North over West Kilbride.
29-Nov-04	17:15	Wellingborough	Northants	A group of lights were seen and then a buzzing noise was heard.
10-Dec-04	17:25	Broxburn/Edinburgh	Lothian	Ball of fire, with a tail five to seven times the diameter of the ball. Bright orange with a weaker orange tail. Meteorite?
15-Dec-04	08:30	Lisburn/Belfast	County Antrim	Three bright lights moving in the sky.
27-Dec-04	17:15	Wellingborough	Northants	A 'UFO' was seen, and then it changed into a bright light.
		Leicester	Leicestershire	Three to four discs, that looked oval shape when the discs moved to the side. Moved in a triangular formation across the sky.
		Letchworth	Bedfordshire	Two objects flying around the sky for about two hours, and that they were going quite slow. (Seen in December '04).

Request 33 – Annex B

Date	Time	Town / Village	County	Brief Description of sighting	Occupation
04-Jan-03	21:15	St Clares, Nr Carmarthen	Dyfed	White object with vivid flashing green, blue and red lights.	
04-Jan-03	19:20	Nr Benbecula Airport		One object with a very bright light like an aircraft's landing light, with a smaller dimmer light on top of the bright light.	Senior Air Traffic Controller
06-Jan-03	15:00	Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	Three silver or white balls in the sky, joined by another two. Quite large. Travelling in a line.	
07-Jan-03	21:26	Blackpool	Lancashire	One bright white object, hovering at first, then moving quickly.	
08-Jan-03	22:00	Coaltown of Balgonie	Fife	Changing shape. Strong blue, green and red lights pulsating lights. Jumbo Jet sized.	
10-Jan-03	03:00	Brighton	Sussex	Looked like a satellite re-entering, moving across the sky, then shot off like a shooting star.	
10-Jan-03		Stirling	Scotland	Two aircraft type objects flying next to each other. Both had vapour trails.	
10-Jan-03	01:00	East Dulwich	London	Lights, that were formed in a worm shape, wriggling around in the sky.	
11-Jan-03	23:45	Bridgnorth	Salop	Oblong in shape with three vertical flashing lights, red, yellow and green, all flashing at the same time.	
13-Jan-03	07:40	Dunkeld	Tayside	Distant object moving from side to side. Bright light, brighter than any star. Went dim from time to time.	
15-Jan-03	22:10	Cowbridge	South Glamorgan	A large round disc, slightly smaller than the moon. Creamy white then changed green.	
19-Jan-03	18:03	Stonehaven	Grampian	Three bright lights forming a triangle. Hovering not moving.	
25-Jan-03	19:08	Chester	Cheshire	Twelve bright lights moving from side to side.	
29-Jan-03	18:15	Wolverhampton	West Midlands	Two triangular shaped objects, flying in perfect synchronisation. Low humming noise - not like a normal commercial airliner.	RAF Personnel
03-Feb-03		Leyland	Lancashire	Bright light lit up the curtains, and for a split second appeared to be heading for the window. Followed by a loud bang.	
16-Feb-03	17:20	Birmingham	West Midlands	Object seen. Static.	

19-Feb-03	18:30	Huntingdon	Cambridgeshire	Like a shooting star falling to the ground.	
21-Feb-03	10:30	Penryn	Cornwall	A circular bright light - three arms on the object, (not rotating), in the middle of it was a red light.	
25-Feb-03	23:00	Southfields	London	Object, not a plane, not on flight path and not a star.	
01-Mar-03		Northampton	Northamptonshire	Two large white objects, close together, looked like jets or refuelling planes. Going at jet speed.	
02-Mar-03	15:54	Pontypridd	Mid-Glamorgan	Strange object, silver and shaped like a dart.	
11-Mar-03	21:50	Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	An object high up in the sky.	
30-Mar-03	20:00	Aldershot	Hampshire	A very large delta shaped formation of steady red lights - no noise.	
30-Mar-03		Glastonbury	Somerset	Lights in the sky.	
31-Mar-03	09:20		London	Two silver objects that were stationary in the sky. One seemed to be closer than the other.	
05-Apr-03	03:58			Massive object, about the size of two football pitches, triangular shape. Took off very fast.	
07-Apr-03	02:30	Falmouth	Cornwall	One craft with three yellow lights on portside and three red lights on starboard side. Shape was between circular and triangular or Delta wing size.	
11-Apr-03	22:21	Stansted Airport	Essex	A ball of fire, very bright, with no colour.	A Captain & a First Officer of a civilian aircraft.
23-Apr-03	18:15	Heathrow Airport	London	A ball of light, with no colour, passed under an aircraft, front to back, very fast.	
24-Apr-03		Shepherds Bush	London	Crafts coming down from behind the clouds.	
05-May-03	18:30			Saw a black triangle flying quite fast and silently, through the sky in a single direction.	
13-May-03	17:45	Belfast	Northern Ireland	Two objects that looked like stars.	
25-May-03	23:00	Sandyford	Lanarkshire	The object was high and bright and had no anti-collision lights.	
25-May-03	23:05	Kilmacolm	Strathclyde	Large bright light.	
25-May-03	23:20	St. Leonards	East Kilbride	Huge white ball that was glowing. Looked like a flying jellyfish.	
28-May-03	07:50	Great Yarmouth	Norfolk	The object was saucer shaped.	
30-May-03	23:25	Kingston-upon-Hull	Humberside	A bright light in the sky.	
31-May-03	21:00	Gateshead	Tyne and Wear	Black orb with five or six tassels underneath it.	
08-Jun-03	17:00	Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	White cylindrical object moving very fast up into the sky.	

09-Jun-03	06:40	Isleworth	London	Silver object as bright as a star, changed from a cylinder to a crescent moon shape, with red and silver stripes.	
14-Jun-03	21:35	Llandrindod Wells	Powys	Very big red light balls hovering. One red light hung smaller and then dropped out.	
14-Jun-03	15:39	Walthamstow	London	Cylinder shaped object, with faint stars around it. Thought it was metal, as light was shining off of it.	
14-Jun-03	06:00	Girton	Cambridgeshire	Small circular object. Blue and white translucent.	
20-Jun-03	08:35		Kent	A string of two sets of two lights.	
21-Jun-03	16:43	Richmond	London	A doughnut shaped object was spotted moving from left to right, side to side. One side was shiny and reflective, and the other black.	
21-Jun-03	12:32	Wimbledon	London	Just said something was seen for three seconds. (Didn't specify).	
26-Jun-03	16:28	Melksham	Wiltshire	The object was a silvery white colour and non reflective in the sunshine.	
28-Jun-03	23:22	Glastonbury	Somerset	Orange lights moving as a group in a circular motion. Moved slowly along.	
08-Jul-03	20:00	Hereford	Herefordshire	A stationary triangular object was seen. The object remained stationary for about 30 minutes at quite a height.	MOD Police
12-Jul-03	22:05	Rhonda	Mid-Glamorgan	Two round objects with legs, which were black and spinning.	
13-Jul-03		Wellingborough	Northants	Saw a ball of light in the sky.	
13-Jul-03	20:30	Winterley	Cheshire	Appeared like a star, possibly a balloon.	
14-Jul-03	21:30		Northamptonshire	Saw the biggest white light that the witness had ever seen before. It shot off across the sky and then disappeared.	
15-Jul-03	03:25	Bermondsey	London	Assumed object to be a shooting star at first. No trail behind.	
15-Jul-03	21:40	Galston on Sea	Norfolk	Disc like object, moving in the sky slowly, poised once and headed in a NE direction.	
15-Jul-03	00:30	Malvern	Worcestershire	One light was seen. Erratic movement and stationary.	
20-Jul-03	23:05	Bridlington	East Yorkshire	Bright white star like light. Moved from side to side, up and down and in circles.	
22-Jul-03		Bridlington	East Yorkshire	Silver or white object. Moved at an unbelievable speed.	
27-Jul-03	18:00	Gravesend	Kent	Silver ball up in the sky for about an hour. Disappeared and	

				then returned again about an hour later.	
04-Aug-03	21:00	Wellingborough	Northants	A brilliant orange ball of light seen 2000ft up in the sky.	
08-Aug-03	22:35	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	A star shaped object. Witness watched for a few minutes, then it dropped from the sky like a bomb.	
10-Aug-03	23:15	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Could see a few round spheres.	
13-Aug-03	22:55	Maesteg	Mid-Glamorgan	Round football shaped. Flashing lights-multi coloured. The lights were on top then moved around the object.	
14-Aug-03	18:00	Southfleet	Kent	Unusual object, with flashing lights but not like aircraft lights, more like reflections from the sun. No trail.	
14-Aug-03	23:57	Worcester	Worcestershire	Very bright white light, bigger than a star, but quickly diminishing in size until it completely disappeared.	
14-Aug-03	23:09	Newport	Gwent	Orange circular object seen. Stayed stationary.	
16-Aug-03	21:00	Amesbury	Wiltshire	Flying saucer shaped object.	
17-Aug-03	23:45	Bonnybridge	Central	Just a sighting. No details given.	
19-Aug-03	23:30	St Seithins	Perthshire	Object with two white lights with one red and one orange in the middle, both flashing.	
21-Aug-03	14:00	Lincoln	Lincolnshire	Cigar shaped, grey in colour with domed ends, was silent and very slow.	
27-Aug-03	23:00	Worcester	Worcestershire	A helium type balloon, size of a moon, with flashing blue and red lights, moving north along the line of the A38 over the area south of Worcester.	
03-Sep-03	21:35	Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	An orange ball seen about 2000ft up in the sky.	
04-Sep-03	23:40	Todmorden	West Yorkshire	Six lights that split, at one point becoming eight lights. Orange and red in colour.	
13-Sep-03	21:40	Heckmondwike	West Yorkshire	Two circular objects, about half the apparent size of the moon. Very dull yellow.	Senior Curator/Royal Armouries Museum
13-Sep-03	22:40	Manchester	Greater Manchester	Round, white lights in the sky.	
13-Sep-03	20:15	Great Yarmouth	Norfolk	Bright as Mars. White light. Dim. Moved in a South East direction.	
17-Sep-03	20:45	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Two small, star size objects, much darker orange or rust colour, followed by another two doing manoeuvres.	
17-Sep-03	21:00	Northolt	London	One object. White brilliant light, flickering yellow and red. Extremely brighter than other stars around it. Moving from side to side.	

18-Sep-03	03:00	Wimbledon	London	Triangular object, copper coloured. Hovered over the house for about a minute then disappeared.	
19-Sep-03	22:30	Ashby De La Launde, Nr Digby	Lincolnshire	A object spinning above a house.	
22-Sep-03		Hove	East Sussex	A red unidentified flying object, definitely not an aeroplane.	
24-Sep-03	19:25	Barry	South Glamorgan	An unusual object, falling from a cloud, like it was burning, Very fast. Was viewed for five minutes.	
24-Sep-03	20:45	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Two pairs of objects that were not recognisable as aircraft and were purple in colour.	
14-Oct-03	06:56	Whitney	Oxfordshire	Very large object with flashing lights.	
26-Oct-03	21:06	North Wirral	Merseyside	Two objects travelling side by side overhead. Dull red in colour.	
05-Nov-03	16:30	Southbound on the A11		Two bright lights in the sky.	Assistant Secretary/RAF Dependants Fund
17-Nov-03	02:25	Bromley	Kent	There were 20-30 red flashing lights in the sky accompanied by a whirring noise.	Police Officers/Police helicopter crew
25-Nov-03	14:25	Wem	Shropshire	A strange bright orange/red light in the sky.	
01-Dec-03		Woodbridge	Suffolk	An unusual aircraft, but with strange lights.	
02-Dec-03	01:20	Aylesbury	Buckinghamshire	Nothing was seen, but a loud noise was heard, like a balloon letting out air.	
02-Dec-03	01:30	Thame	Oxfordshire	A loud noise like a hot air balloon was heard, but nothing was seen.	Newspaper Editor
17-Dec-03	19:15	Wokingham	Berkshire	The object was black/dark with lights along the side and a weird strobe light. Was about 60 ft across. Very high in the sky.	
29-Dec-03	01:50	Nr Barnton Park	Edinburgh	A steady bright light in the sky resembling the front of a helicopter.	
		Ashburton	Devon	(Seen for six weeks - Feb/March 2003). Two strange lights in the sky.	
		Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	(Seen for three weeks in Feb 2003). Very bright white light with five other lights around it, that were moving. Looked like a barrage balloon from World War 2.	
		Wigan	Lancashire	(Seen 2003). 17 spaceships. V shaped, oblong, wings and different colours. Could see green aliens with cream	



				coloured bellies.	
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Request 34

Could you please supply me with information about reported UFO sightings / alien abduction in Lincolnshire over the past five years. I would like to see copies of log books / reports made about the sightings together with reports from any resulting inquiries / investigations. I understand I am entitled to this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Response

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for information about reported UFO sightings / alien abduction in Lincolnshire over the past five years. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

This department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contains sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. They are not segregated by source or location. It is possible that amongst these documents there are reports from Lincolnshire, but in order to gather the information you are seeking, a manual search of 23 paper files would be required. It has been assessed that the cost of such an exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

You may wish to be aware, however, that in order to assist members of the public with enquiries about UFO sightings reported to the MOD, this department is currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. The Scheme can be found on the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. You may wish to wait until this is published as this might answer your enquiry in full. In the meantime, we could assist you with the information you are seeking if you reduce or refine your request to allow a limited search of records and to bring the cost of compliance with the Freedom of Information Act under the permitted limit. I suggest this would equate to records spanning a one or two year period. Please contact me if you require further advice and assistance on refining your request.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the

undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

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Request 35

August 15th 1967 Wood Green London, UFO Sighting by **Section 40**
Section 40 2.15am in the morning and confirmed by MOD. Please furnish your full findings to me soonest.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information about a UFO sighting on 15th August 1967. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

I should inform you that the MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for the National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>.

I hope this will be helpful.

Request 36

To ask the Ministry of Defence for a list of records detailing the plans held by the MoD for dealing with the arrival of extra-terrestrials.

Response

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request of 4th January 2005, concerning records of Ministry of Defence plans for dealing with extraterrestrials (Your Reference: rw/et). I have been passed your request, as this Department is the focal point for correspondence concerning 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. While we remain open-minded, to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena and therefore has no plans for dealing with such a situation.

If you are interested in information currently available on UFOs please look at the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk and The National Archives website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

Request 37

Is it true that the MOD possess declassified information about unidentified object appearances / incidents in the United Kingdom?

Also with regards to the new Freedom of Information Act, which took effect this month, if the above is true, can I be sent a PDF file of the declassified information from the MOD?

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mails of 25 & 27 January 2005 in which you requested "copies of declassified information about unidentified object appearances/incidents in the United Kingdom". Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.go.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are

looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.

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Date request received: 09 February 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Mr

Other:

First Name: Isaac

*Surname:

Koi

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

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Request:	Isaac Koi 10-02-2005-092009-002	Received:	09 Feb 05	 All sources
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Response Format Requested:	electronic	Language Requested ☐ Welsh
*Enter the request for information:		
I am a barrister interested in the public perception of issues arising from reports of "Unidentified Flying Objects", including freedom of information issues. I would therefore be grateful if you could supply me with copies of all requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 between 1 January 2005 and 31 January 2005 in relation to the subject of "Unidentified Flying Objects", together with any and all documentation relating to such requests, including (without limitation) the		
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(a) letters, emails or faxes in response to these requests (including any attachments); and

(b) insofar as they discuss specifically responding to requests in relation to this topic (rather than requests under the Freedom of Information Act generally), any relevant internal memoranda, emails, minutes of any relevant meetings, guidance notes and circulars; and

None.

(c) any documentation specifically discussing the possibility of publishing (under the Ministry of Defence's Publication Scheme) information provided under the FOIA in relation to "Unidentified Flying Objects" or the proactive release of information pertaining to this subject pursuant to the policy stated on the penultimate page of the Defence Internal Brief dated 1 December 2004.

I am aware of the limited nature of the MOD's interest in this area.

I am also aware of the MOD's publication of some FOIA responses in relation to this topic on the MOD's FOIA webpages (especially the MOD's FOIA "Reading Room" webpages).

If I can help to clarify this request (or if imposing some reasonable limitations on my request would significantly assist you in reducing the time and effort involved in dealing with this request), please do not hesitate to contact me by email at

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Please note that this request is made under a pseudonym. As a barrister, I have no desire for clients or colleagues to become aware of my involvement (however slight) in any activities relating to reports of "UFOs".

I look forward to hearing from you promptly and in any event within 20 days.

Yours Sincerely,

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Defence Internal Brief

DATE: 1 December 2004

SERIAL: DIB 2004/48

ISSUE: **Implementation of the Freedom of Information Act**

AUDIENCE: **All Service and Civilian personnel**

TIMING: **Priority**

KEY POINTS:

- **On 1 January 2005, the Freedom of Information Act will give members of the public a new right of access to information held by public authorities.**
- **In simple terms, the Act will require us to operate on the basis of openness in the public interest.**
- **CDS and PUS have released the following message, for the attention of all personnel, explaining how they wish the Act to operate throughout the Department and the Armed Forces.**

DETAIL:



On 1 January 2005 the Freedom of Information Act will give me new right of access to information held by public authorities. T bodies which are dependent on public funds to operate on the the public interest. As we approach the threshold of this impor to know how we wish the Act to operate across defence.

The FOI Act applies to the whole of MOD, including all agencies MOD Police, and the Armed Forces (with the exception of units that come under the operational command of the Director Special Forces or which are assisting GCHQ in its work). In the remainder of this message references to 'MOD' should be taken to mean all those in defence to whom the legislation applies.

There can be no question of MOD opting out of its responsibilities. All staff – military and civilian – must respect the right of access to information, and help to ensure that MOD complies with the obligations placed on all public authorities. This compliance requires understanding the balance that needs to be struck between being more open, and maintaining confidentiality where this is justified by the terms of the Act.

FOI: the opportunities

MOD attracts a lot of public interest, not always uncritical. FOI provides a framework in which we can change our image of unnecessary secretiveness, however misplaced, by increasing the volume and range of information made available, whether

proactively or in response to requests. We must show that MOD is genuinely committed to developing a more open relationship with the public, and a positive one.

The FOI Publication Scheme already provides a mechanism for systematic disclosure, but it is also appropriate to look for other opportunities. In particular, proactive release of background material should become a routine part of the way we plan for the announcement of important decisions. Staff in DGMC and DG Info can advise and assist in the mechanics of effecting the structured disclosure of such information.

FOI: the constraints

All staff must remember that FOI provides a basis for the *authorised* disclosure of information. Information may only be released after appropriate consideration and as part of a planned process. The public right of access to information does not mean that the established rules for controlling and classifying documents are now redundant or can be disregarded. Although all the information MOD holds will be liable to consideration when a request is received, the decision whether or not particular information should be released will require a judgement to be made of the public interest. The Act recognises that information can be sensitive for a wide range of reasons. In MOD these reasons will vary from operational imperatives and the safety of personnel, to the proper preservation of commercial and international confidences, to the need for free and frank debate within Government in developing policy and advice, as well as the need to maintain national security.

The Act includes a range of exemptions, and if information is properly exempt, there will be no right of access to it under the Act. However, the factors for and against disclosure will often need very careful evaluation. Information that some members of the public might find interesting is not necessarily the same as information that it is in the public interest to disclose. In seeking to be more open, particular care must be taken to avoid undermining the proper confidentiality of some aspects of our external relationships. Indeed, where information has been provided by an individual or organisation outside MOD (such as a company, another department or a foreign government), their views about the prospect of disclosing the information must be given very careful consideration.

In general, we expect a decision to refuse to disclose information to be taken at one star civilian or military level. Any relaxation of this policy must be agreed in advance and documented in local procedures. In the early stages of the FOI regime we also expect decisions to release information to be agreed at a senior level and, in certain areas, by inter-Departmental agreement co-ordinated by the Department for Constitutional Affairs. Again, local procedures must clearly set out the process for securing clearance to disclose information.

Taking care of our records

It would be a mistake to think that any difficulties created by FOI can be avoided by wholesale reductions in the records we keep, or by ceasing to record information we would not want to disclose. Senior staff – and particularly Ministers – rely on having full and candid briefing, and it has always been important to ensure that decisions, advice and options are fully debated and recorded. FOI does not change the need to

commit information to the record in order to show the development of policy, projects, operations and practice and to preserve audit trails of decisions and actions. We must continue to make proper judgements on the retention or destruction of records. FOI does not make it appropriate to retain less (or more) information than in the past.

It is important to recognise that as we increasingly do our business by electronic means, e-mail becomes an important part of the record of MOD business, and must therefore be considered when responding to a request for information. Staff must also remember that when documents are disclosed they will convey an impression of our professionalism. This should be seen as an encouragement to aim for the highest standards of communication across the board. All written work must be clear and appropriate both in tone and content.

Conclusion

For MOD staff brought up on the 'need-to-know' principle the move to a regime which is based on a presumption of openness represents a significant change of emphasis. The sensitive nature of some MOD business means it is right to proceed with caution, and where it is proper to maintain confidentiality you should do so. However, it is also right and proper that we should expect to be accountable to the people who pay for what we do by making available all the information that is in the public interest to share. We will be watching closely to see how FOI operates in practice and we look to all staff to help ensure that MOD successfully rises to the challenge.

SUBJECT CONTACT:	XX
FURTHER INFORMATION:	XX
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	For past DIBs seeXX

Freedom of Information Opportunities: proactive disclosures

The FOI Publication Scheme, maintained by DG Info, provides an existing mechanism for systematic disclosure of MoD information. However, to ensure that the MoD is genuinely committed to establishing a more positive image and relationship with the public, as a department we should continue to actively seek other opportunities for releasing information.

It is now a matter of departmental policy that the proactive release of background material, such as studies, reports and surveys, should become a routine part of the way we plan for the announcement of important decisions, across the department. There are a number of ways in which the structured disclosure of such information can be achieved, and staff should seek advice in the first instance from staff in DG Info and DGMC depending on the nature and context of the disclosure.

When planning a major announcement, the relevant DCPM desk officer should be routinely involved to coordinate the internal and external communication plan and contents.

Points of Contact:

Nature of Advice	Post / Name	Contact Details
MoD FOIA and Disclosure Policy	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Publication Scheme	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Planning announcements	XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX

NAME	SUBJECT	AIT REF	STATUS	WHEREABOUTS	COMMENTS
Section 40	UFOs	28-02-2005-103357-008	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 16	
	Decision to no longer give public right of way status to footpath	11-04-2005-083650-001	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part F – Enc 2	
	UFOs	25-01-2005-092430-005	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 4	
	UFOs	31-01-2005-110856-006	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 8	
	UFOs	[REDACTED]	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 18	
	Decibel levels of aircraft	24-03-2005-095539-003	Case Transferred	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 4	Transferred to Claims
	Low Flying activity RAF Police Reports	24-03-2005-114039-004	Case Transferred	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 4	Transferred to Claims.
	Low Flying Complaints	24-03-2005-114039-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 1	
	UFOs	[REDACTED]	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 13	
	Wind Turbines	11-02-2005-083752-001	Case Transferred	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 19	Transferred to Defence Estates
	Dates when various boards and committees sat in 2002 and 2003			Pending Folder	Input only to RFI answered by TOG
	UFOs	10-01-2005-112745-005	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 6	

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UFOs	01-2005- 120120-009	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
USAF use of RAF Machrihanish	23-02-2005- 152108-012	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 9	
UFOs	24-01-2005- 120120-009	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
UFOs	01-2005- 152108-012	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 16	
UFOs		Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 6	
UFOs		Clarifying	Pending Folder	
UFOs	08-02-2005- 130758-020	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
UFOs	05-01-2005- 144340-047	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 15	
UFOs	31-01-2005- 102357-015	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 7	
UFOs	05-01-2005- 055940-001	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
Aircraft Accident	03-02-2005- 113530-015	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 3	
Aircraft Accident	29-03-2005- 121110-014	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 20	
UFOs	26-01-2005- 052120-002	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
Aircraft Accidents Mull of Kintyre	05-01-2005- 162215-057	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 17	

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UFOs	01-01-2005-000001-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 4	
Aircraft Accidents	09-05-2005-110528-007	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part F – Enc 5	
Aircraft Accidents	15-03-2005-143712-003	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 7	
Low Flying complaints in Lincolnshire	12-01-2005-132059-013	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 9	
UFOs	26-01-2005-001014-003	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 20	
US Aircraft Accident	01-03-2005-113505-008	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 13	
UFOs	15-02-2005-121415-013	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 19	
UFOs	07-02-2005-170455-010	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 20	
RAF Menwith Hill	23-02-2005-155836-007	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 12	
RAF Menwith Hill	05-04-2005-163101-015	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part F – Enc 4	
UFOs	12-01-2005-000951-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 5	
US Visiting Forces	18-02-2005-105258-006	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 9	
UFOs	17-01-2005-000140-010	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 12	
UFOs	01-01-2005-000200-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 2	

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UFOs	09-02-2005-115102-007	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 2	
UFOs	01-03-2005-135811-007	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 15	
Aircraft Accidents	17-01-2005-164006-038	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 2	
Aircraft Accidents	23-02-2005-154805-006	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 10	
UFOs	17-01-2005-103009-012	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
UFOs	24-01-2005-092018-003	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
UFOs (Cosford Incident)	07-03-2005-173104-015	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 10	Making programme for Channel 5
UFOs (Cosford Incident)	07-02-2005-092641-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 12	See Mr Steve Todd
UFOs	24-01-2005- [REDACTED]	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
Flying Regulations	16-02-2005-105302-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 11	
UFOs	25-002-2005-101957-005	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc15	
UFOs	29-03-2005-102323-006	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 15	
Aircraft Accident	04-05-2005-090936-001	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 12	
Aircraft Accident	05-05-2005-160915-006	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E- Enc 13	

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RAF Menwith Hill	05-01-2005-122055-031	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 7	
RAF Menwith Hill	17-01-2005-154542-030	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 7	
UFOs	07-01-2005-101751-008	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 11	
UFOs	07-01-2005-101751-008	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 11	
US Visiting Forces in the UK	27-01-2005-110251-012	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 14	
UFOs	04-01-2005-110832-012	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
UFOs	03-02-2005-143505-024	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 1	
UFOs	01-01-2005-134919-023	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 13	
UFOs	08-02-2005-134919-023	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 10	
UFOs	07-01-2005-101751-008	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 3	
UFOs	None	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 1	Only asking how to make a request for information. Not booked on AIT
UFOs	16-02-2005-	Partly Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13	Still awaiting file

		090822-002		Part E – Enc 7	D/DAS/64/3 Pt O from TNT to complete request
Section 40	US Visiting Forces in the UK	12-01-2005-160331-020	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 10	
	Aircraft Accidents	05-01-2005-08152-004	Request partly answered	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 1	Request with Paul Webb for completion
	Aircraft Accidents	05-01-2055-08152-004	Request completed	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E - Enc 19	See above
	Aircraft Accidents	31-03-2005-170231-007	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 2	
	UFOs (Cosford Incident)	07-03-2005-093056-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 11	
	UFOs	27-01-2005-120331-001	Clarifying	Pending Folder	
	Aircraft Accident. 1995 Nimrod crash in Canada	13-01-2005-120229-009	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part A – Enc 5	
	Historical information about RAF Fairford	28-04-2005-092340-001	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 10	
	UFOs	17-02-2005-092810-001	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 14	
	UFOs	21-03-2005-111818-009	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 4	
	UFOs	09-03-2005-164340-011	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 3	
	UFOs	19-04-2005-	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13	

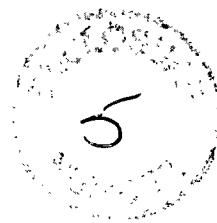
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UFOs	26-01-2005-095321-005	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 5	
UFOs	26-01-2005-095321-005	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 6	Answered with request below
UFOs	24-04-2005-145834-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 6	Answered with request above
UFOs	26-01-2005-145834-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 12	
UFOs	21-03-2005-140009-020	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 5	
UFOs	28-02-2005-104834-009	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 6	
UFOs	23-05-2005-093007-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part F – Enc 1	
Low Flying Complaints in LFAs 4 & 5	25-02-2005-101834-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 16	
WWII Service in the WRAF	19-01-2005-113117-011	Case Transferred	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 8	Transferred to PTC
UFOs	29-03-2005-102715-007	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 14	
UFOs	17-02-2005-101649-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part B – Enc 17	
UFOs	27-01-2005-092020-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 1	
UFOs	04-03-2005-094934-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E- Enc 17	
UFOs	24-04-2005-145834-002	Clarifying	Pending Folder	

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	CAS Visits to Op Telic RAF personnel in hospital	03-02-2005-110340-009	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 9	
	CAS Salary and official residence	24-02-2005-154721-016	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – E11	Coordinated response sent by TOG-CTL & BM
	Aircraft Accidents	12-01-2005-114632-012	Case Transferred	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E- Enc 5	Transferred to DASA
	Aircraft Accident at Boscombe Down	05-04-2005-090753-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 8	
	USAF Aircraft Accidents	12-04-2005-140050-003	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part E – Enc 18	
	Application of the FOI Act to US forces in the UK.	03-03-2005-094146-005	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part F – Enc 3	
	Military installations made available to the US in the UK and number of personnel.	03-03-2005-094703-004	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part F – Enc 3	
	UFOs	07-02-2005-092641-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 12	See Mr Holt
	UFOs	31-01-2005-112056-009	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part C – Enc 6	
	US Visiting Forces	03-02-2005-144441-025	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 2	
	US Visiting Forces	07-03-2005-092418-002	Complete	D/DAS/10/2/8/13 Part D – Enc 2	

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Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your e-mail of 17 May 2005 concerning the number of UFO reports received by the Ministry of Defence. I can inform you that the MOD received 91 UFO reports in 2004. This is lower than in previous years, but the number of reports fluctuates from year to year, often rising when there are articles about UFOs in the press or when new UFO / Sci-fi films come out.

For your information I attach a list of the number of reports received between 1959 (when the MOD began to keep such records), to date, which I hope you will find helpful.

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NUMBERS OF "UNEXPLAINED" AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED
TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

N.B. The figures below relate to the number of reports, received by the Ministry of Defence, of aerial activity which was not immediately identifiable to the witness. They should not be taken to reflect sightings of "UFOs/flying saucers".

1959 – 22
1960 – 31
1961 – 71
1962 – 46
1963 – 51
1964 – 74
1965 – 56
1966 – 95
1967 – 362
1968 – 280
1969 – 228
1970 – 181
1971 – 379
1972 – 201
1973 – 233
1974 – 177
1975 – 208
1976 – 200
1977 – 435
1978 – 750
1979 – 550
1980 – 350
1981 – 600
1982 – 250
1983 – 390
1984 – 214
1985 – 177
1986 – 120
1987 – 150
1988 – 397
1989 – 258
1990 – 209
1991 – 117
1992 – 147
1993 – 258
1994 – 250
1995 – 373
1996 – 609
1997 – 425
1998 – 193



1999 – 229

2000 – 210

2001 – 203

2002 – 100

2003 – 99

2004 – 91

2005 - 49 (to date 24 May 2005)

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From: Section 40
Sent: 17 May 2005 10:45
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request

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Thank you for your help. I wonder if you may be able to help me with one other question. I understand there were 88 UFO reports in 2004. I'm trying to find out if this number is considerably less than from previous years. Do you know where I may be able to find information on the number of reports previously made, particularly during the flap of the 1970s?

I do hope to hear from you soon.

Many thanks,

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From: Section 40
Sent: 30 March 2005 17:08
To: Section 40
Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Section 40

Further to my last message I realise that I did not address your request for a six page UFO report made in the North Yorkshire area. Please accept my apologies.

This report has not been released from records still held at the Ministry of Defence, but may be amongst information on UFOs from the early 1970s which was released at The National Archives in January 2005.

The National Archives on line catalogue and details of how to access the record they hold can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

You may also wish to be aware that some information on UFOs has been included in the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, which can be viewed at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under UFO will take you straight to this information.

I hope this is helpful.

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