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TO: [redacted]

DATE: 31st October 1996

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As discussed, a copy of a letter regarding UFOs!

I would be very grateful for a line to take on the section as indicated, if possible, by the end of today!

Many thanks for your help.

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BUCKHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

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23rd Sept 1996

Dear Prime Minister,

I am a Modern Studies teacher in Buckhaven High School, currently teaching 2nd Year pupils about democratic rights and freedoms. They have shown a lot of interest in the topic, and, as part of their course, have written letters to you about a wide variety of issues. I may say that for some pupils this has been a very stimulating exercise which they have found easy to cope with; for others to get them to even write a letter has been a major breakthrough (many have learning difficulties), of which they and I are justifiably proud.

I realise that you must receive thousands of similar requests, so, although I have enclosed, at the pupils' request, all their letters, I have selected below some of the most common questions asked.

Can you explain the Government's position on the banning of handguns after the Dunblane massacre?

What can be done to make schools more secure?

What do you think about the possibility of a Scottish Parliament?

One pupil unusually asked whether the Government investigates UFOs and, if so, what conclusions it has come to about them!!!

I trust that one of your staff might spare the time to respond to these questions as it would reinforce the idea that learning about government need not be just a classroom-based activity, and that contact can be made with people in power.

I look forward to receiving a reply in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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(APT Social Subjects)
on behalf of the pupils of 2BT and 2SM

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D/Sec(AS)/64/4

24 Oct 96

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* Annexes A, B, C by E Mail to follow.

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MARTIN REDMOND PQs - 'UFOs'

1. I attach substantive draft replies for the raft of PQs tabled by Martin Redmond last week relating directly, or indirectly, to 'UFOs'. So far as the latter is concerned, Annexes A and B are letters for **Minister(AF)** to send to Mr Redmond; Annex C deals specifically with 'UFO' matters and is for **USofS** to send to the MP.

BACKGROUND

2. Abnormal phenomena and 'UFOs' have been something of a media fashion this year, partly stoked by a book by a MOD employee, Mr Nicholas Pope, *'Open Skies, Closed Minds'*. The book seeks an investigation into so-called 'UFOs'. It may be that Mr Redmond is seeking to establish if the MOD has taken note of Mr Pope's concerns. Mr Pope is now writing a follow up book on 'human encounters with aliens' and we might, therefore, expect Parliamentary and media interest to continue.

DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

3. At Annex A is a draft reply for **Minister(AF)** to send to Mr Redmond in response to the five Questions seeking information on Defence Intelligence branches. They do not specifically mention 'UFOs'.

4. DI55 is the branch responsible for studying aerodynamic missiles. It is known publicly that they are also consulted by Sec(AS) from time to time on aerial phenomena. The other Defence Intelligence branches referred to in Mr Redmond's questions have ceased to exist, some of them many years ago. They may have been identified by researchers from files in the Public Record Office which included details of a DIS reorganisation.

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RAF RUDLOE MANOR

5. At Annex B is a separate draft reply for **Minister(AF)** to send to Mr Redmond about the role of RAF Rudloe Manor. Again, there is no specific mention of 'UFOs' in this question and we believe it appropriate, once more, to avoid creating a link not made by the MP. Although the Flying Complaints Flight, based at RAF Rudloe Manor was responsible until 1992 for collecting 'UFO' reports made to RAF stations and passing them to Sec(AS), the 'UFO' lobby continue to misrepresent RAF Rudloe Manor as a 'UFO' investigation unit, despite numerous attempts by the Department to dispel this myth. The extent of Rudloe Manor's involvement in the 'UFO' reporting process these days, in common with all other RAF stations, is to note down the details of any reports made in its local area and forward them to Sec(AS).

MOD 'UFO' POLICY; DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS; ARCHIVED RECORDS; RAF FLYING COMPLAINTS FLIGHT (FCF)

6. At Annex C is a draft reply for **US of S** to send to Mr Redmond in response to the remaining 15 Questions, all of which include reference to 'UFO' matters. We have grouped these in logical order. Although Question 14 does not specifically mention 'UFOs', examination of the letter cited by the MP reveals 'UFOs' to be the subject matter.

7. For completeness, I attach at Annex D, three questions tabled by Mr Redmond which are being answered by the FCO.

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Head of Sec(AS)

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ANNEX A TO
D/SEC(AS)/64/4
DATED OCT 96

DRAFT REPLY FROM MINISTER(AF) TO MARTIN REDMOND MP

D/Min(AF)/ October 1996

I am writing as promised in my answers of 17 October to your questions (Official Report, col 1092, copy attached) about the functions of a number of Defence Intelligence branches.

It has been the policy of successive Governments not to provide information on the functions of individual intelligence branches when this discloses the more recent nature of their duties.

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

THE HON NICHOLAS SOAMES

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

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

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DRAFT LETTER FROM MINISTER(AF) TO MARTIN REDMOND MP

D/Min(AF)/ October 1996

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. No 1001 Detachment formed in Oct 91.

b. No 1 SU came into existence in Apr 93, forming from a staff organisation which originally arrived in Nov 85.

c. HQ P&SS(WR) formed in Apr 93, and HQ P&SS (Southern Region), which was then at RAF Rudloe Manor, moved to RAF Halton in 1995.

d. No 6 SU, a message switching unit, closed in Oct 94.

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

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ANNEX C TO
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DRAFT LETTER FROM US of S TO MARTIN REDMOND MP

D/USofS)/ October 1996

In response to a number of Questions you recently asked about 'UFO' matters (Official Report, cols 1092-1093 and 1095, copies attached) Nicholas Soames said that he would be writing to you. I am, however, replying as the Minister responsible for these issues. A full list of the Questions is attached at Annex. I have added a separate number sequence from one to fifteen and use this in the following paragraphs for ease of reference and clarification.

The MOD's interest in 'unexplained' aerial phenomena (Question 1) is limited to whether the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised. Unless there is any evidence that this is the case, and to date no sighting has provided such evidence, we do not investigate further or seek to provide an explanation for what might have been observed. We have no expertise or role with respect to 'UFO/flying saucer' matters and, so far as the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms is concerned, we remain open minded but know of nothing that proves they exist. Our policy in this respect has not changed during the last thirty years.

RAF Standing Instructions (Question 2) require all RAF Station Commanders to forward reports of all 'UFO' sightings

whether made by members of the public or on-duty service personnel to the Secretariat (Air Staff), Branch 2a. Sec(AS)2a look at all 'UFO' sighting reports (Question 3) whether military or civilian reported. Reports are assessed in consultation with other MOD branches as required to determine whether there is any defence interest in what has been reported. Over the last twelve months there has been one instance of an on-duty member of the services reporting an 'unexplained' aerial sighting, and this was not judged to be of any significance.

We have no evidence (Question 4) that any structured craft of unknown origin has penetrated the UK's Air Defence Region. I am unable to provide the information you seek about reports of alleged landings (Question 5) since records are maintained only of 'UFO' sighting reports which are not broken down further into specific categories.

You ask at Questions 2a, 2b and 6-12 about collaboration and consultation with a number of foreign governments. My Department has regular discussions with a number of countries on a wide range of topics of mutual interest but such discussions have not extended to 'UFO/flying saucer' issues or the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms.

I can confirm (Question 13) that my Department's Scientific Intelligence Branch holds no records under extended closure for any period in excess of 30 years. So far as the information sought at Question 14 is concerned, the PRO has confirmed that the class list giving details of preserved records is available to researchers at Kew.

Finally, I can also confirm (Question 15) that there is no unit within the Flying Complaints Flight (FCF) based at RAF Rudloe Manor (or anywhere else) specialising in investigations into unidentified flying objects. I should add that despite continuing misunderstandings about the role of RAF Rudloe Manor in alleged 'UFO' investigations, the Station is not and never has been involved in this way.

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

The Earl Howe

Martin Redmond MP

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Mr. Nicholas Redfern

4. **Mr. Redmond:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list the titles of the records of the Ministry of Defence's scientific intelligence branch in respect of correspondence sent to Mr. Nicholas Redfern by the Public Record Office, Kew on 21 September 1990. [40889]

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

11. (4) what consultation has taken place in each of the last five years by his Department with the Royal Australian air force in respect of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement: [41042]

7. (5) what consultation has taken place in each of the last five years by his Department with the Spanish Ministry of Defence's intelligence section of the Spanish air forces air operations command in respect of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement: [41050]

1. (6) if he will make statement on his Department's policy towards unidentified flying objects and on how this has developed during the past 30 years; [40913]

6. (7) what co-operation there is between the Royal Air Force and the United States air force in respect of establishing the facts relating to unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement: [40918]

5. (8) how many alleged landings by unidentified flying objects have been recorded in each year since 1980 and this year to date; how many have been investigated by his Department's personnel; which of these had been traced by radar and with what result; and if he will make a statement: [40921]

8. (9) what consultation has taken place in each of the last five years by his Department with the Italian Ministry of Defence air force general staff (2. Department) in respect of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement: [41049]

2. (10) what instructions have been sent to the commanders of Royal Air Force stations to collect reports from air crews having allegedly sighted unidentified flying objects; what inquiries have been held following such sightings; to what extent there has been collaboration between his Department and departments in *(a)* Canada and *(b)* the United States of America on this problem; and if he will make a statement: [40917]

12. (11) what consultation has taken place in each of the last five years by his Department with New Zealand's Ministry of Defence in respect of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement: [41043]

9. (12) what consultation has taken place in each of the last five years by his Department with the Portuguese Ministry of Defence's joint staff of the armed forces intelligence division in respect of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement: [41051]

3. (13) how many instances of unidentified flying objects have been reported on by the defence services of the United Kingdom during the last 12 months; what steps are taken to co-ordinate such observations; and if he will make a statement: [40910]

4. (14) if he will list by year for the last 30 years how many structured craft of unknown origin have penetrated the United Kingdom's air defence region; and if he will make a statement. [40919]

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

Dr. Liam Fox: The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, my right hon. Friend the Member for Richmond and Barnes (Mr. Hanley), shall write to the hon. Member shortly. Copies of the letter will be placed in the Libraries of the House.

Unidentified Flying Objects

Mr. Redmond: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (1) what consultation has taken place in each of the last five years by his Department with the French Service de Documentation Exterieur et de Contre-Espionnage in respect of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement; [40970]

(2) if he will list by month for each of the last 10 years, and this year to date, the number of occasions that MI6 has monitored unidentified flying objects investigations; and if he will make a statement; [40981]

(3) if he will list by month for each of the last 10 years and this year to date the number of occasions on which the Government Communications headquarters has monitored unidentified flying object investigations; and if he will make a statement. [40922]

Mr. David Davis: I shall write to the hon. Member shortly. Copies of the letter will be placed in the Libraries of the House.

Consultants

Mr. Milburn: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what are his latest estimates of the expenditure on all external consultants, including management consultants, for each year since 1992, in 1996 prices, for his Department and its agencies; and what are the quantified annual cost savings which such expenditure has resulted in. [41178]

Dr. Liam Fox: The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Office, my right hon. Friend the Member for Richmond and Barnes (Mr. Hanley), shall write to the hon. Member shortly. Copies of the letter will be placed in the Libraries of the House.

New Buildings and Premises

Mrs. Bridget Prentice: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what was the total expenditure on new buildings and premises by his Department and its agencies; and if he will indicate the square footage of new office space purchased or newly rented in each of the last five years. [41144]

Dr. Liam Fox: The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, my right hon. Friend the Member for Richmond and Barnes (Mr. Hanley), shall write to the hon. Member shortly. Copies of the letter will be placed in the Libraries of the House.

Telephone Interceptions

Mr. Redmond: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs if he will list for each of the last 12 months the number of *(a)* interceptions and *(b)* monitorings of telephone calls (i) entering or (ii) leaving the United Kingdom, through the joint Government Communications headquarters—National Security Agency agreement; and if he will make a statement. [40972]

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Nuclear Weapons

Mr. Austin Mitchell: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what assessment he has made of the implications for United Kingdom policy on the use of nuclear weapons of the decision of the International Court of Justice on nuclear weapons. [41224]

Mr. David Davis: I shall write to the hon. Member shortly. Copies of the letter will be placed in the Libraries of the House.

Combined Heat and Power

Mr. Battle: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what capacity of electricity used in his Department's buildings is generated in a combined heat and power plant; and what plans he has to increase that capacity. [41321]

Dr. Liam Fox: The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, my right hon. Friend the Member for Richmond and Barnes (Mr. Hanley), shall write to the hon. Member shortly. Copies of the letter will be placed in the Libraries of the House.

DEFENCE

Religious Discrimination (Caterick Camp)

Mr. Gabraith: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what reports he has received of religious discrimination at Catterick camp during June and July; and if he will make a statement. [40766]

Mr. Soames: There have been no reported incidents of religious discrimination at Catterick Camp during June and July. However, we treat any allegations of discrimination extremely seriously and if the hon. Member can provide any information which suggests that religious discrimination has taken place at Catterick Camp it will, of course, be fully investigated.

Suicides

Mr. Galbraith: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence pursuant to his answer of 16 May to the hon. Member for South Shields (Dr Clark), *Official Report*, column *559*, if he will break down the number of suicides in the armed forces by *(a)* year and *(b)* service for each year since 1991. [40767]

Mr. Soames: Since January 1991 the total number of service personnel who have been confirmed as committing suicide is 130, which is broken down as follows:

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BOOK ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Minister ought to be aware that an official of the Department (a Mr Pope in this Division) has written a book on unidentified flying objects (UFOs) which is due for publication in June this year. Since the handling of UFO reports is a responsibility of MOD and the book draws in some measure on the author's experience while handling such reports in a previous post, the text needed official clearance. This has now been given, with a number of agreed amendments designed primarily to avoid any apparent criticism of the Ministry and its staff. The book makes clear that the views expressed are the author's own and have no official status.

2. It is possible that publication and the PR activities running up to it may arouse interest in the press and media. Mr Pope has however undertaken to keep line management informed of his promotional activities, and I shall be monitoring them.

[Signed]

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I attach letter(s) which the Secretary of State has received from members of the public, and which have/have not been acknowledged by this office.

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2. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the appropriate action to be taken, including a reply as necessary. Since the Secretary of State attaches importance to such letters addressed to him being answered promptly, any reply should be sent within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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3. The Open Government Code of Practice came into force on 4th April 1994. You should ensure that all replies to members of the public are provided in accordance with the procedures as set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 15/95; further information is available from DOMD telephone extension Section 40

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16th November 1995.

Dear Sirs

I wrote to you on the 24th July requesting authorisation to reproduce copies of letters from various members of the Ministry of Defence in a forthcoming book that I have written.

I received a prompt reply from you in the affirmative.

Your letter has been sent to a literary law adviser where legal advice is being sought on my manuscript.

I do however, need another copy of your letter most urgently. I would request this at your earliest possible convenience.

Your prompt reply would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully.

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Section 40
Cranbrook
Kent. [redacted]

24th July 1995.

Dear Sirs

I have recently completed a manuscript which is an investigative report into the implications of positive radar detections, of an object that appeared above Belgium in November 1989 and March 1990.

In the course of my enquiries, I have received correspondence on this subject from [redacted], [redacted], a copy of a reply to [redacted] from the Secretary of State for Defence the Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP, and a reply from [redacted] on behalf of Malcolm Rifkind.

I would request your authorisation to reproduce copies of these letters in my forthcoming publication.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

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D/CM(Policy)38/7

18th October 1994

Sec(AS)2a - [redacted]

Copy to:
APS/Secretary of State

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR [redacted]

Reference: D/Sec(AS)12/1 dated 14 Oct 94

1. Under cover of the Reference you passed to this Division a letter from [redacted]. I accept that [redacted] agreed to reply on behalf of the Secretary of State, and we have now written to [redacted]. Having seen his letter, however, I am very much of the opinion that his comments have little to do with Civilian Management in the Department, other than his vague notion that he would like to be employed by us in some position that would allow him to indulge his interests. I am absolutely certain that his letter has nothing whatsoever to do with our work in CM(Policy).

2. We are not a recruitment authority and have no knowledge of particular recruitment campaigns, whether in the MOD mainstream or the more exotic areas of the Department (or FCO ?). I would therefore suggest that CM(S)2 or CM(Pers)(F&S) might be a more suitable action addressee in any future correspondence. I cannot help but reflect, however, that in the two letters we have seen from [redacted] his claims about the work MOD is supposed to be carrying out - and our "failure" to recognise his abilities and employ him on such work - have been fantastic. In his earlier letter he wanted a career in the Security Services; in his most recent appeal he would like to become our UFO expert - and "control the panic situation". This is hardly the stuff for CM!

3. I attach a copy of our (intentionally) short reply to [redacted]

[redacted]

CM(Policy) [redacted]

Operation Right to Know
END UFO SECRECY!

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ORTK BRITAIN [redacted] RIPON, N.YORKSHIRE [redacted]
Phone/Fax [redacted]

International cooperation against the suppression and denial of UFO evidence

PRIME MINISTER'S
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

Writer informed that letter has been forwarded to the appropriate Government Department for a full reply

3 MOD Def, UFO's

Rt Hon John Major
Prime Minister
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

October 9th 1995

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Dear Mr Major,

Tomorrow, October 10th 1995, members and supporters of the British branch of Operation Right To Know, are staging another public and political UFO secrecy demonstration at the House of Commons. This is our third such event.

ORTK Britain is seeking, through parliament, freedom of information on the UFO issue. We believe that both the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Aviation Authority are in possession of information on UFOs (collected via pilot reports and including radar confirmations and probably gun camera photographs) which if released to parliament and the public, would allow informed discussions on the UFO issue to take place. The civilian scientific institutions generally appear to be ignorant about the validity of the UFO issue as probably the most interesting and important issue of modern times. Many of us involved in the subject believe that the MOD continues to deny public access to this information as a deliberate policy to suppress open scientific debate. There can be no moral justification for such a policy.

I have written to you before about this issue. I received an invitation from Sir Andrew Bowden MP, earlier this year, to discuss the subject. We chatted at some length on the many issues involved and I believe he shares my view that the MOD and Civil Aviation Authority should both come clean on what they know about UFOs. Nick Pope, a serving MOD official, also shares this view point, and his book 'Open Skies, Closed Minds - Official reaction to the UFO phenomenon" is due to be published next year.

I know you will merely pass this letter on for comment by others, but I ask you to seriously consider why ORTK feels such actions as holding public demonstrations against UFO secrecy and denial, are necessary.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted] (UK coordinator)

(enclosures: October 10th releases)

International Roswell Initiative — A Quest for the Truth

[redacted]
U.S.A.

ORTK USA mailing: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

End UFO Secrecy

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DID YOU KNOW ?

(1)**That** over 3500 fully documented reports from military and civilian pilots world wide, confirm the operation in the Earth's atmosphere of intelligently guided UFOs, of a nature and technology clearly non-human.

For example: On the night 30th/31st March 1990, the Belgian Air Force flew two F16 fighters in response to radar images of a UFO recorded on 4 separate ground radar systems, and in response to visual observations of the UFO reported by the Belgian Police and scores of civilian witnesses. The Belgian aircraft briefly obtained radar lock-on.

On July 11th 1990 Colonel W DeBrouwer, Chief of the Belgian Air Staff, made these televised statements.

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

(2)**That** UFOs have now left over 4000 documented landing traces world wide, including ground disturbances consistent with the actions of structured objects.

(3)**That** UFOs have generated hundreds of reports world wide of interference of electrical systems, including numerous car engines, television and radio sets, lights, and other equipment.

(4)**That** thousands of video recordings of UFOs have been taken during the last 5 years, many in day light and involving multiple witnesses.

The physical reality of UFOs is documented fact

Operation Right To Know requests freedom of information on UFOs. We ask that the elected government implement proceedings to enable all files on the UFOs issue, held by the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Aviation Authority, to be made public. Disclosure needs to be full, including all conclusions, assessments and recommendations, so that members of the public, those in authority, and civilian scientists can all make informed opinions about the current UFO situation.

PRESENTED OCTOBER 10th 1995
HOUSE OF COMMONS UFO SECRECY DEMONSTRATION

For information: ORTK Britain, [redacted] Ripon, N.Yorks. [redacted]
Tel/Fax [redacted] Email: [redacted]
USA mailing: ORTK, [redacted]

Operation Right to Know
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ORTK [redacted], RIPON, N.YORKSHIRE [redacted]
BRITAIN Phone/Fax [redacted]

International cooperation against the suppression and denial of UFO evidence

SEPTEMBER 11th 1995 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

"OPEN SKIES CLOSED MINDS"

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A MAJOR UFO AWARENESS DEMONSTRATION

At 11.30AM on Tuesday October 10th 1995, members and supporters of the British branch of Operation Right To Know, will begin a public demonstration and lobby at the House of Commons, London (St.Steven's entrance). We support Nick Pope, a serving Ministry of Defence official (formerly Secretariat Air Staff 2a), and his forthcoming book, to be published 1996, titled "Open Skies, Closed Minds - Official reaction to the UFO phenomenon" and ask:

(1) That members of the public make themselves aware of the evidence for the reality of intelligently operated UFOs of non-human technology and/or science.

(2) That **all** Members of Parliament do likewise.

(3) That the elected Government implement proceedings to enable any and all files relevant to the subject of UFOs, held by the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Aviation Authority, to be made public. Disclosure needs to be full and without censorship, including all conclusions, assessments, and recommendations.

In consideration of the above:

An excess of 3500 pilot reports, both military and civilian, confirm the existence of structured UFOs purposely operated. For example:

"On the night 30th/31st March (1990) we had an observation on the radar and in addition a visual observation on the ground confirmed by the Police. What the pilots detected was well outside the normal flying envelope of an aeroplane. Sometimes they had what we call lock-ons (aircraft to UFO radar) which gave a parameters varying from 150 knots to 990 knots, an acceleration which occurred in a few seconds. The speeds would be impossible to tolerate for a human being, that's the first point. The second point is, the visual observations always describe a system, a machine, which hangs and hovers above the surface at quite a low altitude without making any noise. Now with the current technology that would be impossible."

Colonel W DeBrouwer, Chief of the Belgian Air Staff, July 11th 1990.

Common sense reasoning wholly suggests that the Ministry of Defence knows a lot more about UFOs than it is publicly prepared to admit, and continues a policy designed to suppress public and political discussion. On October 10th ORTK will hand deliver a letter about ORTK's world wide effort to bring about open political and public debate of the UFO issue, to the Prime Minister and the Defence Secretary.

CIRCULATION: PRESS, RADIO & TV
CONTACT:

[redacted] (UK coordinator)

ORTK USA mailing: [redacted]
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FILE

[redacted]
Cranbrook, Kent

9/18

18th July 1994.

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your reply to my letter of the 26th June to the Secretary of State for Defence, concerning unidentified NADGE radar detections over Belgium.
I would advise that my letter to the Secretary of State for Defence, was simply because he generalises with platitudes. He does not seem to have taken into account the relative facts which are incontravertable.
Sadly your letter is in the same vein.

Please do not think me patronising if I list the following facts.

1) Radar will only detect its own reflection from an object of opacity and substance.
2) Highly skilled radar operatives are easily able to distinguish between true and false returns.
3) Positive radar detections were made by five NADGE radars. Four in Belgium and one in Germany.
4) These were made by highly skilled operatives who were unable to identify their detections.
5) When NADGE radar operatives are unable to identify an intruder, it is classified as hostile.
6) Strict parameters of identification are laid down by the Belgian Air Force before any interception can be attempted.
7) The final parameter is that if an intrusion is not identified, it is declared hostile.
8) The NADGE radar operators declared this intrusion hostile.
9) The Belgian Air Force carried out interceptions for 1 hour and 5 mins on an unidentified radar detection that was deemed hostile.
10) On the night of March 30/31st 1990 at 22h 39m two F-16 aircraft were in persuit of this unidentified intruder: many interceptions were made. Radar lock-on was acheived by one aircraft on 13 occasions.
11) Aircraft were vectored to their target by NADGE radars on all these occasions.

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12) At 22h 39m, this unidentified radar intruder that was deemed hostile, was over Wavre-SW of Brussels-and closing on British air-space at 1000 knots.

13) Time is the most important factor in terms of national defence. This possible intrusion was 6 minutes from our national boundary.

14) OUR radar is part of NADGE (an 80 station radar complex that covers all Europe).

15) Admiral Lord Hill-Norton who, as former Chief of Defence staff and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee-the highest military office in the UK and Alliance-has said that it is inconceivable that we were NOT informed of these detections, or that the Operations Division of SHAPE at Mons were not aware of them either!

16) As the Belgians could not identify their radar detections, it would be impossible for them to assume that they did not constitute a threat.

17) In view of item 16, the statement by the Ministry of Defence that *'in answer to your specific question, Air Defence experts concluded that the Belgian UFO sightings posed no threat to the UK because there was no evidence of any such threat'*, is completely untenable.

18) In spite of our radar defence system, five letters were written to the Ministry of Defence before it was admitted that radar would only detect its own reflection from an object of opacity and substance.

19) The Ministry of Defence have stated that there have never been radar detections by our own systems that could not be identified. This is untrue; NADGE is our own system; their detections were not identified.

This evidence cannot be refuted. The statement that the UK was not made aware of these detections, is either a censure on our own radar defence systems, or a deception that is highly suspect. Items 16, 17, 18, 19 would strongly indicate deception on the part of the Ministry of Defence.
I cannot accept an explanation from the Ministry that is flawed in so many ways; this has been my main reason for a successful appeal to the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
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SECRETARY OF STATE

MO 9/18G

14 July 1994

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 26th June to the Secretary of State for Defence, concerning UFO sightings over Belgium. You have asked two specific questions, both of which have been answered before, however I will try to answer them again as fully and clearly as possible.

First, why were we not advised of the sightings. It remains the Ministry of Defence's view that the Belgian authorities were best placed to make a judgement on these reported UFO sightings. In view of their location and the lack of any indication that any threat was posed, the Belgians decided not to notify any other countries. It is correct therefore that the UK was not made aware of these detections. They occurred outside the UK Air Defence Region and there is no record of detections having been made on any British system. The Belgians took the decision that, in the light of the circumstances, there was no threat to the UK. The relevant British authorities are content that this decision was correct.

Second, why are we not concerned at the lack of a radar detection by our own radar defence system. There is no evidence that any sightings or radar contacts occurred within the expected coverage of our own systems. We would not, therefore, have expected to detect anything and were neither surprised nor concerned at the fact that no contacts were detected.

[redacted]
Cranbrook
Kent [redacted]

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The sequence of events has been explained in previous letters, and the various questions which you have raised on this issue have been dealt with at some length. I do not therefore see any useful purpose in a continuation of this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Private Secretary

please attach reference

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D/Sec(AS)12/4

9/18

13 Jul 94

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Copy to:
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LETTER FROM [redacted] - BELGIAN UFOS

Reference: MO 9/18 dated 4 July 94

1. At Reference you asked us to draft a PS reply to [redacted]s latest letter on UFO sightings over Belgium, and I have attached a draft.

[redacted]
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Section 40 [redacted]

Please produce attached draft as a draft for my signature. It should be on CHOTS.

Section 40 [redacted]

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Head of Sec (HJ)

BELGIAN UFOs

1. I should be grateful for your advice on the attached communication from [redacted] dated 28 June 94, together with a draft reply, if appropriate. Other Departments or MOD Divisions should be consulted as necessary and the attachment should be placed on a Departmental Registered file.

2. Please submit your advice by no later than 11 July 94. In addition to the hard copy, drafts should, where possible, be prepared on CHOTS and sent by electronic mail to S of S PA Group Role.

3. I am sending copies of this minute, together with the attachment, to:

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4. The Open Government Code of Practice came into force on 4th April 1994. You should ensure that all replies to members of the public are provided in accordance with the procedures as set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 112 /94; further information is available from Man S(Org)1 telephone extension Section 40

5. Could you have a go at a PS reply which might terminate this exchange, thanking [redacted] for his interest and concern, reiterating our view that there was no threat to UK and suggesting [illegible]

Date: 4/7/94

APS/S of S [redacted]

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[redacted]
Cranbrook, Kent
Tel: [redacted]

Dear Mr Rifkin. 26th June 1994.

[redacted] has advised me of your reply to his letter of the 17th May.
The actual presence of flying objects above Belgium in 1989/90 is not in doubt: neither is the fact that they were unidentified. These facts were confirmed to me by Guy Coeme the Belgian Minister of Defence at that time, and endorsed by Leo Delcroix the present Belgian Minister of Defence.
This being so - and the actions of the Belgian armed forces would confirm their apprehensions - as they did not know what these flying objects were, how could they possibly state that they did not constitute a threat?

There now also seems to be a subtle alteration to the chronology of these events that I do not understand.

On the 26th November 1993, in a letter Ref D/Sec(AS)12/3, [redacted] of the Ministry of Defence stated in his last paragraph *'In answer to your specific question, Air Defence experts concluded that the Belgian UFO sightings posed no threat to the UK because there was no evidence of any such threat.'* [redacted] does not say that the reason that there was no evidence of any threat *was because our Air Defence experts were not aware of these detections at the time.*
Your letter Ref MO 9/18M of the 11th June 1994 to Admiral Lord Hill-Norton confirms this fact by stating that *'our Air Defence experts were not notified at the time of the Belgian radar detections'*: in fact you state that they only became aware of these sightings through UFO literature and approaches by members of the public.'

This establishes beyond doubt that our Air Defence experts could not possibly have been in any position to ascertain the nature of these phenomena at the actual time of these detections.

FIVE radar stations (a mixture of Array type and Multi-purpose impulsion systems): four in Belgium; Glons, Bertem, Semmerzeke, St Hubert - and one at Vedem in Germany - all established confirmed radar detections by highly skilled operatives over Wavre SW of Brussels. These unidentified detections - possibly hostile - although 100 miles from our national boundary, were closing on our air-space at speeds in excess of 1000 kts. This represented a contact time of only six minutes.

It is obvious that we do not wait until an unidentified intruder is only six minutes from our national boundary to be advised by another country if they consider this intrusion to be a threat to our national security!
This being so - and the observations of Admiral Lord Hill-Norton (who held the highest military office in the UK and NATO) that *'it was inconceivable that we were NOT informed through NATO of these radar detections'* - I would ask again WHY we were not advised of these detections and WHY you were not concerned at this lack of radar detection by our own radar defence system?

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR
THE ARMED FORCES

LOOSE MINUTE

D/MIN(AF)/JH/94/94

13 June 1994

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PS/CAS
DA Brussels

BELGIAN UFOS

Minister(AF) was grateful for your D/Sec(AS)12/1 of 8 June, the contents of which he has noted.

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APS/Minister(AF)

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE

MO 9/18M

7 June 1994

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May concerning the UFO sightings that occurred over Belgium in March 1990.

I am grateful to you for alerting me to this problem, and I am aware that [redacted] may attempt to create a public fuss. However I am satisfied that correct procedures have been followed, that all relevant information has been passed to [redacted] and that no purpose would be served by continuing the correspondence with him.

You will know that our sole reason for examining reports of UFO sightings is to establish whether or not there is evidence of any threat to the United Kingdom. The Belgium authorities have indicated that they did not notify us of these sightings at the time because there was no evidence of any threat, and because they occurred over the central part of Belgium. I should add that notification of NADGE radar detections is at the discretion of the operators, and does not occur automatically.

[redacted]
Fordingbridge
Hampshire [redacted]

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We subsequently became aware of these sightings through the UFO literature and through approaches from members of the public such as [redacted] On the basis of the information now available our own Air Defence experts have confirmed that they would not have been concerned with these UFO reports, and that they saw no reason why the Belgians should have notified any UK authorities. I am sure it goes without saying, however, that any unauthorised penetration of the UK Air Defence Region would be detected by our Air Defenders, and dealt with as appropriate.

It is clear to me from the papers I have seen that the position has been explained in great detail to [redacted] I am aware of one television programme on the subject, a Central TV production to be shown on 18 October. The MOD desk officer responsible for UFOs was interviewed for this programme and was able to set out the MOD's policy on UFOs.

I hope this has explained the situation satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Malcolm Rifkind

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/4

9/18

8 Jun 94

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LETTER FROM [redacted] ON UFOS

References:
A. MO 9/18 dated 23 May 94
B. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 10 May 94

1. At Reference A you asked for advice on the letter from [redacted] concerning UFO sightings over Belgium, together with a draft reply.

2. [redacted] is raising concerns put to him by [redacted], a UFO researcher who is very well known to this division. [redacted] first approached us in January 1993, and my staff have now written ten letters to him. I have attached (NOTAL) copies of this correspondence, together with copies of the three Parliamentary Enquiries that have been generated by [redacted]s approaches to Sir Keith Speed MP. I think it is clear that although we have done our best to answer all [redacted]s questions, the correspondence had reached the point where nothing could usefully be added.

3. A detailed summary of the case is set out in D/MIN(AF)/94/94 dated 14 March 1994; essentially, a wave of UFO sightings was reported over Belgium on 30/31 March 1990. As well as visual sightings, some radar returns were noted, and as a result the Belgians decided to launch two of their aircraft to investigate. These aircraft did attain some radar lock-ons. As with the returns recorded by ground based radar, this does not necessarily mean that any structured craft was present, although we understand, informally, that the view of the Belgian Air Force is that a craft of some sort was involved and that they maintain an open mind on the sightings, which remain unexplained.

4. The key point in all this is that the MOD's only role as far as UFOs are concerned is to ascertain whether there is evidence of any threat to the defence of the UK. The Belgians have confirmed to us in writing that they found no evidence of any threat, and that as a result they saw no requirement to inform any other countries or agencies. Given this, and given that these sightings occurred outside the UK Air Defence Region, the whole question goes beyond our remit.

5. Notwithstanding [redacted]s comments, it is not the case that the UK would necessarily be informed of unidentified

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returns picked up on NADGE radars in Belgium. Only if radar operators believed there was evidence that a unidentified craft was moving towards the UK would such action be taken.

6. [redacted] has a long-standing interest in UFOs, and has approached the Department on this subject before, in 1985, when he wrote to the then S of S about a well-known UFO sighting. He was a member of the (now defunct) House of Lords All-Party UFO Study Group, and has written forewords for two books on the subject.

7. [redacted] is writing a book on these Belgian UFO sightings, and is doubtless keen to build up a large file of correspondence to be used as part of this enterprise.

8. We believe that [redacted]s comments about a public uproar seriously overstate any likely reaction. The Belgian sightings are well-known among UFO researchers, and while they are likely to be mentioned in any documentary on UFOs, they are, effectively, old news. [redacted] mentioned the demonstration against perceived government secrecy about UFOs, held outside Main Building and Parliament on 23 May (notified to Ministers at Reference B). This was a low key affair; there appeared to be only around a dozen protesters, and there was little media coverage of the event. Although every MP was given a document, which among other points mentioned the Belgian sightings, we have only received one Parliamentary Enquiry since then, and it is not clear whether this was prompted by the lobbying. I should add that in informal contacts with my staff a number of UFO groups and researchers have disassociated themselves from the group which arranged the demonstration.

9. [redacted] also mentions two television programmes on the subject. One of these is a Central TV production, due to be shown on ITV on 18 October. The desk officer responsible for UFO matters was interviewed for this programme, and was able to set out the MOD's policy with regard to UFOs. The Belgian sightings were briefly raised during the interview. We understand that [redacted] has also given an interview. We cannot positively identify the second programme, but it may be either the James Whale show (whose recent request for an MOD representative to appear in an item on UFOs was declined), or a programme in LWT's Strange but True series.

10. The attached draft reply is self-explanatory, and has been cleared with D Air Def's staff. Given [redacted]'s familiarity with our policy on UFOs and with the specifics of this particular exchange of correspondence, I have kept the draft reply short, and avoided going into detail over points which have already been explained in previous letters.

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/1

8 Jun 94

PS/Minister(AF)

Copy to:
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DA Brussels

BELGIAN UFOS

Reference: D/MIN(AF)/94/94 dated 6 Jun 94

1. Thank you for your Minute at Reference.

2. The quote attributed to [redacted] is correct, although it should be noted that he was not the Belgian CAS but the Chief of Operations in the Belgian Air Staff.

3. The quotation was made at a press conference dealing with the wave of UFO sightings reported over Belgium in 1989/90, particularly on 30/31 March 1990, and was simply stating the facts as known. We understand informally that although it is possible that the radar returns were spurious, the Belgians do not consider that to be the case, and believe that a craft of some sort was involved.

4. Given that the Belgians found no evidence of any threat, when media coverage of these UFO sightings became too intrusive they decided to pass all the information to a civilian research group, and not to answer any further questions on the subject. The sightings remain unexplained, and the Belgians remain open-minded as to what occurred.

5. In the absence of any identified threat, and given that the sightings did not occur close to the UK Air Defence Region, the Belgians saw no requirement to notify UK Air Defence authorities of these events. They have confirmed this in writing (copy attached). Our own Air Defence experts have confirmed that under these circumstances there would have been no reason for the Belgians to have informed them of the sightings.

6. Given the formal Belgian position, and our clearly stated policy that our sole reason for examining UFO reports is to ascertain whether there is any evidence of a threat to the defence of the UK, I believe that we should maintain our line on these sightings. They are a matter for the Belgian government, not for us.

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Reference: Your D/Sec (AS) 12/3 dated 12 November 1993

Dear Sir,

Your letter in reference concerning unusual sightings over Belgium was received, through the office of Group Captain [redacted] *on 25 January 1994.*

Relating to your questions I can confirm that 2 F-16 have been scrambled on 30 March 1990, as a reaction to both visual and radar observations. The scramble was co-ordinated with and authorised by the Sector Commander of the NATO Air Defence System.

Reports to other agencies or adjacent countries have not been made since the events took place in the central part of Belgium and no presumed activities of any hostile or aggressive nature were registred.

A press conference on the findings of the radar observations has been given in July 1990. At a later stage, since no more additional military interventions took place and with the intend to contain the growing aggressiveness of the media, the Minister of Defence and the Chief of the General Staff decided on an information stop on the subject.

I hope that the above information will be helpful to answer the question on the non-involvement of the UK Air Defence System.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Lieutenant-Colonel
Chief Public Affairs

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PRIVATE OFFICE REFERENCE: MO 9/18

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Head of Sec (AS)

UFOs

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2. Please submit your advice by no later than ...7 June 94... In addition to the hard copy, drafts should, where possible, be prepared on MOAST and sent by electronic mail to "SofS_PA2".

3. I am sending copies of this minute, together with the attachment, to:

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PERSONAL

The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP
Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SW14 2HB

17 May 1994

Dear Secretary of State,

I have been approached by a [redacted] of Cranbrook, Kent, who has asked me to help him to obtain a satisfactory response from your Ministry to an enquiry he initiated a year or more ago. I enclose a copy of his letter to me dated 16 March 1994, which sets out his request and his complaint. This is a small part of a quite lengthy correspondence.

He had earlier approached his Member, Sir Keith Speed, and I have seen several letters which have been exchanged between Sir Keith and [redacted] and also your officials. These letters do not answer [redacted] enquiries, and he finds them unsatisfactory. I am bound to say that I share that view, in the light of all the circumstances.

There is no need for me to rehearse all that has already been written in these exchanges. In short, detections were made by three NADGE radars in Germany and Belgium in March 1990, air defence aircraft of the Belgian Air Force were scrambled to intercept but although the objects were detected and held on the radar of these aircraft as well, no identification, or visual contact was made. There is no dispute about these facts, which have been confirmed by the Belgian Minister of Defence in public statements, repeated in writing to [redacted]. I have advised [redacted] that, unless the procedure has been changed since I was Chairman of the [redacted] it is inconceivable that the UK would not be informed (probably automatically) of a possibly hostile, certain unidentified, detection by NADGE radars.

[redacted] has been brushed off with the standard MOD response to all reports (of which I have seen a great many) of UFO activity, which briefly put amount to "*..... no threat was perceived to the UK so no notice was taken or record made of the incident .....*". In this instance this has, in separate letters, been complicated by written statements by your Ministry that no report of the Belgian detections was ever received in the UK.

[redacted] asks, reasonably enough, "*If, as Ministers assert, they had no knowledge of the Belgian events how could their Air Defence experts possibly conclude that the phenomenon did not constitute a threat, as they had no knowledge of it?*"

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I fear that [redacted] may well make a damaging public uproar about all this. He has already had a petition to the European Parliament upheld, and his dossier has been formally remitted to the relevant Euro Committee. A public demarche, so he tells me, is planned for the MOD, the House of Commons, and simultaneously at the Pentagon on 23 May. At least two television programmes in this country will carry his story within the next few months, and this may well not be the end of it.

I strongly recommend that you should take a personal interest in having the whole matter re-examined, so that a more satisfactory and convincing reply may be given to [redacted] question, before the matter gets out of hand.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Cranbrook
Kent, [redacted]

16th March 1994.

Dear [redacted]

I have been informed of the following facts in a letter dated 26th May 1993 from [redacted] the Belgian Minister of Defence.

That on the 15th and 16th December 1989, radar detections were made by Semmerzeke(Belgium) and Vedem(Germany) of flying objects over Eupen in Eastern Belgium.
On the night of 30/31st March 1990, detections were made by Semmerzeke and Glons CRC(NADGE) radars of the Belgian Air Force, and Vedem in Germany, of an apparent airbourne intruder in the vicinity of Brussels in Belgium. Aircraft of QRA J Wing of the Belgian Air Force were involved. These detections followed visual observations by many thousands of witnesses, of whom 75 were members of the Belgian Gendermerie.
A report was received dated 15th August 1993. It was made by Major Lambrechts VS/3 Ctl-Met 1 of the Belgian Air Force. It states that the Belgian Air Force scrambled two F-16 interceptors (Nos AL 17 and AL 23) from the base at Bevekom.
These fighters were vectored to their targets by Glons CRC NADGE radar. This incident caused a major security alert. It lasted for over 1 hour. At 22h 39m an interception occurred during which radar 'lock-on' was acheived by both aircraft. This lasted for 45.9 secs.
At this time the target was travelling on a Westerly heading towards UK airspace at speeds in excess of 1000 knots.

The Belgian Minister of Defence at that time [redacted], stated in the Belgian Parliament on the 21st December 1989 that;- 'All hypotheses can be excluded, the Minister could not tell what these flying objects were.'

A report has been submitted to the European Parliament for an enquiry into these incidents. It is No 990/93. It has been accepted for consideration by the Petitions Committee.

NATO and the Belgian agencies have provided conclusive proof of these detections. How is it that I was informed by [redacted] of the Ministry of Defence in a Letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 13th October 1993, that there is no record in the UK of this incident and, despite the track having come to within six minutes of Kent, it could not therefore have been considered a threat to the security of the UK?

Your comments would be appreciated

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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cc Ud Sec (AS)
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Grateful if you could reply on SJS's behalf.

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Letter by Fax

Rt. Hon Malcolm Rifkind QC MP
Secretary of State for Defence
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

9th May 1994

Dear Sir,

We are currently in the process of producing a programme on U.F.O.'s for the James Whale show; "Whale On", which shall be recorded on 16th May 1994.

Our guests will include Timothy Good and Philip Mantle, Director of Investigations at the British U.F.O. Research Association. We would very much like a Government representative to also take part to explain the official policy towards U.F.O.'s - a subject which, as you know, the American Government takes seriously.

If this is not possible, we would be most grateful if you will provide a statement of policy in order that we may learn how the British Government handles the subject.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully,

[redacted]

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR
THE ARMED FORCES

D/MIN(AF)94/94

21st April 1994

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your letter of 2 April, enclosing a further letter from your constituent [redacted] of [redacted] Rolvenden.

The Belgian authorities have advised that since the sightings took place in the central part of Belgium and there was no evidence of any threat, reports to other countries were not made. Our own Air Defence experts have also confirmed that they do not regard these Belgian UFO sightings as having posed any sort of threat to the United Kingdom.

In the circumstances, I am afraid that there is little else that I can say in this subject.

I really believe this correspondence should end.

Yours ever,

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JEREMY HANLEY MP

Sir Keith Speed RD MP

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From Sir Keith Speed R.D. M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

2nd April, 1994

Dear Jeremy,

I enclose a further letter from [redacted] regarding the UFO sightings declared over Belgium some 4½ years ago. Could you please answer the question in his last paragraph.

Yours sincerely,
dictated by Sir Keith and signed in his absence

[redacted]
Keith Speed

Jeremy Hanley, Esq., MP,
Minister of State for the Armed Forces,
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Ack 2-4-94

[redacted]

Cranbrook

Kent. [redacted]

23rd March 1994.

Dear Sir Keith

Thank you for your prompt reply and the enclosed letter D/MIN(AF)/94/94 from the Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

The Minister makes an itemised reply of the 9 letters sent to his Department. He does not comment that his ministry were evasive on the issue of radar detection. Five letters were written before his Department would admit that radar would only positively detect a radar wavelength or an object of opacity and substance. I would suggest that for your interest, you request copies of replies sent to me by the Ministry and form your own conclusions. On the question of false radar signals, the Ministers Department confirmed (D/Sec(AS)12/3 29th September 1993) that skilled radar operatives could easily distinguish between true radar signals and false ones.

Taking both of these facts into account, it would seem that detections by skilled NADGE radar operatives at Semerzeke(Belgium), Glons CRC(Belgium), and Vedem(Germany) were definate detections of objects of opacity and substance.

The Minister states that the Belgians did not consider these sightings as posing any sort of a threat. This is not commensurate with the facts.

The Belgian Minister of Defence confirmed Belgian Air Force radar detections, by admitting the presence of flying objects over Liege (Leo Delcroix 9/IM/RT/16 26th May 1993) and stating that 'all hypotheses could be excluded, the Minister could not tell what these flying objects were.'

The ground rules for the Belgian Air Force are quite clear. Visual sightings by individuals, of intrusions into Belgian air space must be confirmed by the State Police. These must be confirmed and coordinated by

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Belgian radar. If positive radar detections are not identified, the detection is classified as hostile. The Belgian Air Force is alerted.
I can assure the Minister, that two fully armed F-16 interceptor aircraft, vectored to their targets by positive detections of three main NADGE radar stations, achieving radar 'lock-on' on fifteen occasions over a period of an hour, did indeed constitute a major security threat. It was considered so by the Belgian armed forces.
The Ministers comment that the Belgians did not notify any other countries of these detections would again appear to be wrong. Apart from the fact that German radar at Vedem had also registered these phenomenon, I understand from a NATO source that under the NADGE defensive system, it would have been inconceivable that UK radar would not have been advised of these detections.
Bearing in mind the discrepencies in the Ministers comments, I would once again, for the third time, reiterate the simple question that the Minister and his Department still continue to evade:- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATO AND BELGIAN DETECTIONS OF THIS PHENOMENA, IF NADGE CONSIDERED THE RADAR DETECTIONS ABOVE BELGIUM ON MARCH 30-31st 1990 TO BE CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF OBJECTS OF OPACITY AND SUBSTANCE AND A THREAT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE BELGIAN STATE, WHY, AT 03h 39m ON THE 30TH MARCH 1990, WITH THIS PHENOMENON ONLY SIX MINUTES FROM UK AIR SPACE, DID YOUR AIR DEFENCE EXPERTS CONCLUDE THAT THERE WAS NO THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UK?

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

*Note. I wrote to the Belgian Embassy one year ago. On their advice I contacted the Belgian Air Force. They supplied me with all the information that I have.

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR
THE ARMED FORCES

D/MIN(AF)/94/94

14th March 1994

COPY TO [redacted]

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your letter of 1 March, in which you requested a synopsis of the correspondence between my Department and your constituent [redacted] of [redacted], Rolvenden.

[redacted]'s first letter was forwarded to us in January 1993. He asked what we knew about a wave of UFO sightings that had occurred over Belgium in late 1989 and early 1990. My official explained that our involvement with the subject of UFOs is very limited, our only interest being to ensure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK. They also pointed out that this was, of course, a matter for the Belgians and not for us. In an attempt to be as helpful as possible, it was suggested that [redacted] contact the Belgian Embassy, together with a number of UFO societies who were actively researching these UFO sightings.

Over the next few months [redacted] wrote a steady stream of letters asking about our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon, and again, my officials provided him with full and helpful answers to all his questions. [redacted] continued to focus on the Belgian sightings, and asked a number of questions about radar systems in an attempt to prove that because some of the UFO sightings coincided with some radar returns there must have been some sort of solid object present. My officials explained that there are a number of circumstances such as unusual meteorological conditions or interference between different radar systems, where this is note necessarily so. [redacted] expressed concern that these sightings were sufficiently close to the UK to pose some sort of threat, but was assured that this was not the case, and was reminded of the effective way in which the RAF detected and intercepted Soviet aircraft probing our defences during the Cold War. [redacted] asked whither the Belgians informed us about these UFO sightings, and if not, why not. The fact is that the Belgians did not regard these UFO sightings as posing any sort of threat, and for this reason did not notify any other countries.

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I can assure you that every effort was made to be as helpful as possible to [redacted] However, by the time he wrote his tenth letter in December 1993 it was clear that no new points were being raised, and he was duly informed that there was nothing that could usefully be added to the very comprehensive answers that he had already received.

Clearly these sightings were very interesting for UFO researchers. However, given that there was no evidence of any threat, and given that the sightings occurred outside the UK this is not a matter for the Ministry of Defence.

I hope this is helpful, and has explained the situation.

Yours sincerely,

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JEREMY HANLEY MP

Sir Keith Speed RD MP

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From Sir Keith Speed R.D. M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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1st March, 1994

Your Ref: D/MIN(AF)/94/94

Dear Jeremy,

Thank you for your letter of 20th February about my constituent [redacted] and his query on UFO sightings over Belgium. While I appreciate your Department's patience may have run out after 9 letters, I myself would appreciate a synopsis of the replies, since I have no idea, apart from your letter, what your Department's view about this matter is. Perhaps you could let me have such a synopsis as soon as possible, so that I may reply fully to my constituent.

You refer to my letter of 31st January, this was of course a follow up to my original letter of 16th November, which apparently went astray in your Department.

Yours sincerely,
dictated by Sir Keith and signed in his absence

[redacted]

Keith Speed

Jeremy Hanley, Esq., MP, Acknowledged 3/3
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D/MIN(AF)/94/94

20th February 1994

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Dear Keith,

Thank you for your letter of 31 January, enclosing correspondence from your constituent [redacted] of [redacted], [redacted] Rolvenden. [redacted] had asked about a wave of UFO sightings that occurred over Belgium in 1990, and you asked for my views on this.

My officials have already exchanged a number of letters with [redacted] on this subject over the past year, and wrote most recently to him on 9 December 1993. There really is little that I can add to this correspondence. While we are aware that there were some unusual occurrences, as your constituent says, this is a matter for the Belgians and not for us. There is no evidence that these UFO sightings posed any threat to the defence of the UK.

Furthermore - 9 letters should be enough.

Yours ever,

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JEREMY HANLEY

Sir Keith Speed RD MP

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From Sir Keith Speed R.D. M.P.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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31st January, 1994.

Dear Private Secretary,

radar detections and airborne interceptions in 1990.

Sir Keith wrote to Mr Hanley on the 16th November sending a copy of a letter he had received from [redacted] of [redacted], [redacted] Rolvenden. [redacted] is in constant touch with Sir Keith on this matter and annoyed that he has not received a reply yet. Sir Keith requests that an answer is sent as soon as possible please.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Keith Speed

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6/2/94

FOR THE ATTENTION PLEASE OF THE assistant Private Secretary Section 40 [redacted] from Private Secretary to Sir Keith Speed. Fax Section 40 [redacted] (Three pages).

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your telephone call. [redacted] has sent a number of letters mainly about tabling questions, and I have tried to condense the relevant parts. As you know his original letter was forwarded on the 16th November.

Hope this is helpful Thank you

[redacted]

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Please send this out as a PS; treat this as a letter from Sir Keith Speed. As this follows on Sir Keith's original letter of 16 Nov - I think no one can find - there is some urgency to get a prompt response. I would recommend you ask NERS whether they have any idea who should answer - it might be them!

Please reply to: Strood House, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4JJ. Tel. (0580) 241269. Fax. (0580) 241964 Section 40 [redacted] 8/2

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Letter dated 7th November. c.c. Robert Ramsay, DG, European Parliament. On 30th March, 1990 there was a major security alert over Belgium when interceptor aircraft went after unidentified flying object. Object was heading west towards British air space at speeds in excess of 1000 knots. Wants to know were MoD aware of this, did our armed forces or those of NATO deem there was no security risk, and if so on what premise was this decision made.

16th November, 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter about airborne interception of unidentified objects over Belgium. The questions you pose are not suitable, for technical reasons, to be tabled, and in any event they cannot be tabled before 25th November. I have, however, written to the Minister at the Ministry of Defence, with a copy of your letter, and as soon as I receive a reply I shall be in touch with you again.

Yours sincerely,

Se 40 [redacted]

Keith Speed

Se 40 [redacted]

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Cranbrook,
Kent,
[redacted]

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From Sir Keith Speed R.D. M.P.

Please reply to:

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Cranbrook,
Kent, Se 40 [redacted]

16th November, 1993

Dear Minister,

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Yours,
signed for Sir Keith in his absence

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Private Secretary

Jeremy Hanley, Esq., MP,
The Minister of State for the Armed Forces,
Ministry of Defence,
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MR [redacted] has corresponded with [redacted] at MOD
Ref. D/SEC(AS) 12/3.

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[redacted]
Section 40
Cranbrook
Kent. [redacted]

26th December 1993.

Reference: Question to Minister of Defence - CC European Parliamentary Petitions Committee.

Dear Sir Keith

I apologise for a degree of persistence.

I specifically requested a question to be tabled in the House because I am not satisfied with the obvious evasions that I am getting from the Ministry of Defence.

It is obvious that any answer from the Minister will be as a direct result of consultation with the Ministry of Defence whose answers are not commensurate with the facts.

I attach uncorrected pages 114/115/116 of a book manuscript that I am writing on the Belgian Phenomena: this is a copy of a letter written on the 6th December 1993 to the Ministry of Defence.

Their contradictions form part of this book.
I trust they will give you some idea of the complexity of the situation.

If the reply given by the Minister is as indicated, I would then request a tabled question as originally sought.

It is essential in my application to the Petitions Committee of the European Parliament that I obtain a clear and detailed explanation on the positive NADGE major alert in Belgium and the opinion of the British Ministry of Defence Air Defence Experts that there was no risk to our own national security.

Could you please advise me what the *'technical reasons'* are for not raising a question in the House.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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

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Date
9 December 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 6 December.

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

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Section 40
Cranbrook
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6th December 1993.

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

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 26th November.

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

Allow me to refresh your memory. Whilst you have previously stated all the reasons quoted in your letter to illustrate that a radar return does not necessarily indicate the presence of a structured craft, you have omitted to say that you qualified these reasons at the conclusion of the paragraph by stating (your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3, 18/2/93) *'it is easy for skilled operators to distinguish between these sort of returns, and the track made by a solid object such as an aircraft.'*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,



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D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
26 November 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 20 November.

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

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

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

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Section 40
Cranbrook
Kent. [redacted]
20th November 1993.

Reference: Your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 12/11/93.
Dear [redacted]
Thank you for your letter dated 12th November.

I note your observation that we have now reached the point where there is little more that you can provide on the questions that I have posed to date.
I suppose that to a degree you are correct. We have come a long way since your original letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of the 24th February 1993 in which you stated *'the key consideration is evidence, without which a threat to national security cannot be judged to exist. Reports of lights or shapes in the sky cannot be classed as evidence, even if the sightings cannot be positively identified'*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your reply would be appreciated.
Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
12 November 1993

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your letter dated 23 October.

You asked why the Ministry of Defence did not know about the Belgian UFO sightings, and had not seen any official documents relating to them. The simple answer is, as I have explained before, that they did not occur within UK airspace. Although these UFO sightings did indeed occur close to the UK, we would not have been notified unless the Belgians believed there was a threat. For obvious security reasons, I will not enter into any discussions about the range and capabilities of our Air Defences. What I can tell you is that I have sought specialist Air Defence advice when answering your letters, and have been assured that there is nothing that you have described that would be regarded as a threat to the UK.

Although I would be happy to answer any new questions you may have, I think we have now reached the point where there is little more that I can provide on the questions that you have posed to date.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40
Cranbrook,
Kent. [redacted]

23rd October 1993.

Reference: Your letter D/Sec (AS) 12/3 of 13th October 1993.

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your reply of the 13th October on behalf of yourself and the Secretary of State for Defence.

I would like to comment on the main paragraph of your letter.

I wonder why the Ministry of Defence did *NOT* know of the Belgian sightings when they were so widely reported in the continental press?

I also wonder *why* the Ministry of Defence have not seen any official documents relating to these incidents? I have obtained an abundance of these withoiut any problems from the Belgian Defence Minister.the Belgian Ministry of Defence,and the Belgian Air Force.

I find the fact that the Ministry of Defence have not been passed any information relating to these detections as extremely odd.
Glons CRC (NADGE) radar was on a major alert involving F-16 interceptor aircraft. *WE ARE PART OF NADGE (NATO Air Defence Ground Environment).* This object was six minutes from our air space and closing at + 1000 kts. Not only would I have thought that notification of some kind was obligatory,but I wonder why the Ministry of Defence do not *NOW* query this omission?

Although a NADGE detection was involved in a full alert only six minutes away,by what premise was it that NATO considered that there was *NO* threat

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to the UK?.
It would seem that NADGE considered the detection serious enough to involve military persuit aircraft in Belgium, but not serious enough to inform either the RAF or the Ministry of Defence in the United Kingdom.

Your statement that;- 'I can only assume that the appropriate military authorities did not believe that there was any threat to the UK' causes me some apprehension. Do you not KNOW whether this is so?. This would indicate that you are *NOT* advised on all radar detections unless they are considered a threat to the UK by *the military authorities?*

Whilst I have no grounds whatsoever to doubt your honesty, I sincerely trust that you will accept my observation that *your statements simply do not fit the facts.*
It would seem that your position as a Ministry of Defence spokesman on radar matters is seriously compromised by other organisations.

One wonders whether the Nato Air Defence Ground Environment is more involved in this situation that they would care to admit?

Your comments would be appreciated,

Yours sincerely,

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Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
13 October 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 2 October, copied to the Secretary of State for Defence. Please treat this reply as the response to both letters.

I was interested in the information that you provided, but I have yet to see any official documents relating to these UFO sightings. We have no record that the Belgians (or anybody else) passed us any information relating to these sightings, and I can only assume that the appropriate military authorities did not believe that there was any threat to the UK.

I can assure you that the Air Defence of the UK is taken very seriously; you may recall from the days of the Cold War that Soviet aircraft used to test our defences on a regular basis, by attempting to penetrate the UK Air Defence Region. You may also recall the very effective way in which the RAF detected and intercepted these aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to Ministry of Defence.

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Cranbrook,
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2nd October 1993.

Ref; D/Sec(AS)12/3 of the 29th September 1993.

Dear [redacted] Thank you for your very welcome letter of confirmation that radar will only positively detect a radar wavelength or an object of opacity and substance.

This is also the opinion of the Belgian Air Force and the Belgian Minister of Defence.

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

On the night of the 30/31st March 1990 at 23h.00.(local time) in the vicinity of Wavre(SW of Brussels), many witnesses reported a configuration of lights in the sky.
As a result of these reports and their confirmation by members of the Belgian Gendarmerie, the Belgian radar stations at Semmerzeke and Glons were alerted. They confirmed a strong signal where indicated by witnesses. This was also confirmed by the German radar station at Vedem.
These confirmations by three main radar stations were considered to be a threat to Belgian national security.
The Belgian Air Force were alerted to scramble two F-16 aircraft to intercept these targets.
These two aircraft were vectored to their targets by the two Belgian radar stations involved.
13 interceptions were made. Radar lock-on was acheived on each occasion, times varying from 0.1 sec to 45,0 secs.
Video film is available of on-board radar confirming these interceptions.
Accleration figures were recorded of this object from 150kts to 1000kts in +/- ½ sec, and a rate of decent from 10,000ft to 4000ft in 2 secs.
Persuit and interception continued for over 1 hour.

2600 witnesses provided statements. 75 of these were Belgian Police officers.

The Belgian Minister of Defence [redacted], admitted the existence of these flying objects; he stated in the Belgian Parliament that ALL hypotheses could be excluded-he did not know what these flying objects were. This was confirmed on the 26th May 1993 by [redacted] the present Belgian Minister of Defence.

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At one period of interception, both F-16 aircraft were in persuit of this unidentified object which was on a Westerly heading towards UK airspace at speeds of +1000 knots per hour.
This incident was regarded by the Belgian authorities as a major alert

Actual time to infringe UK airspace would have been less than six minutes.

I note your observation that because the Belgian detections were outside UK airspace they were beyond your area of remit.
Whilst I acknowledge that this was so, I do not see how it is possible to ensure UK security by such rigid parameters.

When an unknown object of some substance-treated as a threat to national security by the armed forces of a fellow member state-is only six minutes from our national boundary and is being persued at speeds in excess of 1000 kts per hour by two interceptor aircraft, then it is not practicable or possible, in the interests of security, to impose statutary limits involving national boundaries.

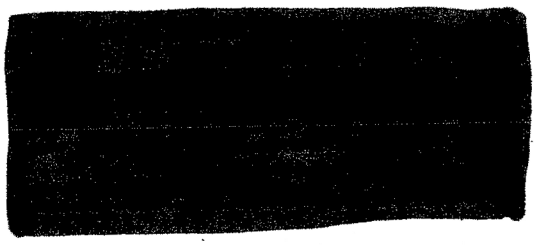
I have discussed your observations with a NATO colleague, and find it difficult to accept that-as you say in your letter-even though we are part of NATO Air Defence Ground Environment and are covered to some extent by AWAC aircraft, that there are occasions when we are not advised by the NATO 80 radar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

It would seem however, that because this incident was regarded by the Belgian military as a major alert, that we should have been notified by Glons CRC(NADGE) of their radar detection.
There would seem little point of a radar defence system that did not do this.

It would seem incredible that the Ministry of Defence were not aware of this imminent infringement of our national security, particularly when an event of such magnitude was being enacted only six minutes away.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 27 September.

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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27th September 1993

[redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room 8245.

Ministry of Defence,

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Whitehall,

London SW1A 2HB.

Dear [redacted]

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

Your observations refer; 'There are certainly no instances where solid objects have been detected but not identified' (Ref;D/Sec(AS)12/3) and on the subject of Anomalous Propagation of radar 'it is easy for skilled operators to distinguish between these sort of returns,and the track made by a solid object such as an aircraft.'(Ref; D/Sec(AS)12/3)'

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

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

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

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

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

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

[redacted]

President of the European Parliament,

Belliarstraat 97-117,

1047 Brussels, Belgium.

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

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

All of the detections of these radar stations are coordinated.

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We are part of the North American Treaty Organisation Air Defence Ground Environment and of the same radar complex.

The Ministry of Defence must therefore have been aware of the many radar detections by these three radar stations, and of the 13 contacts made by the F-16 interceptor aircraft which were vectored to their targets by the three main radar stations involved.

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

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

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

Your comments would be appreciated

Yours sincerely,

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Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 March 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 24 February. The answers to your nine specific questions are as follows:

1. Yes.

2. We actually co-ordinate UFO reports. Radar returns may or may not be a feature of this, although in my time in this job (over a year now) they have not been.

3. Yes.

4. Yes, although you will wish to bear in mind the factors that I listed in the third paragraph of my letter dated 18 February.

5. Yes, although the only security angle to this question is the fact that we do not want to give out any information relating to the range and effectiveness of UK radar systems.

6. Yes.

7. No UFO sighting to date has been judged to present a threat to national security. We look at sightings on a case by case basis, and the situation is therefore kept under constant review.

8. Yes, with the exception of the files that I told you about in my last letter. The Public Records Act does not require files to be kept; it lays down the rules relating to public access to files that are kept. There was a wave of UFO sightings in 1967, and this led to increased public interest in the subject. I suspect that prior to 1967, due to the low level of interest in UFOs, it was felt that retaining these files was not justified.

9. Yes.

Finally, you mentioned Viscount Long's decision about releasing UFO reports. I have managed to track down the Hansard extract relating to the comments that Viscount Long made about UFO reports during questions raised in the House of Lords in 1982 - I apologise for the poor quality of the photocopy. The position

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with regard to the files is as I described in my previous letter. We are able to respond to specific requests from individuals or UFO societies about particular UFO incidents (if we have the files in this office - ie files from approximately 1985 onwards) and to offer them such information as we have on these incidents.

I hope this is helpful, and has answered your questions.

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Yours sincerely,

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House of Lords

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Thursday, 4th March, 1982.

The House met at three of the clock (*Prayers having been read earlier at the Judicial Sitting by the Lord Bishop of Derby*): The LORD CHANCELLOR on the Woolsack.

Unidentified Flying Objects: Sightings

3.4 p.m.

The Earl of Clancarty: My Lords, I beg leave to ask the Question which stands in my name on the Order Paper.

The Question was as follows:

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many reports have been received by the Ministry of Defence on unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in each of the last four years, and what action has been taken in each case.

Viscount Long: My Lords, in 1978 there were 750 sightings; in 1979 there were 580 sightings; in 1980, 350 sightings; and in 1981, 600 sightings. All UFO reports are passed to operations staff who examine them solely for possible defence implications.

The Earl of Clancarty: My Lords, while thanking the noble Viscount for that Answer, may I ask him whether or not it is a fact that over 2,000 authenticated UFO reports were published last year in the national press? If so, were they accepted or passed on to the Ministry of Defence? And what happened to them?

Viscount Long: My Lords, they did not all get to the Ministry of Defence. I have just informed your Lordships of the numbers sighted. If the noble Earl is suspicious that the Ministry of Defence is covering up in any way, I can assure him that there is no reason why we should cover up the figures which he has mentioned if they are true. The sole interest of the Ministry of Defence in UFO reports is to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest—for example, a Russian aircraft or an unidentified aircraft—which might have breached our security systems. That is the sole reason why we are interested in the reports.

Lord Wynne-Jones: My Lords, does the Answer given mean that since there has been a Conservative Government the UFOs have done a U-turn and departed?

Viscount Long: Not according to my reading, my Lords.

The Earl of Kimberley: My Lords, as my noble friend said that 600 UFOs had been officially reported or acknowledged by the Ministry of Defence in 1981, may I ask him how many of those sightings still remain unidentified and were not subject to security, or were Russian aeroplanes, or anything like that?

Viscount Long: My Lords, I do not have those figures. They disappeared into the unknown before we got them.

Lord Strabolgi: My Lords, may I ask the noble Viscount whether the present Government adhere to the view of the previous Government which I put forward when I replied to the debate three years ago in your Lordships' House, that most of these so-called sightings can be accounted for as natural phenomena?

Viscount Long: Yes, my Lords, they can be. Many of them are accounted for in one way or another, but nobody has got a really constructive answer for all of them.

Lord Hill-Norton: My Lords, may I ask the noble Viscount whether or not it is true that all the sighting reports received by the Ministry of Defence before 1962 were destroyed because they were deemed "to be of no interest"? And if it is true, who was it who decided that they were of no interest?

Viscount Long: My Lords, my reply to the noble and gallant Lord—I was wondering whether he was going to say that the Royal Navy had many times seen the Loch Ness monster—is that since 1967 all UFO reports have been preserved. Before that time, they were generally destroyed after five years.

Lord Paget of Northampton: My Lords, can the noble Viscount tell us whether, out of these thousands of sightings which he has mentioned, there has been a single one which suggested any menace to our defences? In the circumstances, is not an awful lot of time being wasted on this nonsense?

Viscount Long: My Lords, I think Her Majesty's Government are waiting for an invitation from them to discuss these problems.

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28th February 1993.

Your reference D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 24th February 1993.

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your explanatory letter of the above date and the helpful information contained therein.

It would be of great assistance to me to summarising your previous correspondence, and I would ask for your confirmation of the following facts:-

1) That the Ministry of Defence does recieve and co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings; there were 147 such reports in 1992 of which there were a small percentage that would seem to defy explanation.
2) Although you co-ordinate unidentified radar returns, you do not have any figures on these.
3) There have been instances of ghost returns where blips have appeared on screens for short periods of time but it is easy for a skilled radar operator to distinguish between these and true readings.
4) That radar, as a general rule, behaves as a wavelength of light and will only provide a return from an object of some opacity.
5) You are not able to state, because of the time factor and for security reasons, whether the spate of UFO sightings over Northern Belgium in 1989/90 were detected by British radar.
6) On the subject of national security, the key consideration is evidence, without which a threat to national security cannot be judged to exist. Reports of lights or shapes in the sky cannot be classed as evidence, even if the sighting cannot be positively identified.
7) As Unidentified radar blips, unidentified objects, unidentified lights in the sky, cannot be classed as evidence, then there cannot possibly be a threat to national security.
8) Despite the Public Records Act which ensures that public records are protected for 30 years after their last use, all UFO files prior to 1967 were apparently destroyed.
9) Some files from the fifties apparently were not destroyed and seven of these are held at the Public Record Office at Kew.

As these above factors now confirm that these phenomina are NOT a matter of national security and are consequently NOT classified, could you please answer and comment on my enquiry, that a decision to release MOD files on UFO reports was made by Lord Long in 1982, but implemation of this was delayed by the Falklands war. This war has now been over for some years and I would enquire if it would now be possible for me to have access to any files that I would require from 1967 onwards?

Thank you for your help,
Yours sincerely,

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Date
24 February 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 21 February.

In answer to your question about national security, the key consideration is evidence, without which a threat to national security cannot be judged to exist. Reports of lights or shapes in the sky cannot be classed as evidence, even if the sighting cannot be positively identified. It is not our practice to name or give details of those individuals or departments involved in looking at UFO reports.

You mentioned sightings that took place at RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters in 1956. I am unable to comment on the point you make because, while I recall reading about this in Timothy Good's book, "Above Top Secret" I am not aware of any official papers concerning this alleged incident. This ties in with your point about access to our UFO files; it was generally the case that before 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed. After this date, files were kept, but - like all government files - they are covered by the terms of the Public Records Act, and remain closed for 30 years after the last action. A few files from the Fifties did escape the destruction process, and are available for viewing at the following address: Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DV. The references of these surviving UFO files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199
AIR 20/7390
AIR 20/9320
AIR 20/9321
AIR 20/9322
AIR 20/9994
PREM 11/855

I think we will have to agree to disagree about detecting the Belgian sightings on radar; from what I recall reading about this in Timothy Good's book, "Alien Liaison", there were many visual sightings, but only one reference to radar. The definitive position on this will have to come from the Belgian government.

With regard to any questions about civil aircraft's radar returns, I suggest you write to the Civil Aviation Authority, at the following address: CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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21st February 1993.

Ref: Your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 18th Feb.

Dear [redacted]
Thank you for your informative letter and various enclosures.

I appreciate and agree with your comments that the vast majority of UFO reports may be attributed to natural phenomina. I am however, interested in those that are not. I am pleased to note that you do have on record instances that appear to defy explanation.

I would appreciate a reply to my question(e) in my letter of the 7th. I would repeat this question; 'I am most interested in your comments on national security. As to date it would appear that there is a general admittance that although a phenomenon of some kind exists, nobody knows what it is(Your letter 1/2/93 'Clearly there are a small percentage of reports that seem to defy explanation') This being so, how can this phenomenon be assessed as to national security, when it is not known what it is?

I would like to add a further question on this point. Who and what department is it that-on this matter-would presume to issues dictates on matters of national security?

Your comment that 'There are certainly no instances where solid objects have been detected but not identified' I would draw your attention to the RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters incident on the 13th and 14th of August 1956 which would seem to contradict your statement.

I would query your observation on whether the Belgian sightings were detected on UK radar. You say that it is not possible to say, this long after the sightings! These occurred less than three years ago and continued for a period of six months! ! They were witnessed by thousands, were recorded on Belgian radar, were shown by the media and were discussed in the Belgian parliament. I find it difficult to relate your comments to sightings of this magnitude.

Would you please give me your comments on the above queries and advise me if records of on-board radar returns on civil aircraft are recorded by any civil authority?

I have been advised that a decision to release MOD files on UFO reports was made by Viscount Long in 1982, but implementation of this was delayed by the Falklands war. This war has now been over for some years and I would enquire if it would now be possible for me to have access to any files that I would require?

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Our reference
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Date
18 February 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February in which you asked some further questions about UFOs and unidentified radar returns.

Firstly, you asked if I could let you have details of some UFO reports that do not appear to be easily explainable. I have attached a few examples from our files, which should give you an indication of the sort of reports we get. Most of the reports we get do relate to little more than a light in the sky. Many of these reports would appear to have fairly simple explanations: sightings involving green and red flashing lights, for example, will almost certainly be attributable to aircraft lights. Even when a report would appear to defy explanation, it does not of course follow that what was seen was anything other than an ordinary object or phenomenon, perhaps seen from an unusual angle. It is simply that it is not possible to be certain what was seen. While all UFO reports are looked at, we do not attempt to investigate sightings in the absence of any evidence of a threat to the defence of the UK.

With regard to your second question in which you asked for examples of unidentified radar returns, I am not able to provide any data. There are certainly no instances where solid objects have been detected but not identified, although there have been instances of "ghost returns" where blips have appeared on screens for short periods of time. This phenomenon is known as Anomalous Propagation (ANAPROP). These blips can be caused by a number of factors: some result from changes in air density which can result in an object outside the usual range of the radar being seen. An aircraft, or even a natural feature such as a piece of coastline, can therefore produce a situation where a blip is seen which does not correlate with the position of an object. Clouds, under some circumstances, can also give a return, and on some occasions a return can be caused when two or more radar systems interfere with each other. Having said this, and in answer to your third question, it is easy for skilled operators to distinguish between these sort of returns, and the track made by a solid object such as an aircraft.

You asked whether the Belgian UFO sightings were detected on UK radar. It is not possible to say, this long after the sightings, whether or not anything was detected. Radar tapes are routinely wiped and re-used, and any tapes dating from the same time as the Belgian sightings will not have survived.

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security is that I did not want to get into any discussion about the range and capability of the UK's radar systems. There is certainly no national security angle to the UFO controversy, and I apologise if I have given this impression.

I hope this has clarified our position.

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Yours Sincerely,

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Monday 11th Jan, appx 9·50 pm, 3-5 seconds
B. Desciption of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One pale green light, which then split into three. He'd first thought it was a meteorite or flare.
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors. Stationery.
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)	Witness looking ESE, saw object heading west. Ultimately disappeared into clouds, heading out to sea.
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	15/20°. No idea of height.
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)	Speed seemed constant, but impossible to judge. After splitting, 3 lights twirled around - definitely 3 distinct objects.
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Some cloud, height N/k. Force 3 wind - objects heading into direction of wind.
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)	Not stated. Witness was by the sea.

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K.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS) 2a
L.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
M.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nmc
N.	Other Witnesses	Nmc
O.	Date, Time of Receipt	121313Z Jan 93
P.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nmc
Q.	Remarks	Gave [redacted] details of UFO groups, and undertook to write to them if we received any reports that might tie in.

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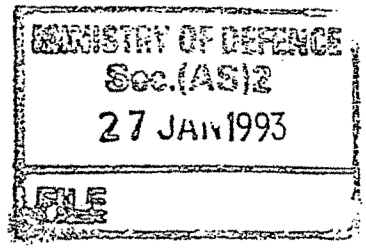

ROUTINE 260810Z JAN 93

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. 251900Z JAN 93 ONGOING
B. SINGLE VERY BRIGHT LIGHT ABOVE GATWICK AIRPORT, NOT A STAR
C. INDOORS AND OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. TO THE SOUTH WEST
F. APPROX 10000 FEET (HEIGHT)
G. SEVEN MILES
H. STILL
J. CLEAR
K. NOT KNOWN
L. GATWICK AIRPORT
M. [redacted]

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
N. WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION
O. DAUGHTER
P. 251905Z JAN 93
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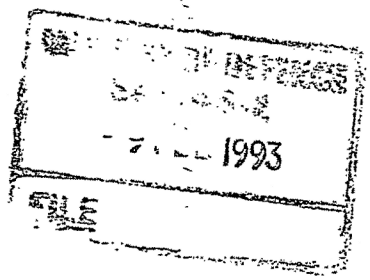

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SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 312130Z JAN 93, 20-30 MINUTES
B. 1, HALF EGG SHAPED, BLUE AND DULL
C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. N/K
L. POLICE
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

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[redacted]
Section 40
Cranbrook
Kent
[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
1 February 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked a number of questions about radar and our handling of UFO reports. I will answer your questions in the order in which they were posed.

The Ministry of Defence does receive reports of UFOs; last year, for example, we received 147 reports. Having said this, we believe that nearly all of these sightings can be explained in terms of known objects and phenomena. Examples that spring to mind include aircraft lights, lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, meteorites and satellite debris entering the atmosphere. Clearly there are a small percentage of reports that would seem to defy explanation; we hold no definitive view on these.

I do not have any figures concerning unidentified radar returns, but any return of potential significance is looked at, and the appropriate action taken. I am sure that you are aware that from time to time aircraft have flown towards UK airspace, and have been intercepted by the RAF.

It is not strictly true to say that a radar will only detect something of substance, because there will always be spurious returns:

Any questions that you have about radar systems should be directed to this department. I am sure you will understand, however, that for security reasons we are not able to go into much detail about the range and capability of our equipment.

All UFO reports are examined carefully by us and by departments responsible for the air defence of the UK. Sightings are then assessed on the basis of military expertise and an analysis of the available information. To date, no reports that we are aware of have been judged to present a threat to the defence of the UK.

I hope this has answered your questions, and helped explain our position on the subject. If you require anything further, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Section 40
Cranbrook,
Kent. [redacted]

7th February 1993.

Your Ref; D/Sec(AS)12/3.

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your interesting reply to the four parts of my previous letter.

Whilst in the first instance I am particularly interested in actual unidentified Radar returns, your observation that you have some UFO reports that would seem to defy explanation are of great interest to me.

a) Would it be possible for me to obtain details of these?

As you apparently take appropriate action on any unidentified Radar return of potential significance,

b) would it be possible for you to quote/send me an example, of where an actual Radar return has not been identified and defies explanation?

We must agree to differ on my observation that Radar will only detect something of substance. As Radar is purely an ultra short radio wavelength of either an orbital or linear origination, it will behave in much the same way as any wavelength of light and will not reflect back from any object that is transparent-glass being an example. Other anomalities that could be construed as false signals is the scatter induced from inclined surfaces as with the stealth aircraft and false returns from other extraneous sources.

. c) Would you agree that any normally proficient Radar operator could easily distinguish between a true return and a spurious one?

I feel that my question as to whether the Belgian phenomina were detected on our Radar is not really a matter of national security and purely a simple 'yes' or 'no' would suffice, particularly as Radar returns could have been registered by any civil aircraft in the near vicinity.

d) Do you have any further observation to add to this?

I am most interested in your comments on national security. As to date it would appear that there is a general admittance that although a phenomina of some kind exists, nobody knows what it is(Your letter 1/2/93 'Clearly there are a small percentage of reports that seem to defy explanation'.

e) This being so, how can this phenomenon be assessed as to national security, when it is not know what it is?

As it is important that I have true and accurate information for my book, whilst I am most appreciative for your kind consideration and prompt replies, I trust that you will not take offence if I feel that in order to attain these ends I must persue these points through the Minister and my local member of parliament.

Thank you for your help,

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Section 40
Cranbrook,
Kent.
[redacted]

Your Ref; D/Sec(AS)12/3.

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for prompt and most helpful letter of the 26th instance.

I have already been in contact with the Belgian Embassy and-through them-am in contact with a Belgian press agency to obtain all information on the sightings as discussed.

Your suggestion that I contact SOBEPS(who have produced a lengthy report on the wave of sightings) is particularly helpful and I will be writing to them shortly.

I find your letter intriguing and would request clarification on several points.

a) The fact that your office has been established in the Ministry of Defence to co-ordinate sightings would imply that there are in fact sightings to co-ordinate, would you confirm this?

b) I wonder if you could give me some general indication as to the number of genuine UNIDENTIFIED radar detections over the last five years?

c) Would you confirm that Radar will only detect something of substance?

d) The actual distance to the area of the Belgian sightings is only 130 miles. As our radar would seem able to detect incoming intercontinental missiles, could you please advise me of the appropriate department in the Ministry of Defence who could give me the appropriate information that I require?

e) As the MOD's only interest in unidentified flying objects is to insure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK, I would be interested as to how this is ascertained?

Your kind assistance on the above five points would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Cranbrook
Kent
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
26 January 1993

Dear [redacted],

Your letter to RAF West Drayton concerning the wave of UFO sightings over Belgium in 1989/90 has been passed to this department, as we receive and co-ordinate sightings and enquiries about UFOs.

I am afraid that we do not have any relevant information, as we are only concerned with UK sightings - the MOD's only interest in UFOs is to ensure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK. I would think that your best course of action in trying to obtain an official view on the sightings would be to approach the Belgian Embassy for advice; their address is as follows: 103 Eaton Square, London, SW1W 9AB.

I am aware that a Belgian UFO group, SOBEPS, has produced a lengthy report on the wave of sightings. Their address is Avenue Paul Janson 74, B-1070 Bruxelles, Belgium.

You might also like to contact some of the UFO groups in this country, who may have some information. I suggest the following organisations:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40
[redacted]
Harpenden
Herts
Section 40 Tel no. Section 40 [redacted]

Contact International (UK)
Section 40
[redacted]
Oxford
Section 40 Tel no. Section 40 [redacted]

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Skipton
North Yorkshire
Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

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I am sorry not to have been able to provide you with any material myself, but I hope that the addresses I have given you will prove useful. I wish you the best of luck with your project.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Section 40
Cranbrook,
Kent.
[redacted]

17th January 1993.

Dear sirs,

I am an established author and at present am in the process of compiling data with a view to writing an account on the Belgian sightings of unidentified flying objects that took place throughout Eastern Belgium during the period from November 1989 to April 1990.

I am anxious to obtain a complete record, not only of actual newspaper cuttings but of television reports and details of the statement made by the current Belgian Minister of Defence to the Belgian government at that time.

It would appear that these objects were registered on Belgian radar, both onboard and ground based. I would like to enquire whether you had any radar tracings of these sightings (either onboard or ground based), if not I would appreciate details of either the correct government department for me to contact obtain this information, or any agency that could fulfil these requirements.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Section 40
Nottingham, [redacted]

Date: Jan. 11th, 1990
Ref: 90-0111/6

ear Sir,

s a reserch physicist I have been studying the UFO phenomena for everal years. I am enclosing a copy of your released material with egards to the UFOs.

ould you please provide me with a copy of similar report of the years 988, 1989, which would enable me to further my research project ertaining a global number of sightings.

hilst thanking you in advance for your consideration, I look forward to earing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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FOR CWR

PRIORITY 191330Z AUG 91

FROM RAF LYNEHAM
TO MODUK

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F/KAA
MODUK FOR AFOPS
SUBJECT: REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A 191030 AUG 91 - 5-6 SECONDS
B DARK, BLACK WITH NO REFLECTION. ONE ONLY
C STATIONARY IN BACK GARDEN
D SEEN WITH NAKED EYE
E MOVING WEST TO EAST
F 45 DEGREES OVER HORIZON
G NOT KNOWN
H MOVED IN STRAIGHT LINE AT HIGH SPEED
J CLOUDLESS BLUE SKY
K NO NEAR BY OBJECTS
L RAF LYNEHAM OPERATIONS, SAC WALDRON
M [redacted] WOOTON UNDER EDGE

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Section 40 PHONE [redacted]
N NO OTHER INFORMATION GIVEN
O ALSO OBSERVED BY WIFE OF INFORMANT
P 191150Z AUG 91
BT

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NO SDL

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DEFENCE (CIVIL)
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COMPUTER DATA SECTION
MICROWAVE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
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Head of Sec (AT)

UFOs

1. The attached communication from

[redacted] dated 10th June

is referred to you for information and any necessary action.

It must be placed on a Departmental registered file.

2. I am copying this minute, with the attachment, to:

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Date: 10th June 1982

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OBSERVER

And now ... if you've read enough about the election, here's news from another world

Close encounters of an alien kind

BODIES of four 'aliens' from a crashed UFO (unidentified flying object) were recovered and examined by a special American Government team 40 years ago, according to a top-secret 'document' obtained by a British researcher.

A bitter debate is now likely to develop among UFO experts over the existence of a mysterious committee, code-named Majestic-12, which is supposed to have examined the aliens.

The highly classified briefing paper claims that the then head of the CIA, Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, reported that 'although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development have apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in *homo sapiens*.'

The document, which has been shown to *The Observer* by Timothy Good, Britain's leading UFO researcher, purports to be a briefing paper for President-elect Eisenhower on Operation Majestic-12, also known as MJ-12.

In his book, 'Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up,' to be published by Sidgwick & Jackson on 9 July, Mr Good claims that MJ-12 was a committee of senior US officials which investigated and then covered up news of flying saucer crashes.

Other UFO experts believe the story could be a hoax involving the planting of a fake supporting White House memo in the files of Air Force Intelligence and then getting the National Archives officially to declassify a forged document.

The Eisenhower briefing paper, dated 18 November, 1952, claims the MJ-12 committee had been set up by his predecessor, President Truman, on 24 September, 1947, as a 'top secret research and development/ intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States.'

The document reports that on 24 June 1947, 'disc-shaped aircraft' were sighted in the United States.

'Little was learned about the objects until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico, about 75 miles north-west of Roswell Army Air Base (now Walker Field).

'On 7 July 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site.'

by MARTIN BAILEY

According to the briefing paper: 'All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week of time which had elapsed before their discovery.

'A covert analytical effort resulted in a preliminary consensus (19 September 1947) that the disc was most likely a short-range reconnaissance craft ...

The Majestic-12 Group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new Administration.'

Inquiries by *The Observer* at the National Archives, the archives of former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, and the National Security Council archives, have been unable to authenticate the briefing paper. They all say that extensive searches have failed to locate copies of the document.

There is, however, new evidence from the files of US Intelligence that a secret group called MJ-12 did exist. This is a White House memorandum to General Twining informing him about an 'MJ-12' briefing for President Eisenhower. It was declassified on 12 January 1987.

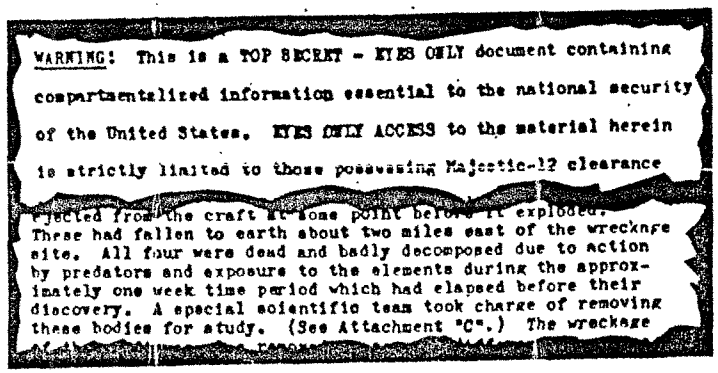
The White House memorandum was described by the National Archives last week as 'a very strange document.'

Archivist Joanna Williamson said: 'It was found in the files of the US Air Force's Director of Intelligence and is certainly genuine, but we have found no minutes of the MJ-12 meeting, which was scheduled for just two days later. It is very surprising that there are no other papers on MJ-12, and we have no idea what it was.'

If the White House memorandum is genuine, this proves the existence of an MJ-12 group whose responsibility could have covered UFOs. This would then strengthen Mr Good's view that there was a cover-up of the discovery of dead aliens. However, US UFO writer Mr Bary Greenwood has raised an intriguing question suggesting that there could have been a very sophisticated fraud.

'There are some things that look wrong with the White House memo. For example, it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone wanting to prove the existence of MJ-12 and then inserted into Air Force Intelligence records which had recently been opened up to the public.

'The hoaxer could then have ordered a copy from the National Archives which would carry the official declassification stamp. MJ-12 may well have existed but more research is needed to authenticate the documents,' he said.



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Extract from the Majestic-12 'document.'

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FROM: THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH "PROJECT O.R.I.O.N."

[redacted]
Section 40
Leeds,
[redacted]
ENGLAND

8th June 1987

TO: MR GEORGE YOUNGER DEFENCE SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, WHITEHALL

SUBJECT: MAJESTIC TWELVE (MJ12)

SOURCE: The Observer - Sunday 31st May 1987

Dear Mr Younger,

In respect of the above named subject & source.

Many members of the general public viewed this article with interest. Many were of course extremely disturbed.

Is there any truth in the matter, and has the Ministry of Defence any knowledge of such an organisation. Several members of PROJECT O.R.I.O.N. have indeed seen such documentation acquired by Mr Timothy Good. There is much evidence to suggest the papers are authentic and revealing.

If these documents are genuine, they would suggest that a covert operation was in hand to conceal the existance of dead alien bodies, and an advanced craft, from the public in America. Since this is the case, it would suggest that perhaps Winston Churchill had at least some facts kept from him.

We feel it is in order for the British Government to comment upon this information. An explanation or denial would be in order.

MAJESTIC 12, is a very real organisation, which probably exists under another code name, perhaps '54-12'. Can you assist in any way?

Yours Faithfully,

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE ARMED FORCES

D/US of S(AF)DGT 6210

19 June 1985

Dear [redacted]

You wrote to Michael Heseltine on 1 May 1985 about the sighting of an unidentified flying object near RAF Woodbridge in December 1980. Michael has asked me to reply as UFO questions fall within my responsibilities.

I do understand your concern and I am grateful to you for having taken the trouble to write. I do not believe, however, that there are any grounds for changing our view, formed at the time, that the events to which you refer were of no defence significance.

You may recall the House of Lords debate on UFOs in 1979 (Hansard, 19 January 1979). I attach an extract of what I said on that occasion. Whilst I respect the views of those who differ from me on this matter I am bound to say that nothing I have seen since then has led me to change the views I myself expressed.

Yours,

Section 40 [redacted]

Lord Trefgarne

Section 40 [redacted]

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D/Sec(AS)/12/4

7 June 1985

APS/US of S(AF)

Copy to:
APS/S of S
D Air Def

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT: WOODBRIDGE, DECEMBER 1980

1. I understand you agreed with APS/S of S that US of S(AF) would reply to [redacted] letter of 1 May which was sent to Sec(AS) under cover of APS/S of S's minute MO 26/19 dated 29 May 1985. You kindly agreed to an extension of the deadline and indicated that the gist of Lord Trefgarne's reply should simply be to refer to his contribution to the Lords debate on the subject on 19 January 1979.

2. I attach a draft reply accordingly. The events to which [redacted] refers are, of course, those in your file D/US of S(AF)/DGT 4884 in which US of S(AF) is in correspondence with Mr Merlyn Rees MP. US of S(AF) told Mr Rees in his letter of 20 February that those events were of no defence significance.

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Head of Sec(AS)

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DRAFT LETTER FROM US OF S(AF) TO [redacted]

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public. Finally, I should like to thank your Lordships for your kind attention, and I beg to move for Papers.

7.29 p.m.

Lord TREFGARNE: My Lords, I am bound to say that I face making this speech with some trepidation. I had wondered whether we could justify the holding of what is in effect a full debate on this matter; but having seen the audience we have tonight, and indeed having heard the speech of the noble Earl, Lord Clancarty, I can see that that sort of thought would not go down too well. I may well be shouted down before I finish anyway, but let us see if we can avoid that right at the start.

The noble Earl asked us in his Motion to support a proposal particularly for an intra-governmental study—I suppose he means, as indeed he has described, between Governments. No doubt he would wish to see the co-operation of the United States. But I should not want to support that kind of proposal. I do not think the time has yet come when we can view this matter with sufficient certainty to justify the expenditure of public money on it.

I certainly agree that the numerous voluntary bodies, including those with which the noble Earl is associated, ought to be encouraged, and indeed I should not be opposed to informal links between those bodies—or, at least the responsible ones—and others, such as the Ministry of Defence. But I am ashamed to say, in the midst of all this faith, that I am not myself a believer in UFOs described, as I believe they are, as objects or vehicles from another planet or from another universe.

I have some 2,500 hours as a pilot. I have flown across the Atlantic a few times as a pilot. But, unlike with the aircraft reported by the noble Earl, I have never seen one. I presume—indeed, I believe—that a good many of the sightings can be explained by logical scientific theory and I am, so far at least, convinced that those that cannot so far be so explained could be, if our knowledge were more advanced or if we had more information about the sightings in question. It is these unexplained sightings upon which ufologists rely so heavily in asking us to accept their theories. But I believe, as I say, that these unexplained sightings could be—and, indeed, would be—explained, if we had more knowledge about them; for example, better photographs. How many clear photographs of UFOs have your Lordships seen? All I have seen are hazy, fudgy photographs which could, or could not, be genuine.

Ufologists often rely upon radar information for evidence in their case, but I must tell your Lordships that radar plays more tricks even than the camera, and I do not believe that radar information, in this context, is valid. For example, the recent sightings in New Zealand, which were widely reported just before Christmas, including some rather strange-looking photographs which appeared on television, were also said to have been confirmed by radar information which was available to the aircraft in question. But I know from my own experience that radar is frequently used, and, indeed, is so designed, for detecting anomalies in atmospheric conditions and in weather patterns, and I am not persuaded that radar is a valid supporting argument in this case.

Since time immemorial, man has ascribed those phenomena that he could not explain to some supernatural or extra-terrestrial agents. Eventually, as scientific wisdom has advanced, these phenomena are understood more fully, until now, today, no one takes witchcraft seriously and there are no fairies at the bottom of my garden. It is not so long ago that magnetism, as it occurs naturally in the form of lodestone, was thought to be the work of the Devil, as indeed were some of the hot springs found in Iceland, Australia and elsewhere.

An eclipse of the sun or the moon, now fully understood, was once thought to be an expression of the Almighty's displeasure. Perhaps this derives from the description in the Gospels of the events following the Crucifixion. I recall the 44th and 45th verses of the 23rd chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, and I shall read it if I may:

> " And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.
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> And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst ".

St. Matthew described it rather well also:

> " And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent ".

[Lord Trefgarne.]

No one would now seriously doubt that those happenings were, in fact, an eclipse of the sun and an earthquake respectively. I would not deny that there may have been divine intervention in respect of the timing of those events, but certainly I would say that they were caused by terrestrial forces which we now fully understand.

Without wishing to pre-empt anything that the right reverend Prelate the Bishop of Norwich may say, perhaps I may pose the question as to whether the existence of another race or races outside our universe is compatible with our Christian principles. I speak only as a simple member of the Christian faith, but I think I believe that He loves us and us alone. I am not aware that there is any suggestion in the words of Christ or in the words of the Almighty, as recorded that we must share his goodness with people from another universe. There is no suggestion that there is, indeed, any other such people. I acknowledge, however, that, for example, the works of Darwin were once thought incompatible with the Christian faith, and so perhaps my view of the credibility of these things, from a Christian point of view, is open to correction. Perhaps the right reverend Prelate will be able to help us when he comes to speak.

I emphasise that I do not for a moment doubt the sincerity and conviction of those who believe in these objects, who believe that they are visitors from another universe or, at least, some supernatural force beyond our reason. I simply do not happen to agree with them. I certainly do not agree with the learned professor, speaking on the radio the other morning, who said: "Anyone who believes in UFOs is a loony". But as for the suggestion that an international study group should be set up, I do not think that I could countenance that as a serious proposal at this time. I emphasise, however, that I would be happy to encourage informal links between, for example, the RAF and the very worthy groups who believe differently from the way I do.

Before I sit down, I should just like to say how much I am looking forward to the maiden speech of my noble friend Lord Oxfuird, who is to speak later in the debate. His name has, of course, appeared on the Order Paper before today, and I hope that it appears on the list of speakers a good many times in the future. The noble Earl, Lord Clancarty, has done us a service by bringing this matter forward, but I would counsel caution and care.

7.38 p.m.

The Earl of KIMBERLEY: My Lords, as the noble Lord, Lord Trefgarne, has said, the majority of noble Lords in this Chamber will be greatly indebted to the noble Earl, Lord Clancarty, for raising this fascinating and controversial subject this evening. Before I begin, perhaps I should say that I have an interest in it, because I am a director of a company which is to make an identified flying object—a thermo skyship, which is saucer shaped. I shall not get that muddled up. But in spite of sceptics, such as the noble Lord, Lord Wigg, the other day in a newspaper, and Sir Bernard Lovell from Jodrell Bank, who says that UFOs do not exist, we must agree that they do, because otherwise there would be no unidentified flying objects. Furthermore, we should not have throughout the world radio telescopes listening to try to pick up signals from intelligences in outer space.

As the noble Earl, Lord Clancarty, said, UFOs are not products of the 20th century imagination. They have been observed here for years—by the North American Indians, by the monks of Byland Abbey in 1290, who were terrified by the appearance of a huge silver disc. Right through history up to today, millions of people have seen UFOs, and I will go so far as to say that I am the first to admit that the very large majority of them can be explained as natural or man-made phenomena—meteorites, satellite débris, weather balloons, military flares, *et cetera*. But there are still many which are completely unexplained.

It has been reported that the United States and the USSR signed a pact in 1971 to swop UFO information, but the pact stated that they were to keep the rest of the world in the dark. I believe that the pact was signed so that neither super-Power would make mistakes about UFOs being atomic missiles. I am also led to understand that quite recently the three United States balloonists who crossed the Atlantic were followed for up to 12

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which can cause serious distress to them and to their personal life. That is my anxiety. I may be wrong, but I put it forward with some care, having thought about it and studied it a good deal. Therefore, my third anxiety—and I am sorry to be negative but it is important to share both the light and the dark sides—is the danger of the religious aspect of the UFO situation leading to the obscuring of basic Christian truths. When all is said and done, Christ himself is the agent of God in the creation of the world. I quote from *Colossians*:

"Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation: for in Christ all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible—whether thrones or dominions, or principalities or authorities . . . All things were created through Him and for Him".

This fascinating chapter in *Colossians*, which is perhaps one of the highest levels of Christological teaching, speaks of Christ being before all things: "by him all things consist", as the Authorised Version put it. All things hold together; He is the great unifying, holding-together principle of God's universe.

I say this in this debate recognising the danger of, as it were, preaching a sermon. However, I do not think that is true in this case because the very subject we are debating is helping to widen our horizons—and the noble Viscount, Lord Oxfuird, stressed this point of looking far out in his maiden speech. I believe that Christ has not only a terrestial, not only a cosmic significance but literally a galactic significance. I believe that He is God's vice-regent concerning His great creative world. It is good that our minds and eyes should be stretched further out because I do not believe that at any point of the universe we get beyond the hand of God. Therefore, it helps us to understand the majesty of the Godhead when we begin to stretch our minds to reach out to the far corners of creation.

Lord TREFGARNE: My Lords, will the right reverend Prelate allow me to intervene? Is he actually offering ecclesiastical authority for the existence of another race of people in another universe? Is he saying that the existence of UFOs, together with their inhabitants such as are so often described to us, is compatible with Christian faith?

The Lord BISHOP of NORWICH: My Lords, I thank the noble Lord, Lord Tregfarne, for his interjection because it shows that he must have been listening carefully, because the next thing on my notes is, "Say something about Lord Trefgarne's remarks". However, there are about 20 seconds to go before I get to the noble Lord. Perhaps in the meantime he can have a glass of water from Lord Davies of Leek, or something, but I am almost with the noble Lord. I am glad for that interjection because I obviously was not getting right what I was trying to say. I believe that all the far corners of the creative world, right out further than we can ever see or even know by radio, are within the plan of the Creator. I believe they are within the majestic purposes of God. I believe that Christ, as Creator under the Godhead, is concerned with it all.

Now may I come to the noble Lord's particular question a few minutes ago. His question went something like this: "Do we believe in the existence of another race? Is it possible that there is another race further afield?" I must say that I do not know. I believe there is a place for reverent Christian agnosticism concerning what is not revealed to us in scripture and by our Lord. Having said that, I believe that God may have other plans for other worlds, but I believe that God's plan for this world is Jesus. That at least is how I view the question. The emphasis in scripture is most interesting on the fact that there never seems a point beyond the revelation of scripture where there is not God.

I quote, if I may follow Lord Trefgarne once more before finishing what I had to say, from the most majectic opening letter to the Hebrews.

"In these last days, God has spoken to us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. He reflects the glory of God. He bears the stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power".

My point is that the danger of getting the UFO thing linked with the religious thing is that it obscures the fact that Christ is the image of the invisible God, and that all God's purposes and plans for humanity are in and through his Son, our Lord.

This is not popular. This is not agreed by dozens of people. Plenty of people

[The Earl of Cork and Orrery.]

of it. If this represents all that the Conservative Party can produce in the way of thinking on what is undoubtedly a serious subject, whatever your opinion about it may be, then this is deplorable.

If the noble Lord really thinks that there is no serious interest or belief taken nowadays in witchcraft, perhaps he does not read the right newspapers, but I can assure him that this is far from true. He is not a believer in unidentified flying objects. "I am no believer in UFOs", he said. I do not know how you can not believe in UFOs. You can take it for granted, if your mind takes a leap ahead, that by an unidentified flying object something is intended that is supposed to have originated in outer space, and you can say you do not believe in that. But I do not know what it implies to say that you do not believe in an unidentified flying object. You do not believe in the object? You do not believe in its flying? You do not believe it is unidentified? There are things that are unidentified. Perhaps we are not trying. I do not think it is reasonable to say that they do not exist. Nobody, except my noble friend Lord Hewlett, has seriously contended that they do not exist. The question is, what are they?

Lord TREFGARNE: I am pleased my noble friend has allowed me to intervene, my Lords, because he has been very caustic about what I had to say. I do not deny the existence of unidentified flying objects. I simply say that most of them are identifiable, that some are not objects at all but simply a trick of the light or a meteorological phenonemon—I think that is so in many cases—and that I agree one cannot deny the existence of unidentified flying objects. It is simply a question of how we identify them.

The Earl of CORK and ORRERY: My Lords, I take my noble friend's point. I am anxious not to misquote him, but he also said that ufologists—it is difficult not to use that word—referred to unexplained sightings which would be explained if only we had better evidence; that was the gist of one part of my noble friend's argument. In other words, if we had better evidence we should be able to explain those sightings. That is the sole point on which the noble Earl initiated this debate. That is what he is asking for: he wishes evidence to be collected, collated, examined, evaluated and reported on as to what these things are, and it is notable that he himself did not say what he thought they were. Other noble Lords have spoken as though he had said they were fairies or I do not know what, when in fact he said no such thing. I believe he is a leading authority on these matters—certainly he has studied them more closely than anyone else of whom I have heard—and he must have exercised very great restraint in this matter, and he is to be congratulated on that as well as on initiating the whole debate.

I once had an ancestor—I still have him in a sense, in that he is still my ancestor although he is dead—called Robert Boyle who founded a society called the Royal Society. I feel that if he returned to the rooms of that enormously prestigious society now and found that the present Royal Society contained Fellows of such erudition and charm as the noble Earl, Lord Halsbury, he would feel entirely at home; a man of the most agreeable and totally non-sceptical nature, even if he did write a book called *The Sceptical Chemist*.

The noble Earl has done a service by displaying before our very eyes the scientist-philosopher who knows precisely the limits of science and makes no effort to go beyond them. Nor does he point the finger of scorn at anyone else. He must know, as others know, that it is impossible to prove anything by negative evidence. If you wish to prove that something is not so you can do it only in logic—by proving the existence of something that is so that makes that first premise impossible. Thus, you cannot prove that any particular type of flying object does not exist, and with respect to my noble friend, the fact that the Jodrell Bank telescope has not seen something not only does not prove, but is not even particularly good evidence, that it was not there. I am prepared to accept, if told, that the Jodrell Bank telescope has been operating on a frequency suited to the observation of UFOs of one kind or another for the last 30 years, but, until I am told that, I shall be sceptical in that matter.

Lord HEWLETT: Let me be quite clear about this, my Lords. I did not say other than that Jodrell Bank had made

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UFOs

1. In consultation with the other Directorates or Divisions concerned, please advise the Secretary of State, with a draft as necessary, on the attached communication from [redacted] dated 1 May 85

2. Please submit advice by not later than 31 May 85

3. The attachment must be placed on a Departmental registered file.

~~4. I am copying this minute, with the attachment, to:~~

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Advice sought

Personal

The Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine, PC, MP,
Secretary of State for Defence,
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Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2HB.

1st May, 1985

Dear Secretary of State,

I have been interested for some years in the UFO problem, and belong to the [redacted] UFO Group. In pursuit of this interest I have recently been impressed by some, to me anyway, new evidence of what is called the "Bentwaters Incident". In case the matter has not already been brought to your personal attention I think you would wish to be aware of unusual incidents which were reported to your officials by the United States Air Force authorities at RAF Woodbridge in January 1981. Although this date is now somewhat remote, the case has puzzling and disquieting features which have never been satisfactorily explained by your Department and which continue to preoccupy informed sections of the public. Having recently seen a cogent documentary programme on the reported events made by the American television company, Cable News Network (already broadcast in the US and now likely, I believe, to be shown here), I think you may wish to take stock of the matter.

In brief, the Deputy Commander at the USAF Base at RAF Woodbridge informed the Ministry of Defence in a written report dated 13th January 1981 that events had occurred in British territory adjoining the base on two nights in late December 1980 which suggested the intrusion of a piloted vehicle which had entered and left British airspace, and landed on British territory, on these two occasions with complete impunity and without identifying itself. The existence of this report was not made public until a copy of it was released in the US under their Freedom of Information Act in June 1983. In the preceding two years or so the Ministry of Defence had denied any knowledge of untoward events at RAF Woodbridge. Since the report was made public the official line in response to enquiries has merely been that the matter is of no Defence interest.

My personal view, having considered the fragmentary but compelling evidence brought to public knowledge by the media, is that the case cannot be disposed of in these rather perfunctory terms. If the report made by the USAF authorities in January 1981 is accurate, there is evidence that British airspace and territory are vulnerable to unwarranted intrusion to a disturbing degree. If, on the other hand, the report of the Deputy Base Commander must be dismissed (together with the collateral testimony given to Cable News Network and other investigators by several additional American witnesses), then we have evidence - no less disturbing, I suggest - that a sizable number of

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USAF personnel at an important base in British territory are capable of serious misperception, the consequences of which might be grave in military terms. It seems to me advisable that you should be briefed on the case in view of the likelihood of continued public interest in it, and that your officials should be ready to demonstrate a more serious concern with its implications than they have so far manifested. There seems to be a head of steam building up on this matter, and I can see a potential 'banana-skin' looming.

I was able to see the Cable News Network documentary at their London office by courtesy of their American Headquarters. But I have no doubt that they would be very ready to show it to you personally, or to a small group of your officials, if you felt that this would be helpful in briefing you.

Yours sincerely,

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA - POLICY

Ref A: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 13 May 97.

1. Thank you for your minute and your observations.

2. UFO/UAP. I note that you will continue to use the term "UFO" and appreciate your logic. We prefer to use the term UAP internally to DI(ST) since I believe that it more accurately describes the topic.

3. DIS Interests. Your existing policy statement is already classified RESTRICTED - POLICY and I believe that this is adequate to cover my suggested minor amendment. In dealing with the public I would expect you to continue to use the expression "anything of defence significance".

4. Archive. By archive I meant your UFO report files since I assumed that you retain files to assist in answering questions from the public. My proposal was meant to indicate that once the database was established we would not retain any paper reports. I do not envisage that this practice would impose any additional work on your department.

5. Database/Customers. DSc(Air) TG 3 and 4 strongly support our proposed initiative. If DAO still have no interest in any data-basing of material then I will support the minor costs involved from within my own budget. I am still prepared to include any minor DAO requirements if they do not have a significant effect on

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costs.

6. I hope that my comments have assisted in your understanding of my intentions. I have no wish to "send the public a misleading message" and I will (as always in the DIS) take appropriate steps to ensure that the public do **not** become aware of this minor project.

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/DIST/11/10 dated 25th April 1997

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference setting out the DIS interest in 'UFO' reports.

2. I was grateful for your detailed comments. I think it might be helpful if I list my observations on them in the same order (paragraph numbers in brackets in bold refer to your minute):

a. You say that you would prefer the term 'UAP' rather than 'UFO' **(para 2)**. Presentationally this would give us some problems. To the vast majority of the public - and it is the public we deal with - 'UFO' with all its 'extraterrestrial' connotations is the only one they recognise. Most are not interested in the difference and, to avoid any more confusion in their minds, we shall continue with 'UFO'.

b. You suggest **(para 3)** amending the policy statement on MOD's interest to include your own specific areas of interests. However, the current wording 'anything of defence significance' has been couched in fairly general terms so that it can be used in response to PQs, letters from the public, the media etc. We need to be quite sure that there are no hostages to fortune in saying anything more detailed. Are you content to have your interests promulgated more widely given the inevitable questioning that will follow?

c. I can assure you that we too are always careful to say that we have an open mind on this issue **(para 4)**.

d. For the future we shall copy to you (and DAO) only those sighting reports falling into the three categories set out in my minute to AOAD1 of 2nd April (D/Sec(AS)/64/1) **(para 5)**.

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e. You say (**para 6**) that you need an adequate reference system for information culled from reports and intend a database, albeit that you have not yet determined how it might be achieved, and that incorporating retrospective reports depends on the costs involved. But you also say that you have to decide whether it should be 'DIS policy to retain other reports or rely on our archive'. I am rather confused about what this means. Are the 'other' reports those copied to you **previously** which do not fall into the three categories (para d above), or those which will not be copied to you in future? Either way, I am concerned that you favour relying on our archive because you do not say what this might entail and I am afraid there are no Sec(AS) resources to support your work. If there is a DIS requirement for access to archive material I think it makes sense for DIS to retain the information.

f. Returning to the subject of a database (**para 7**), you suggest DAO's requirements also need considering and propose a single framework, sharing responsibility for data entry. However, AOAD1 has said they have no requirement for a database (D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March, para 11) and, as I made clear in my reply to him, Sec(AS) has no need of one either. It would be helpful to know who else might be a customer given Sec(AS)'s role as the MOD focal point for this subject, and what 'shared resources' might be used to implement the plan. Sec(AS) has neither staff nor money for this purpose and, I think, DAO is similarly constrained.

3. I am sorry for the length of this note but we do all need to be quite clear what, as a Department, we are doing and why. We need to be very careful about expanding 'UFO' business and, thereby, sending the public a misleading message about the extent of MOD's interest. Of course, should Government policy on this issue change, we will review the extent of our involvement accordingly.

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References
A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97
B. D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 Feb 97
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 Mar 97
D. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 Apr 97
E. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 Apr 97

1. My apologies firstly for not responding sooner to your minutes at Ref. Unfortunately it took much longer than expected, at the time of my holding reply, to recover from a number of staff changes and to give the subject sufficient attention against other priorities. I am pleased that we should have this debate since at present there is a significant mismatch between our assumed responsibilities and our ability to resource them.

Policy

2. Referring to the policy stated in your initial minute (Ref A, Annex paras 1 & 2) an immediate difficulty arises over the use of the term 'UFO'. This term is discredited in some circles and I think that consistent use of UAP would be much more satisfactory. This would then avoid an immediate association with 'extraterrestrial' phenomena and the difficulty which arises in trying to distinguish whether events are 'extraterrestrial' or not, a judgement which we are strictly incapable of making. While analysis may enable MoD to identify some phenomena, those that remain are by definition 'unidentified' rather than 'extraterrestrial'.

3. You queried at Ref A, para 3a the extent of DIST interest in UFO reports. We agree that MoD's interest has to be related to defence significance but this is not solely to determine whether

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the UK ADR is breached, as implied by the parenthetical text in your Annex, para 2. DIST's role in support of customer requirements is to assess all source intelligence on foreign weapon systems and science & technology with military relevance. We have the responsibility to decide which sources are most appropriate and how they should be weighted for assessments. We regard UAP as a source, akin in some respects to human reporting not least in that the phenomena are reported by people and may not be fully appreciated or understood at the time. This intelligence interest needs to be explicitly covered in the policy statement and we propose that your Annex, para 2 should read:

'MoD's interest in 'UAP' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance, viz:

a. whether the UKADR has been breached;

b. what intelligence is revealed on military capabilities of other countries;

c. whether scientific and technical information of military significance is revealed.'

Arrangements

4. Referring to your Annex, para 4, in the light of the above we do not consider that MoD can have no interest in extraterrestrial matters and needs to keep an open mind on whether 'unidentified' phenomena may have significance. Additionally the lack of evidence to date in the DIS on the extraterrestrial hypothesis has to reflect the fact that we have not carried out any analysis. Effectively the UAP source is unproven for DIST purposes, a situation of concern even if we never expect it to be as reliable or valuable as other sources. Two principles therefore arise:

Reports

5. Firstly DIST needs to continue to receive reports in order to make the judgements at para 3b and 3c above. It seems probable that only credible sources are likely to provide enough information for a substantive analysis and we are therefore prepared to constrain ourselves to receive reports in the categories at Ref D, para 2.

Analysis

6. Secondly DIST needs to have an adequate system in order to reference the information. In line with developing practices for other source intelligence we need a reliable system for the retention and analysis of data. Hitherto the paper records have been much too unwieldy for effective action leading to the failing noted above. The proposed filtering of reports will reduce the volume considerably and we need to take the opportunity to initiate a database now. How we do this remains to be decided. Our resources are heavily over-bid but it seems essential that we establish the database in order to reduce subsequent analysis effort to the minimum. The extent to which we incorporate retrospective reports into the database depends on the resource costs. At best we would aim to apply the proposed filters in order to reduce the task to manageable

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proportions. Concurrently we have to decide whether it should be DIS policy to retain the other reports or rely on your own archive. I favour the latter. Once the database is established and populated we would commission a limited analysis to determine whether reports possess any intelligence, S&T value or discernible patterns (locations, features, performance) and establish the residue of significant unidentified events.

7. This requirement for a database needs to be considered alongside DAO's interests and we should aim to develop a single framework and decide how to share the responsibility for data entry.

Action

8. We therefore propose to:

a. plan in conjunction with DAO and customers how to achieve the database;

b. implement the plan, sharing resources if appropriate;

c. conduct, in DIST, a limited analaysis of events;

d. review the situation once the database is accessible and no later than 12 months hence.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) POLICY

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14 Mar 97.
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97.

1. Thank you for your letter at Reference A reminding of the need to make progress on future handling of UFO reports against a background of increasing public interest and therefore workload. You ask what might be required insofar as air defence interests are concerned.

2. Following your earlier letter at Reference B, you will recall our discussion of the topic. My views are unchanged. We have no direct air defence interest in UFO reports unless there is intelligence, reliable sighting or evidence that UK national airspace, or the UKADR, may be, or has been, penetrated by aircraft of potentially hostile powers without authorisation. Orbiting satellites are accounted separately and appropriate COMSEC implemented.

3. A majority of UFO reports are tenuous in nature, are reported at second hand or with a time lag, and frequently overland or at night in areas where we have little radar cover. Those described as at great height, if they exist, may lie above radar cover, as only Fylingdales has tracking capabilities in the endo-atmosphere and in space. Some reports describe objects in terms of manoeuvre, speed and shape which lie beyond our engineering knowledge and that which could be reasonably expected from hostile powers.

4. There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil

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airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity.

5. I would emphasise that such sightings have been few and far between, with only Russia among potentially hostile powers being capable of penetrating UK airspace at very high altitudes; while no hostile power could reasonably be responsible for low level sightings, because of the range or political risk involved, except in the context of large civil register aircraft diverting from flight plans (where we have had incidents).

6. Staffing UFO matters, however, is a time consuming concern. As you are painfully aware, reported sightings are frequently explored in the public domain, often by organised societies, seeking extra-terrestrial explanations. Whilst using best judgement at the time, we are sometimes left accounting for the inexplicable or investing large numbers of man hours to establish rational explanations (as recently in the "Skegness sighting" when the Service's professional competence was called into question in an MP's letter to the SofS). These frustrations are compounded by supporting PQs of the sort "... on how many occasions have ..." which require paper searches of long put down records. Neither do explanations that "the cost of the search cannot be justified" satisfy the public, for it only re-inforces their conviction that if the truth cannot be found out there, it is certainly available in the MOD. The MOD may eventually be caught out by cross referring to previous answers and other information, cherished on PCs and exchanged on "the web". The consequences are further questions and ever greater care and time taken to ensure that we do not contradict ourselves.

7. The problem is unlikely to subside especially as the US brings into service over the next decade high flying capabilities such as Global Star, Dark Star, the X-33 and, should it come to fruition, the manned spaceplane. Other nations will follow, especially with UAVs, which may permit risk taking in unauthorised penetrations of airspace. Activities of these sorts would clearly require monitoring and control by the MOD.

8. The extra-terrestrial business is also likely to boom, exacerbating the staffing problem. Continuing discoveries of planets, and emerging knowledge of circumstances needed for at least non-intelligent life, lead to speculation that planets and life may commonly occur. With that change of perception, arguing that our rock alone is a teeming and verdant speck in a vast and sterile nothingness may soon be as unrewarding as the Church once found in continuing to enforce the idea that the world was flat; more so, with the knowledge that many suns are older than our own, and perhaps provide conditions for advanced evolution. Even though some experts argue very low probabilities for intelligent life, and allowing for barely imagined transit distances, requiring unknown uses of physics, we cannot rule out entirely the idea of extra-terrestrial observation/visitation, either covert or overt. Our current policy to retain an open mind on these matters is therefore probably correct.

9. It is a fine judgement whether UFO sightings are MOD matters, or Government responsibilities best located with other agencies given the unproven nature of a vast majority of reports. I

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believe they should continue to be managed in the MOD because of inevitable inter-weaving of terrestrial sightings, some of military origin, with extra-terrestrial pre-occupations. Moreover, any future concerns, terrestrial or extra-terrestrial, are likely to require national or international co-ordination responsive only within security alliances.

10. Whether we should set aside for further examination outside the MOD unexplained phenomena, I leave others to decide, knowing that political, scientific and cost judgements are associated with their investigation. I am not wholly convinced, however, that covert investigations would be the best way forwards. When inevitably discovered, they lead to mistaken ideas that "contact has been made" or that "government is worried, knowing something we don't." Should we decide regularly to investigate UFO reports, then we might look at how the US has handled some aspects with, for example, the targeted search of deep space for artificial signals which attracts little public speculation. The downside, of course, is "Roswell" with plastic kits as visible proof of alien capture and reverse engineering. What are US reporting and investigation practices?

11. The UK air defence interest is primarily to automate reporting, handling and administration of incidents so that operators, infrequently switching their busy routines to consider unlikely phenomena, react in a focused and consistent way. Reaction and reporting needs for UFOs are similar to those practices necessary for handling flight safety incidents, and potentially we could mimic them. However, a computer based system is needed to support accurate handling and recording of incidents, and to allow easy extraction of historical data for parliamentary response or retrospective study. Such a system is not, per se, an air defence requirement.

12. We therefore differ in view over responsibilities, organisation and funding. These matters are not for the air defence forces alone to consider, or to utilise the output from. Public reporting of phenomena is essentially government business to which we contribute infrequently when there are matters of direct air defence interest and, on other occasions, to exclude known air movements. As always, when tasked to respond, we do so to the best of our abilities. However, PQs that ask what similarities we have found between recent incidents and those of years ago, or to count them, leave us embroiled in dusty paperchases or in making retrospective assessments of incidents when we are not fully expert.

13. My response has turned out longer than I had intended, but hopefully lays the issues fully on the table as we see them. The policy is fine, how we manage public enquiries probably needs some re-consideration, also whether we need to fund investigation of a minority of incidents which may be inexplicable; above all, we need an electronic database and management system against which

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sightings may be uniformally handled and recorded. If nothing else, we owe successors an easily extracted historic record.

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17 June 1997

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Station Commander RAF Rudloe Manor

ENQUIRIES ABOUT RAF RUDLOE MANOR

1. A meeting was held in Main Building on 29 May to discuss a recent spate of letters from members of the public about past and present roles of RAF Rudloe Manor, its underground complex and its purported connection with UFO investigations. [redacted] and [redacted] represented your respective organisations, while [redacted] attended on behalf of AOCIS and [redacted] for the Stn Cdr RAF Rudloe Manor.

2. One of the two current correspondents, [redacted] had written broadly similar letters to S of S's office, Sec(AS) and the Press Officer at Rudloe Manor. It was important to ensure that MOD replies were properly coordinated and issued from as few different offices as possible. On these subjects as on many others, any apparent inconsistencies in the Departmental line would be exploited.

3. It was agreed that Sec(AS) would continue to field all correspondence relating exclusively to UFOs. Where questions on UFOs were mixed with other issues, Sec(AS) would normally reply on the UFO portion and refer the remainder to the Cmd Sec for a separate response. The two would confer when the demarcation was unclear, and on how to handle items of Parliamentary correspondence. A response to any request for media facilities at Rudloe Manor would be coordinated by the Cmd Sec. AOCIS, the Station itself and [redacted] would wish to see copies of correspondence in any of these categories.

4. Private Offices, their Registries and other copy addressees are requested to note these arrangements. It will be helpful if any outgoing letters can avoid referring to other interested divisions/departments, including mine!

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6 Jun 97

MOD Main Building Switchboard Staff
MOD Public Enquiries Office

Copy to: [redacted]

DPR(RAF)
DPO(RAF)
AIS(Mil), LATCC West Drayton
DCMC Air Force Desk

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

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

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

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

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

4. If there are any queries in respect of these arrangements please contact me on [redacted]

[redacted]
Sec(AS)2a1
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19 Feb 97

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

1. You will wish to be aware that with effect from **0800 hrs Thu 20 Feb**, the MOD will have a dedicated telephone line for handling enquiries and reports from members of the public about "unidentified flying objects".

2. Queries will usually be handled through an answerphone system, which will briefly set out the MOD's limited interest in this subject, and invite members of the public to leave reports if appropriate. The answerphone will be switched on from 0800-1700 hrs and will be continuously monitored. Any "UFO" calls received outside these hours must continue to be handled by the DCMC in the usual manner, in the event there may be genuine air defence implications of a more terrestrial nature.

3. The dedicated "UFO" number will be: **0171 218 2140**. All members of the public wishing to be put through to the "UFO" desk should be connected **only** to this number. Press enquiries should be directed towards the RAF Press Desks. Although I will continue to oversee queries of this nature, the separate telephone line I have acquired for handling the major part of my work (the non-'UFO'-related duties) must not be given to members of the public or Press enquiring about "UFOs". Members of the public not content with an answerphone and insisting on speaking to a member of staff should be firmly advised that "UFO" business is only handled from the number given above.

4. Officials who wish to speak to a desk officer in Sec(AS) about "UFO" business can of course be advised of my alternate number below. If you have any queries in respect of these new arrangements please contact me on [redacted]

[redacted]
Sec(AS)2a1
[redacted]

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	192240Dec 92, first.sighting. 200005Dec 92 second sighting.
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Light with mustard coloured glow .Two distinct objects
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Binoculars
E.	Direction in which object be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	First: N of Orion towards that constellation Zig Zag by one object overtaking the other. Second sighting: Reverse of first, west of Mars hdg N. Covered 25% of sky in 6 secs.
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Estimated at 35,000 ft.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/A
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	See E
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	N/A
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	[redacted] Edinburgh police Portobello Police stn.
M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted]

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N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	[redacted] Amateur astronomer.
O.	Other Witnesses	No
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	200100 Dec 92
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	No
R.	Remarks:	Police said informant was sober and sensible.

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Date: 20 dec 92

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 181445Z DEC 92

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. 170820Z DECEMBER 1992
B. ONE, INVERTED BOOMERANG SHAPE, BLACK IN COLOUR
C. INDOORS/HEATHROW CONTROL TOWER
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. EAST
F. 130
G. SEVEN MILES
H. STATIONARY THEN MOVED STEADILY
J. FOGGY SURFACE, MORNING SUN
K. NIL
L. MILITARY ORGANISATION (AIS(M))
M. [redacted] ATC OPS ROOM 407, CONTROL TOWER BUILDING, HEATHROW

PAGE 2 RBDOXL 0023 UNCLAS
N. NIL
O. ONE OTHER WITH THE INFORMANT
P. 181445Z DEC 92
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ROUTINE 180730Z DEC 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 161830Z
B. 2 DULL RED LIGHTS
C. NOT KNOWN
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH EAST/NORTH NORTH EAST
F. 45 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. STEADY, APART, TOGETHER, COUPLE OF TURNS TOGETHER
J. CLEAR
K. TELEGRAPH POLE, WAREHOUSE BEHIND OBSERVER
L. LIVERPOOL AIRPORT
M. [redacted]
PRESCOTT, LIVERPOOL, [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. NIL
P. 171625Z DEC 92
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	142100Z Dec (about) approximately 2 minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	pinky red, then brilliant pinky red, changed to triangle shape then round light, went vertical and disappeared.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	standing on the path outside
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)	Seen towards Mitcham from Croydon
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Low in sky
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	NK
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Going in different directions then went vertically upwards and disappeared
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	No stars, overcast
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Two chimneys , old Croydon power station. Now lit by two yelllow lights on top
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Only Air Force Ops
M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted]

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N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	aged Section 40 never seen anything like it before
O.	Other Witnesses	One other - [redacted] West Croydon
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	142145Z Dec
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	No moon
R.	Remarks:	Sounded sensible chap, genuine not drunk or anything like that. Amazed by what he had seen

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 101500Z DEC 92

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
HQSTC
BROAD SHIELD

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
MOD LONDON ATTN AFOR (RAF). REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A. 092320Z DEC 92. 20 MINUTES
B. SINGLE, BRIGHT, STAR-LIKE OBJECT WITH A RED AND A GREEN LIGHT ON TOP
C. INDOORS, ADDRESS BELOW
D. NAKED EYE
E. OVERHEAD
F. BETWEEN 90 AND 45 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. MOVED IN A STRAIGHT LINE, SLOWLY AT FIRST, THEN WITH ERRATIC CHANGES OF SPEED AND DIRECTION REMAINED STATIONARY FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, THEN MOVED OFF AT HIGH SPEED BEFORE DISAPPEARING INTO FOG

PAGE 2 RBDOXJ 0028 UNCLAS
I. VERY CLEAR AT FIRST, BECOMING FOGGY
K. HT LINES NEARBY, BUT NOT IN LINE OF SIGHT
L. [redacted] STATION OPERATIONS, RAF LEUCHARS.
[redacted] PAISLEY
N. INFORMANT IS AN AMATEUR ASTRONOMER AND AT FIRST BELIEVED OBJECT TO BE A SATELLITE
O. NIL
P.101430Z DEC 92
R. YES
BT

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 091400Z DEC 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHONOMENA
A. 030118Z DEC 92
B. SINGULAR BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT CRESCENT SHAPED, SIMILAR SIZE TO THE MOON, BUT DEFINATELY NOT THE MOON OR ITS REFLECTION
C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH EAST
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. TRAVELLED VERY QUICKLY AND SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR INTO THIN AIR
J. CLEAR STARRY NIGHT
K. NOT KNOWN
L. RAF ST ATHAN BY LETTER
M. [redacted] CWMBRAN [redacted] NEWPORT

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N. NIL
O. MOTHER-IN-LAW
P. 091315Z DEC 92
BT

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CYD175 09/1832 344C1748

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 091400Z DEC 92

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. 071630Z DEC 92
B. SINGULAR BRILLIANT LIGHT, SAUCER SHAPED, SLIGHTLY ORANGE GLOW, APPEARED TO BE IN QUOTE ORANGE LIKE SEGMENTS UNQUOTE
C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS ALSO PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN
E. ABOVE THE MOUNTAINS
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. VERY SLOWLY IN ONE DIRECTION
J. BROKEN CLOUD
K. NOT KNOWN
L. RAF ST ATHAN
M. [redacted] NEWPORT.

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N. NIL
O. WIFE, NEIGHBOUR AND PAPERBOY
P. 091345Z DEC 92
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	302000Z NOV 92. 302030Z NOV 92.
B.	Description of Object	Size of moon(football),not cloud, several shades lighter,not bright, appeared to have appearance of WWII searchlight but from above clouds.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Viewer in car travelling along B road between Newport Pagnall and Tatallend. Stopped car and watched frpm roadside
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)	North from position.
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	.70 degree to 20 degree.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	.N/K
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moved right to left and straight up always moving in straight lines, very fast..
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Crystal clear night few odd clouds
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	.None
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Asked Police who directed to AFOPS

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Housewife.
O.	Other Witnesses	.6 year old son who when they arrived home immediately pulled out book and showed mum picture of Haleys Comet.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	.302045Z Nov 92.
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	.None
R.	Remarks:	....

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i. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

Light Cloud Cover

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 other night lighting).

k. TO WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

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l. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[redacted]

m. ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

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n. OTHER WITNESSES

None

o. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT

23/11/92

2330

The above details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC on Section 40 [redacted]

The completed form is to be despatched to:

Ministry of Defence (AFO)
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. **DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING** (Local times to be quoted)

21/11/92 0230 AM

3 & 5 MINS

b. **DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

OBJECT WHICH APPEARED TO BE STAR SHAPED MOVING ERRATICALLY THEN OTHER OBJECTS OF THE SAME SHAPE APPEARED TO MOVE TOWARDS THE MAIN ONE

c. **EXACT POSITION OBSERVED** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).

OUTSIDE

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 may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

GARDEN OF HOME IN BLACKPOOL FACING SOUTH EAST

f. **ANGLE OF SIGHT** (Estimated heights are unreliable).

OVERHEAD

g. **DISTANCE** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

WEST OF BLACKPOOL TOWER BY .7 MLS

h. **MOVEMENTS** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	171700Z Nov 92 Approx 60 seconds
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One large, cross-shaped, yellow object with about 40 lights (slightly hazy).
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	A417 Birdlip bypass
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)	Between Birdlip and Andoverford
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	About 1 mile left of car, which was travelling south.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Still
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Possible radio mast and power lines

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Duty Officer at RAF Lyneham and DCON at High Wycombe.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Cirencester
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	12-year-old daughter
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	172100Z Nov 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	Nil

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ANNEX A TO
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ENCL No 1 146

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	071830 Nov 92 approx 2 - 3 minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Green glow, triangular in shape
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outside Object moving E-W
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)	Above Craigshill NT 0668 Sheet OS 65
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Thought A/C but no noise - Angle not given
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not given
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	East - West
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear, cold night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Clear of objects
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police. Police relayed info to AFOps as [redacted] not on telephone.
M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Livingstone West Lothian

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N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	None
O.	Other Witnesses	None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	181710Z Nov 92
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	About a week ago, a newspaper carried a report of a "green glow" in the sky.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	140252Z Nov 92 for 10 seconds
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Like half a tennis ball (yellow, luminous) with stubby cone on the back. Generally luminous yellow
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Over Tyne river
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)	Travelling North to South
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Slightly over the horizontal
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Difficult to assess - object appeared to be over city
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Travelling very fast
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Nil

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	SDO RAF Boulmer [redacted] Met Officer - answer phone
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Taxi driver Not drunk
O.	Other Witnesses	2 passengers saw object Not drunk either
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	151340Z Nov 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	Nil

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ROUTINE 060800Z NOV 92

FROM: RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO: NORUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 051925Z TWO MINUTES
B. SINGULAR PULSATING LIGHT EXTREMELY BRIGHT. SPLITTING INTO TWO LIGHTS THEN GOING BACK TO ONE LIGHT
C. INDOORS AND STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH WEST
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. EXTREMELY ERATIC
J. CLEAR
K. NONE
L. AIS(M) ONLY [redacted], HIGHGATE, LONDON N6
M. [redacted]

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N. NOT KNOWN
O. NOT KNOWN
P. 051950Z NOV
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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (DXD 1 AFDD)
CYD 1 DD GE/AE
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD179 03/1833 308C1760

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 031210Z NOV 92

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. 3 NOV 92
B. SMALL OBJECT TRAVELLING SLOWLY ACROSS SKY WITH GREEN/BLUE LIGHTS NOT LIKE HOT AIR BALLOON
C. IN GARDEN
D. NAKED EYE
F. HEIGHT OF A PLANE
H. SLOW
J. BRIGHT DAY
L. SUSSEX POLICE. AREA CONTROL ROOM
M: [redacted] BURGESS HILL
P. 3 NOV 92. 1145
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD040 02/1055 307C0459

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 020800Z NOV 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

UNCLASSIFIED
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 31 OCT 92. 0103 LOCAL
B. OBSERVER WITNESSED A PATTERN OF RED LIGHTS WHICH HE DESCRIBED SIMILAR TO THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CLOSE TO AN AERIAL. WITNESS FELT INNER VIBRATIONS
C. STOKENCHURCH PART OF CHILTON HILLS. OUT DOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH
F. HEIGHT OF AERIAL TOWER
G. HALF A MILE
H. STEADY
J. MISTY. RAINING
L. POLICE. BRACKNELL MET OFFICE [redacted], WARGRAVE, NEAR READING. [redacted]
M. [redacted]
O. WIFE. BROTHER IN LAW AND TWO CHILDREN AGED 8 AND 9 YEARS
P. 1 NOV 92. 1050 LOCAL
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD048 02/1128 307C0549

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 020805Z NOV 92

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. 26 OCT 92. 2130 AND 2200. 3 MINS
B. ONE BALL OF LIGHT. SIZE OF A FORD FIESTA. SAUCER SHAPE. YELLOW WITH GREEN AND WHITE LIGHTS UNDERNEATH. DULL LIGHT GLOWING. NO SOUND. NO SMELL
C. OTLEY CHEVIN. MENSTON. OUTDOORS. MOVING IN A CAR THEN STOPPED
D. NAKED EYE
E. CAME FROM WEST
F. HOUSE HEIGHT (APPROX)
G. 100 TO 150 YARDS
H. STEADY MOVEMENT
J. CLEAR SKY
K. IN MDDLE OF FIELD
L. OTLEY POLICE

M. ANONYMOUS
O. MOTHER
P. 1 NOV 92. 1810
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/MEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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ANNEX A TO
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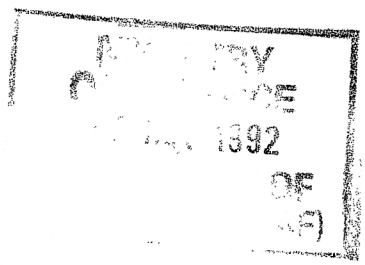
A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	011840 Nov 92 approx one minute
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	one triangular-shaped black object shrouded in a cloud
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Stationary/Outdoors (in garden)
D.	How Observed (naked eye, 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)	South
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/K
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/K
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moved south to North at a constant slow speed.
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Slightly cloudy
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police then AFOR
M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Wickford Essex [redacted]



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N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil volunteered
O.	Other Witnesses	Wife [redacted]
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	011920 Nov 92
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	[redacted] expressed a desire to be informed if the MOD could offer any possible explanation of this sighting

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ROUTINE 261105Z OCT 92

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. 260430-0630Z OCT 92
B. 2 STAR SHAPED OBJECTS WITH THREE VERY BRIGHT YELLOW LIGHTS, NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. INDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. WEST
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. CHANGING
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. NIL
L. ST ATHAN [redacted]
M. [redacted]

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N. DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN A/C AND OBJECTS
O. HUSBAND AND CHILD
P. 261100Z OCT 92
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 260830Z OCT 92

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. SAT 242015L OCT 92, 30 SECONDS
B. ONE, YELLOW/ORANGE, BRIGHT BLOB
C. A352 DUAL CARRIAGEWAY NEAR GALTON GARDEN CENTRE NEAR OWERMOIGNE, DORSET. TRAVELLING ON A MOTORBIKE
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/A
F. N/A
G. N/A
H. OBJECT CAME DOWN FROM ABOVE AND TRAVELLED ALONGSIDE THE MOTORBIKE
K. FOR 100YDS THEN SHOT OFF UP INTO THE SKY
J. CLEAR SKY
L. DORSET POLICE [redacted] WINFRITH [redacted]
M. [redacted]

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N. POLICE SAID [redacted] SEEMED GENUINLY SHAKEN AND SHOCKED
O. NONE
P. 242050 REPORTED TO DORSET POLICE
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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ROUTINE 190730Z OCT 92

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. 181830Z OCT 92, 5 SECONDS
B. ONE SMALL, ROUND, CREAMY WHITE, VERY BRIGHT, NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. DEADRIDGE, LIVINGSTONE, GLASGOW, OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. MOVING WEST TO EAST
F. HIGH
G. NOT KNOWN
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. NOT KNOWN
L. LIVINGSTON POLICE
M. [redacted] DEADRIDGE LIVINGSTONE
N. TWO YOUNG BROTHERS

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O. NIL
P. 181830Z OCT 92
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD057 19/1058 293C0818

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ROUTINE 190730Z OCT 92

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. 160630Z OCT 92, 15 SECONDS
B. 2 CIRCULAR ORANGE LIGHTS PARRELLEL TO EACH OTHER HIGH AND DULL
C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NOT KNOWN
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. ERRATIC
J. PATCHY CLOUDS
K. NOT KNOWN
L. NIL
M. [redacted] LEEBANK [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 160800Z OCT 92
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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD026 13/0932 297C0665

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ROUTINE 1307552 OCT 92

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. 092200Z OCT 92
B. PALE GREY FOGGY DISC. NO SOUND OR SMELL OVAL SHAPE
C. IN THE FIELDS IN ANDERTON, BETWEEN COGSHALL LANE AND HOUGH LANE
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH OF M56 IN DIRECTION OF ANTROBUS
F. 30 DEGREES
G. HALF TO 1 MILE
H. NOT MOVING
J. FULL MOON CLEAR NIGHT
K. TREES 300YDS AWAY
L. ATC MAN
M. [redacted] NORTHWICH CHESHIRE [redacted]
[redacted]

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N. NIL
O. [redacted] FARMER IN ANTROBUS
P. 1715(A) 12 OCT 92
BT

DISTRIBUTION: Z6F
F
CAB [redacted] 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ [redacted] 1 AFDO)
CYD [redacted] 1 DD CE/AEW
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CYD025 13/0930 287C0664

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ROUTINE 130700Z OCT 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z&F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 10 OCT 92, 2200 TILL 2300L
B. BLUE CIRCLE OF PULSATING LIGHTS-LIKE A GAS RING
C. TRAVELLING IN A CAR
D. NAKED EYE AND ALSO THROUGH A CAMERA. ALSO TOOK A VIDEO
E. WARRINGTON TO PENKETH
F. NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE BUT BELOW CLOUD
G. 2 MILES
H. QUICK, TOO FAST FOR A HELICOPTER
J. BROKEN CLOUD
K. WALTON RESERVOIR
L. POLICE, MANCHESTER AIRPORT FIX
M. [redacted] HIGHER WALTON, WARRINGTON, CHESHIRE

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N. ONLY HAD HALF LAGER
O. PEOPLE ALSO IN THE CAR AND BABYSITTER. OTHER REPORTS IN THE RUNCORN AND WARRRINGTON AREA
P. 11 OCT 92 FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT
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CAB 1 SEC(A6) ACTION (CX) 1 AFDO)
CYI [redacted] DI GE/AEW
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ROUTINE 031322Z OCT 92

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. 030500Z OCT 92
B. 3, LARGE, ROUND, RED AND VERY BRIGHT
C. INDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. ABOVE HOUSE
G. NIL
H. STEADY, THEN MOVED OFF AT HIGH SPEED
J. NIL
K. NIL
L. SWANSEA AIRPORT [redacted] W GLAB
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 031315Z OCT 92
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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/ACW
CAV 1 DI 55

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ROUTINE 020630Z OCT 92

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. 28 SEP 92. 1030L. 3 SECONDS
B. REDISH COLOURED OBJECT WITH A WHITE AND PINK TAIL TRAVELLING AT A GREAT SPEED. NO SOUND FROM OBJECT
C. TIRYDALE RAILWAY STATION. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH EAST FROM LLANDEILO
F. ABOVE MOUNTAIN TOPS
G. 5-6 MILES AWAY
H. ERRATIC MOVEMENT
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NIL
L. POLICE AND GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER
M. [redacted],S WALES

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N. NIL
O. A FRIEND WHO WAS WITH HIM AT THE TIME
P. 011606Z OCT 92
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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ROUTINE 240842Z SEP 92

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
HQSTC

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
MODUK AIR FOR AFOR(RAF), HQSTC FOR UKRAOC
A. 2025 LOCAL, 5-10 SECS, 23 SEP 92
B. ONE OBJECT, SIZE 3FT, COLOUR BLUE, SHAPED LIKE A CHRISTMAS BELL, WITH MOVING ANTENNA OUT OF THE TOP, CHANGING COLOURED LIGHTS (HORIZONTAL THROUGH THE MIDDLE)
C. HOVERING APPROX 15FT ABOVE GROUND LEVEL, SEEN 3FT FROM A WINDOW
D. NAKED EYE
E. FIRST SEEN OUTSIDE WINDOW, WITNESS TURNED AND RAN SHORTLY AFTERWARDS
F. EYE LEVEL, 3 FT AWAY
G. 3FT
J. CALM, CLEAR, NO LOW CLOUDS
K. FLOOD LIGHTS TO REAR, 200 YDS

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L. LEUCHARS OPS
M. PRIORY PARK, KIRKALDY,
N. INFORMATION GIVEN BY HOWEVER WITNESSED BY , AGE 11 YEARS (NOT A STORY TELLER)
P. 2323492 SEP 92
Q. YES
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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

CYD078 14/1207 258C1338

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 141100Z SEP 92

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. 102115L AND AT 102200L SEP 92
B. VERY LARGE, LONG CYLINDER. BRIGHT ORANGE LIGHT IN TRIANGULAR FORMATION
C. OUTDOORS AND MOVING IN CAR
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH
F. VERY, VERY LOW
G.
H. CHANGING
J. STORMY
K.
L. MANCHESTER AIRPORT
M. [redacted], GREEN NORTH ASHTON, WIGAN,

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MERSEYSIDE
N.
O. TWO OR THREE PEOPLE
P. 141100Z SEP
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD057 07/1626 251C0837

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 070800Z SEP 92

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. 04/09/92, 1500Z, 10 MINUTES
B. ONE VERY LARGE CYLINDRICAL OBJECT, METALLIC SILVER
C. CUCKFIELD, EAST SUSSEX, OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. OVERHEAD
F. BELOW CLOUD COVER
G. NIL
H. STEADY
J. 3 OKTAS OF CUMULAS CLOUD AND CLEAR BLUE SKY
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. NONE
P. 04/09/92 2020Z
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DISTRIBUTION Z6F
F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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ANNEX A TO SOP 502

EXHIBIT No. 180

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	282210 local time Aug '92 approx 5-8 minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Approx 20 to 30 hazy white lights
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Stationary/Outdoors
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)	N/K
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/K
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Approx 100 yards
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stayed stationary, then disappeared suddenly.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Haze
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Nil

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police, then AFOR

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M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Lower Earley Reading Berks [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil Volunteered
O.	Other Witnesses	There were several other witnesses including brother-in-law
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	282240Z Aug 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	Brother-in-law also saw same lights but he said they seemed to follow him as he drove along in his car and they stopped when he came to a halt - then moved on with him when he drove on again.

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AF Ops

Date: 28 Aug 92

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ROUTINE 271500Z AUG 92

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. 26 AUG. 2005 LOCAL. ONE SECOND
B. DARK GREY/BLACK. BIRD SHAPED OR BOX KITE/PLASTIC BAG
C. 10NM EAST OF LAMBORNE-COCKPIT BOEING 737
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH OF AIRCRAFT
F. FL130
G. QUARTER OF A MILE
J. VMC
L. CIVIL OPS ROOM- RAF WEST DRAYTON
M. [redacted]HARTS HOLLOW BURGHCLERE NEWBURY
O. [redacted]
PM WO AUG 92. 1450Z
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ROUTINE 180700Z AUG 92

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. 16 AUG 92, 2230-2245, 15 MINUTES
B. 2 SMALL AND LARGE LIGHTS ABOVE CLOUD
C. WALKING OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. CIRCULAR MOTION TO THE SOUTH EAST
F. VERY HIGH
G. OVER WARMINSTER
H. CIRCULAR MOTION
J. HIGH CLOUDS
K. NONE
L. CHIPPING SODBURY POLICE
M. [redacted], YATE, [redacted]
N. HAD NOT BEEN DRINKING

O. [redacted]
P. 170909Z AUG 92
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ROUTINE 180701Z AUG 92

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. 16 AUG 92, 2115Z,15 MINUTES
B. 2 OVAL LIGHTS CIRCLING
C. STATIONARY OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. CIRCLING THEN DISAPPEARED
F. 60 DEGREES
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLOUDY
K. NONE
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] YATE, [redacted]
N. NONE

O. [redacted] YATE, [redacted]
P. 170830Z AUG 92
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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ROUTINE 170707Z AUG 92

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. 162250Z AUG 92
B. LARGE. LONG. THIN. GREEN. BLUE. RED. TAIL
C. HOLLINGWORTH LAKE. RISHWORTH MOOR. WORLAND MOOR
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. FALLING TO EARTH
J. CLEAR NIGHT. GOOD VISIBILITY
K. LAKE
L. [redacted]. HALIFAX POLICE
M. NIL INFORMATION
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 172315Z AUG 92
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ROUTINE 170706Z AUG 92

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. 14 AUG 92 2345Z 15-20 MINUTES
B. 3. LARGE LIKE A SEARCHLIGHT. WHITE. VERY BRIGHT
C. 3 AREAS OF BRISTOL. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. BEAMS OF LIGHT CIRCLING AROUND
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE VIA BRISTOL ATC
M. BRISTOL [redacted] REFUSED TO PASS NAME AND ADDRESS TO POLICE
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 15 AUG 92 0030Z
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	162330 local time Aug 92 approx 10 minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bright light behind clouds changed shape as it moved due to line of sight
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Stationary in parked car and also when out of car
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)	From Thatto Heath Reservoir towards St Helens
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	35 deg to overhead
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	From Thatto Heath Reservoir to St Helens
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	West to East then hovered East to West then hovered departed Easterly direction
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Cloudy
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Alongside Thatto Heath Reservoir

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L. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc) — None

M. Name & Address of Informant — [redacted] Section 40 St Helens Lancs

N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered — - Computer Engineer

O. Other Witnesses — [redacted] St Helens

P. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) — 170025L Aug 92

Q. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions — - None

R. Remarks: — Had been drinking (alcohol free lager) with friend. Sounded a bit Larry Grayson 'ish.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	162255 local time Aug 92 approx 5 seconds
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Everything lit up - Mushroom shape - oblong
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor-walking home
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)	South to North
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	None given
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	NK
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	None given
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	None given
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Pitch black - no street lights or anything

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L. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc) — None

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M. Name & Address of Informant — [redacted]
Plumberry
Nr Ludlow
Salop

N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered — Saw something similar late last September which lasted longer and went East to West

O. Other Witnesses — None

P. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) — 162325L Aug 92

Q. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions — None

R. Remarks: — "It disappeared behind hills going towards Chester - must have hit the ground somewhere. It was not a UFO. It was either a satellite or meteorite burning up in the earths atmosphere."

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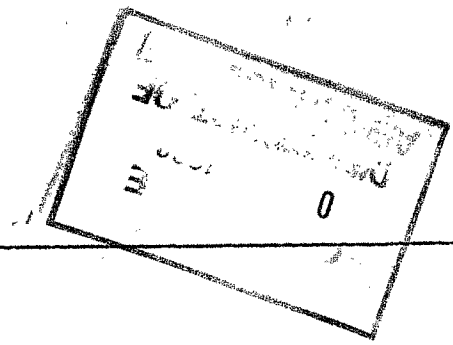
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	062240LAUG92 approx 5 Mins
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One Rectangular shape - with 4 orange lines
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor
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)	East
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Nonegiven
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	NK
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stationary
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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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L. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc) — Pitsea Police Station, BASILDON.

M. Name & Address of Informant — [redacted]
Pitsea
BASILDON
Essex

N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered — Non given

O. Other Witnesses

P. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) 062250L Aug 92

Q. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions — None

R. Remarks:

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ROUTINE 050720Z AUG 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 4 AUG 0042 LOCAL
B. ONE. COMET LIKE. WHITE. TRAILING SPARKS.
C. NIL INFORMATION
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH EAST
F. 45 DEGREES
G. 1 MILE
H. NIL
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. POLICE
M. [redacted]. BLACKMOOR. ESSEX
N. NIL

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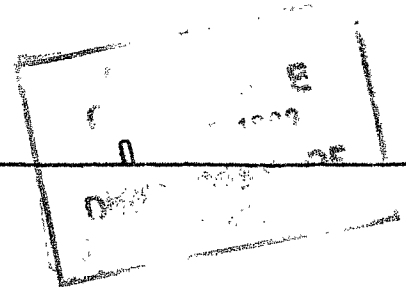
REPORT OF AN U[illegible]ING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	042345-050001 Aug 92 Local approx 30 secs
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Very bright light - rather like a star
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor
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)	South East
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	NK
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	North West
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Slight cloud towards Oxford
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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



L. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc) — RAF West Drayton

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M. Name & Address of Informant — [redacted] Harefield [redacted]

N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered — -

O. Other Witnesses — Girlfriend

P. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) — 051820L Aug 92

Q. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions — - None

R. Remarks: Informant estimates object to have been between 8 and 15 miles high and calculates speed to have been between 1,000 and 3,000 mph

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ROUTINE 270700Z JUL 92

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. 240100 JUL 92. 12 SECONDS
B. STREAK OF LIGHT. TEAR DROP SHAPE. 2 PIECES BROKE AWAY. FRONT PIECE CONTINUED UNTIL OUT OF VIEW
C. NIL
D. NAKED EYE
E. WEST HEADING EAST FOR WHOLE ARC OF THE SKY. DID NOT FALL
F. 50-60 DEGREES TO 50-60 DEGREES TO EAST
G. NIL
H. NIL
J. CLEAR SKIES
K. BUILDINGS BUT NOT LIT BY LIGHT
L. NIL
M. [redacted] GLYNDERWIN [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. NIL
P. 241430L JUL 92 RAF BRAWDY
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ROUTINE 270700Z JUL 92

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. 24 JUL MIDNIGHT (L)
B. 1 BY GOLDEN COLOURED LIGHT BELLSHAPE. ROUND AT TOP, FLAT AT BOTTOM
C. INDOORS THEN OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE AND ON VIDEO CAMERA
E. ACROSS ST AUBINS BAY FROM HEADING TO AIRPORT TO HARBOUR
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. NIL
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. LOOKING ACROSS OPEN BAY
L. JERSEY ATC. [redacted]
M. [redacted] ST HELLIER, JERSEY

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N. [redacted] HAS VIDEO OF OBJECT
O. [redacted]
P. 250900L JUL 92
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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ROUTINE 270700Z JUL 92

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. 230233Z JUL 92
B. FLASHING LIGHT. MAIN LIGHT AT TWELVE WITH SUBSIDUARY LIGHT AT TWO OCLOCK
C. STANDING IN CROSS ROADS
D. NAKED EYE
E. NW SKY LOW ON HORIZON APPEARED TO TRAVEL TO NE
F. 30-35 DEGREES
G. FAR AWAY PROBABLY COASTLINE
H. NIL
J. SHOWERY WEATHER LIGHTNESS ON HORIZON TO THE NE
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted] CLYNDERWIN, [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. NIL
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ANNEX A TO SOP 502

ANCL No 117

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	25 Jul 92 0022 hrs 3-4 Seconds
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Four objects, parallel Bigger than a star Soft glow
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors on patio, stationary
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)	South East
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	NK
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	South East to North West 45 to 135 degrees Erratic movements
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Plane moving in the sky about 15 degrees lower and much slower

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	East Midlands Airport RAF Coningsby RAF Scampton
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Section 40 Scunthorpe South Humberside
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	- Farmer
O.	Other Witnesses	None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	250120L Jul 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	- None
R.	Remarks:	

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 210815Z JUL 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 190030Z JUL 92 15 MINUTES
B. 6 BY SMALL TRANSPARENT BALLOON SHAPES, BRIGHT, 10 F ACROSS, 3 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ALONE A329(M) EAST HAMPSTEAD PARK
C. 2 BY OUTDOORS, 1 BY INDOORS, ALL THREE STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. COMING FROM DIRECTION OF READING
F. 1ST N/K 2ND AND 3RD 90 DEGREES
G. N/K
H. N/K
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted] SOUTH CROWTHORNE, [redacted]
N. NIL
O. NIL
P. 191815Z JUL 92
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ROUTINE 210815Z JUL 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MUDUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHEMONENA
A. 190030Z JUL 92 15 MINUTES
B. 6 BY SMALL TRANSPARENT BALLOON SHAPES, BRIGHT, 10 F ACCESS, 3 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ALONE A329(M) EAST HAMPSTEAD PARK
C. 2 BY OUTDOORS, 1 BY INDOORS, ALL THREE STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. COMING FROM DIRECTION OF READING
F. 1ST N/K 2ND AND 3RD 90 DEGREES
G. N/K
H. N/K
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted] SOUTH CROWTHORNE, [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. NIL
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ROUTINE 210745Z JUL 92

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. 182152Z JUL 92
B. 1 LARGE ORANGEBALL, VERY BRIGHT NO SOUND OR SMELL, VERY HIGH
C. SUTTON COLDFIELD, BIRMINGHAM. DRIVING A CAR
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTHERLY DIRECTION
F. N/K
G. AT LEAST 3 MILES
H. SLOW AND STEADY
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NIL
L. BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT. BIRMINGHAM POST AND MAIL
M. [redacted] LICHFIELD, STAFFS
N. NIL

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O. NIL
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ROUTINE 210800Z JUL 92

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. 162359 JUL 92 - 30 MINS
B. VERY BRIGHT WHITE LIGHTS IN A CIRCLE SPINNING
C. OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. 60 DEGREES
G. 200YDS
H. SPINNING
J. MOVING CLOUDS
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted] WRAYSBURY, STAINES, MIDDLESEX, [redacted]

N. LIVED NEAR HEATHROW FOR 21 YEARS
O. DAUGHTER AND FRIEND
P. 171435Z JUL 92
BT

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ROUTINE 231415Z JUL 92

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. 22 JUL 92 2315(L) 10 MINS
B. 4 OR 5 WHITE CIRCLES CONSTANTLY MOVING IRREGULAR
C. HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET, EAST OF YEOVILTON
D. NAKED EYE
E. CIRCLING OF TOWARDS EAST
F. 3-4000 FT
G. HEADING EAST 4 OR 5 CIRCLES, WHITE
H. 4 OR 5 CIRCLES FOLLOWING THEMSELVES. 50 TO 200 MPH
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. ATC BRISTOL LULSGATE AIRPORT [redacted]
M. [redacted] HENSTRIDGE TEMPLE COMBE [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. 20 WITNESSES
P. 0035 AND 2317(L)
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD149 23/1557 Z05C2698

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 231416Z JUL 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 22/7/92 2340(L) 20 MINS
B. WHITE CIRCLE. FLASHING ON AND OFF
C. IN ROAD AT GODNEY WELLS
D. NAKED EYE
E. GLASTONBURY TOUR
F. NIL
G. THREE TO FOUR MILES
H. CIRCULAR FLASHING
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. BRISTOL AIRPORT LULSGATE
M. Section 40 GODNEY. WELLS. [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. 10 PERSONS
P. 0005/2317(L)
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
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CYD050 22/1116 174C0929

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 220740Z JUN 92

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. 18 JUN - 2317.
B. ONE OBJECT, CIRCLE SHAPED, AMBER IN COLOUR, INTENSE BRIGHTNESS.
C. TWICKENHAM, INDOORS, STATIONARY.
D. NAKED EYE.
E. EAST.
F. 15 - 20 DEGREES
H. MOVEMENT - STATIONARY FOLLOWED BY HIGH SPEED DEPARTURE, BRIGHTNESS FADED.
J. CLEAR WITH OCCASIONAL CLOUD.
L. MILITARY ORGANISATION - D AND D RAF WEST DRAYTON.
M. [redacted] Section 40 TWICKENHAM, [redacted]
O. NIL

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P. 21 JUN 92. 2050
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	13 June 92 2000 hrs 15 Seconds
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One object. Large round ball, grey
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Loddington on Porch 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)	North
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	30 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	NK
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	South to North dipped towards horizon estimate 450 mph
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Sunny & clear sky
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Nil

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	, whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Civilian Police Kettering A Stn
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Loddington [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	- Nurseryman. Long time aircraft enthusiast. Father was in RAF
O.	Other Witnesses	[redacted]
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	132205Z Jun 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	- None
R.	Remarks:	States is on flight path of low flying a/c and is used to them. Object made no sound

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AF Ops

Date: 27 May 92

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

CYD160 28/1328 149C0553

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 280700Z MAY 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 28 MAY 92. 0320 LOCAL. CONTINUALLY OBSERVED THROUGHOUT PHONE CALL
B. ONE. DISC SHAPED. BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT. RED FLASHING. SEARCH LIGHT SHINING DOWN. HUMMING SOUND LIKE ENGINES
C. KINGS ROAD. KINGS STANDING. BIRMINGHAM
D. NAKED EYE
E. TOWARDS KINGS STANDING CIRCLE.
F. UNSURE
G. UNSURE
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NONE
L. DISTRESS AND DIVERSION
M. [redacted] KING STANDING. BIRMINGHAM

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N. NIL
O. MOTHER AND GRAND DAUGTHER
P 280226Z MAY 92. EXPLAINED TO CALLER THAT WHAT SHE DESCRIBED SOUNDED LIKE AN AIRSHIP
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	27 May 92 1745 - 1750 5 Minutes ?
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One object. 4" Diam solid orange cylinder in shape
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Princess Mary St Halton
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie	Naked eye then binoculars
E.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	In line with Chiltern on A4011
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	NK
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Approx 2 miles
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	NE to SW curving towards Stoke Mandeville
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Sunny & clear sky
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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

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L. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc) — PWHQ at STC

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M. Name & Address of Informant — [redacted] Wendover [redacted]

N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered — None given.

O. Other Witnesses — [redacted]

P. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) — 271705Z May 92

Q. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions — None

R. Remarks: — Reported to AF Ops by PWHQ

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AF Ops

Date: 27 May 92

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

CYD023 27/0801 148C0388

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 270701Z MAY 92

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. 25 MAY 92, 1731Z, SHORT DURATION
B. ONE, SMALL AIRCRAFT, LIGHT COLOUR, NO SOUND, NO SMELL
C. FL290 BETWEEN OCIT AND DUNSFOLD. COCKPIT OF BAC111 HEADING SOUTH EAST MOVING (OPPOSITE DIRECTION)
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH EAST FLYING NORTH WEST
F. SAME LEVEL
G. CLOSE
H. STEADY
J. VMC
K. NIL
L. BRITISH AIRWAYS OPERATIONS, [redacted]
M. [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. FIRST OFFICER
P. 251905Z MAY 92, A RAPID RADAR REPLAY WAS CARRIED OUT BUT NOTHING WAS OBSERVED ON THE RECORDING
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD022 27/0759 148C0382

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ROUTINE 270700Z MAY 92

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. 25 MAY 92, 1705 LOCAL
B. SILVER, VERY HIGH, CHANGED COLOUR FROM SILVER TO RED, PENCIL SHAPE, CHANGING SHAPE, VERY BRIGHT, NO SMELL, NO SOUND
C. 4 MILES NORTH OF BRENTWOOD, OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE, BINOCULARS
E. NORTH TO SOUTH
F. 70 DEGREES
G. NIL
H. ERRATIC
J. FULLY CLEAR, BLUE
K. NIL
L. DISTRESS AND DIVERSION, LATCR
M. [redacted] BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

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N. SON IS PPL STUDENT
O. WIFE, SON AND SONS GIRLFRIEND
P. 271705Z
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
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CYD039 18/0940 139C0655

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 180715Z MAY 92

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FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 1000 LOCAL/1005 LOCAL/1020 LOCAL. 20 MINUTES.18 MAY 92
B. THREE SHOOTING STAR LIKE OBJECTS. CIRCULAR RED COLOUR. BRIGHT.
SILVERY GOLD TRAIL LEFT BEHIND. APPEAR TO BE LIKE METEORITES BUT NOT
MOVING DOWNWARD IN AN ARC.
C. FACING DUE WEST. INDOORS.
D. NAKED EYE.
SOUTH TO NORTH ACROSS HORIZON. VERY LOW AND FAST.
F. 30 DEGREES. APROX
G. 50NM APROX.
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD035 18/0928 139C0599

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 160730Z MAY 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SIC Z&F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 17 MAY 92. 1943L. 30 SECONDS
B. ONE CIRCULAR SHAPED OBJECT. UNKNOWN SHAPE. FLASHING BRIGHT LIGHTS. NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. EAST EWELL(MIDDLESEX) OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. FROM NE TO SW
F. VERY HIGH
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY
J. GOOD VIS. NO CLOUD
L. NO OTHER AGENCY
M. [redacted]
H. RAMBLING SPEECH

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O. NO OTHER WITNESSES
P. 172020L MAY 92
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD001 18/0015 139C0032 CORRECTED VERSION

FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 172221Z MAY 92

FROM TELEX REFILE LINDHOLME
TO RAF WEST DRAYTON
MODUK AIR
INFO HQRAFSC

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
FROM SUSSEX POLICE
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
MODUK AIR ATTN FOR S4F(AIR), HQRAFSC ATTN FOR CP SY O
IN ANY REPLY PLEASE QUOTE GLB.NO:259/17 (FOR HQ USE ONLY)
SUBJECT UFO SIGHTING IN [redacted] BRIGHTON.
A [redacted]
REPORTED AT 2235 17/5/92 A UFO SIGHTING.HE HAD BEEN OBSERVING
THE UFO FOR 20MINS AT THIS STAGE FROM A DOWNSTAIRS WINDOW FACING
SOUTH...13 RED LIGHTS MOVING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED,APPEAR TO BE
LIKE METEORITES BUT ARE NOT MOVING DOWNWARDS IN AN ARC..MOVING
SOUTH TO NORTH VERY FAST..VERY LOW IN SKY!.
[redacted] WILL BE CONTCATING WEST DRAYTON DIRECT

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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	032015Z May 92 5 Minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One object. Pumpkin shaped
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Driving his car towards NEWCASTLE airport.
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)	South East
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	150 ft
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Travelling in a straight line.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky - No wind
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	No details given.

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	NEWCASTLE AIRPORT (Who gave him AFOR'S Number)
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Section 40 CRAMLINGTON Northumberland
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	- None given.
O.	Other Witnesses	None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	032035Z May 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	- None
R.	Remarks:	Nil

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AF Ops

Date: 3 May 92

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CYD080 21/1431 112C1537

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 211210Z APR 92

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. 162235 APR 92. 45 SECONDS
B. ONE. TWO AVERAGE SIZE HOUSES. OVAL. WHITE. NOT HARSH JUST GLOWING. HUMMING NOISE. NO SMELL
C. 400 YDS FROM ADDRESS BELOW
D. NAKED EYE
E. FROM HORSELL SECONDARY SCHOOL, OVER THE COMMON
F. JUST OVER TOPS OF HOUSES
G. NIL
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. POLICE, D AND D SECTION LATCC
M. [redacted] HORSELL. WOKING

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N. NIL
O. NIL
P. 162245 APR 92
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CYD180 08/1611 099C2B96

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 081420Z APR 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 080530L APR 92. 3 MINUTES
B. ONE. FLYING SAUCER SHAPED. WHITE. LIGHTS ON EDGE. BRIGHT
C. IN DOORS
D. NAKED EYE BUT TOOK PICTURES —— might be interesting
E. OVER HOUSES
F. HIGH
H. STEADY MOVEMENT
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NONE
L. GATWICK AIRPORT. GOODYEAR
M. [redacted] SNODLAND, KENT [redacted]
O. HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER
P. 081415Z APR 92

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CYD160 06/1942 097C3391

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 061325Z APR 92

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. 2 APR 92 1845-2000Z
B. ONE. LARGE. ROUND. BRIGHT LIGHT WITH GLASS DOME. NO SOUND. NO SMELL
C. BEHIND HILL OVER TOTTINGTON. HEADING TOWARDS YORKSHIRE
D. NAKED EYE. BINOCULARS
E. FROM SOUTH
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. ROTATING
J. GOOD
K. NIL
L. TELESCOPE SIGHT NEAR MANCHESTER AND MANCHESTER ATC
M. [redacted] Section 40 TOTTINGTON NR BURY

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N. NIL
O. [redacted] SON AND DAUGHTER OF [redacted]
P. 6 APR 1215Z AT MANCHESTER ATC [redacted]
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD032 06/0942 097C0760

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 060830Z APR 92

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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. 051940 APR 92
B. 1 TIMES DISCUS SHAPED OBJECT BLUE AND SILVER IN COLOUR
C. N/K
D. NAKED EYE
E. IN THE DIRECTION OF HASTINGS
F. APPROX 200FT
G.N/K
H. OBJECT WAS WOBBLING BUT FLYING IN A DIRECT LINE AT HIGH SPEED
J. SUN SHINING AND BLUE SKYS
K. N/K
L. SUSSEX POLICE
M. [redacted] HAWKHURST, KENT [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 052026 APR 92
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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U N C L A S S I F I E D Section 40 [redacted]

CYD042 30/0948 090C0609

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Section 40

ROUTINE 300745Z MAR 92

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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. 292040Z MAR 92 3-6 MINUTES
B. ONE. YELLOW FLAME WITH DARK OBJECT ABOVE. AS BRIGHT AS AIRCRAFT LANDING LIGHTS. NO SOUND
C. SE22. PECKHAM RYE. WALKING
D. NAKED EYE
E. SE APPEARED. NW DISAPPEARED
F. 40 DEGREES
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY. VIEW OF FLAME DID NOT CHANGE. POSSIBLY FLAME POINTING UPWARDS
J. CLOUDY
K. NIL
L. D AND D CELL, LATCC

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M. [redacted]
PECKHAM RYE
N. NIL
O. [redacted] FREIND [redacted]
P. 292100Z MAR 92
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
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U N C L A S S I F I E D

CYD041 30/0946 090C0604

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ROUTINE 300750Z MAR 92

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. 292045L MAR 92. 10-15 MINUTES
B. CIGAR SHAPED. VERY BRIGHT. WHITE
C. RINGWAY ROAD WEST. IN A CAR
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTHERLY
F. 10-20 DEGREES
G. 5-6 MINUTES
H. TO THE LEFT. SWINGING SLOWLY. FRONT TILTING UPWARDS
J. CLEAR
K. NEAR WATER TANKS
L. MANCHESTER ATC
M. [redacted] BRADLEY FOLD. BOLTON [redacted]
N. EX ARMY

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O. TWO OTHER WITNESSES
P. 300047L MAR 92
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ROUTINE 300745Z MAR 92

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. 292020L MAR 92. 10 MINUTES
B. ONE. NOT KNOWN. OBLONG. WHITE. VERY BRIGHT. NO SOUND. NO SMELL
C. 5M N CENTRE MANCHESTER. PRESTWICH, INDOORS AND OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH
F. LOW
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY
J. CLOUDY
K. N/A
L. BURY POLICE. D AND D CELL
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. HUSBAND AND NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOUR
P. 292000Z MAR 92. [redacted] BURY POLICE STATION Section 40
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
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ROUTINE 191210Z MAR 92

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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. 191900Z MAR 92
B. ONE LARGE SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT-TURNED THEN LOOKED CIGAR SHAPED. PALE COLOUR. BRIGHT. NO SOUND. NO SMELL
C. ST ALBANS OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. EAST TO WEST (NEAR HATFIELD AIRFIELD)
F. STRAIGHT AHEAD
G. 500YDS
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR SKY
K. CLEAR AREA
L. BRITISH AEROSPACE HATFIELD- 2 HOURS LATER
M. [redacted] ST ALBANS, HERTS [redacted]

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O. DAUGHTER
P. 201130 MAR 92
BT

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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 131131Z MAR 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. TUESDAY 10 2220Z. A FEW SECONDS
B. ONE. LARGE. 50 PENCE. FLOURESCENT. NO NOISE. NO SMELL SEEN THROUGH REAR VIEW MIRROR OF CAR. IT WAS NOTED THAT A LOT OF STATIC INTEFERENCE CAME OVER THE RADIO
C. ON THE HARDWICK ROAD O KINGS LYNN. BETWEEN KEMBLE SUITS FACTORY AND JAGGER FACTORY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. 50FT HIGH
G. NIL
H. HOVERING
J. UNKNOWN
K. NIL

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L. KINGS LYNN POLICE STATION
M. [redacted] KINGSLYNN [redacted]
N. NIL
O. 2 DAUGHTERS AGED 18 AND UNDER. ONE OF WHOM HAS DRAWN A PICTURE
P. 131010Z FROM [redacted] CONTROL ROOM KINGSLYNN POLICE STATION TEL 0553 691211
BT

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REPORT AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	101930Z Mar 92 Up to 10 mins
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Four objects, each one a dimish red light about the size of a star
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Seen outdoors in Sainsburys' car park, Kettering, Northants
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)	The 4 objects were moving in various directions anti-clockwise
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 to 60 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not sure
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving more slowly than an aircraft
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	2 x Radio masts nearby, but informant not sure of exact location

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Local police gave informants mother Air Force Operations telephone number. Informant said mother was a member of a local UFO society?
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Kettering Northants [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Informant's mother who made the initial contact said her son was aged 20 and had an interest in Astronomy
O.	Other Witnesses	None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	102200Z Mar 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
R.	Remarks:	Nil

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Sqn Ldr
[redacted]
AF Ops

Date: 10 Mar 92

Distribution:

Sec(AS)2, Rm 8247, MB
AEW/GE, Rm 4217, MB
DI 55, Rm 7/17, Metropole Bldg
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).
26Jan92;- 1805-1810 Hrs

Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc). One light, triangular in shape of medium brightness.

Exact position observer. (Geophraphical location. Indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving). Observer was outside his house, address below, and stationary.

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

Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).
Low in the sky, well below "Star level".

Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).
Not known, over a mile.

Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed). Very erratic in movement, violent changes of direction, not unlike a firefly.

Meterological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).
Clear.

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

To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).
[redacted] RAF Coltishall.

Name and address of informant. [redacted]
WYVERTON, HOLT. TEL: [redacted]

Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.
Electrical Contractor. Works for Coastguard.

Other witnesses
Wife only.

Date and time of receipt of report.
26Jan92 1905

Is a reply requested?
yes.

CRO
Spoke to Ops, they say this is 'our' pigeon. What action is required?

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	11 FEB. 1850. 8 MINS.
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	~~SEMI DETACHED HOUSE~~ SILVERY DISH BEHIND +ABOVE HOUSES GLOWING – HOVERING + USING ENGINES.
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	~~MOVE~~ BY FRONT GATE – STATIONARY
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)	DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM HOUSE. ~~NNW~~ NNW DIRECTION.
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	LOW IN SKY.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	JUST BEHIND HOUSE OPPOSITE.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	SIDE TO SIDE. + HOVERING.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	GETTING DARK, NOT CLOUDY.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	HOUSE.

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	FIRST TO POLICE. CIVIL AVIATION.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] CROSTON PARK [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	HUSBAND.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	Remarks	

[redacted] SEC(AS)2A

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Squadron Leader

[redacted]

AF Ops

Date...FEB..92..

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AEW/GE
DI 55
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This object is an unmanned airship which has been flying over central London recently. I've seen it myself! We've had other calls + signals.

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 190800Z FEB 92

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. 18 FEB 92. 1820. 7 MINUTES
B. ONE. SIZE OF SMALL AEROPLANE. SAUCER SHAPED. WHITE FLASHING LIGHT ON THE BOTTOM. FULL MOON BRIGHTNESS. NO SOUND. NO SMELL
C. BILTON WAY. HAYES. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. HAYES LOOKING TOWARDS SOUTHALL. OBJECT MOVED TOWARDS UXBRIDGE
F. QUITE LOW
G. HALF MILE TO A MILE
H. STEADY
J. CLOUDY
K. NIL
L. PRESS MAY HAVE BEEN INFORMED
M. [redacted]. WEST DRAYTON

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N. NIL
O. [redacted]. [redacted] WEMBLEY. POSSIBILITY WIFE OF [redacted]
SAW SAME OBJECT
P. 18 FEB 92. 2005
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD020 19/0907 050C0675

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 190800Z FEB 92

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. 1740 18 FEB 92
B. ONE. AIRSHIP SIZE. CYLINDER SHAPED, WHITE, BRIGHT
C. INDOORS
D. BINOCULARS
E. TOWARDS CANARY WHARF
H. MOVING SLOW
J. CLEAR SKY
L. ENFIELD POLICE STATION. [redacted]
M. [redacted]
P. 18 FEB 92. 1750
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD OE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 5

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19 February 1992

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AF Ops

Copy to:
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RAF West Drayton - AIS(Mil), LATCC

RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS OVER LONDON

1. Many addressees will be aware that there has been a recent spate of UFO sightings over the London area. Witnesses describe a large saucer or cigar-shaped luminous object, with a red flashing light underneath. Some witnesses also report having heard the sound of an engine.

2. Any report that fits this pattern is almost certain to have been the airship that has been flying over London recently - the main body of which is strongly illuminated. I have actually seen it myself from a number of angles and distances, and can appreciate why many people are filing UFO reports.

3. Whilst we have standard lines to take on UFOs, it is perfectly acceptable to suggest any logical explanation for a sighting to a caller, and in this instance I suspect it might put a few people's minds at rest to suggest that - if the details fit - the object that they saw was this airship.

4. I hope this is helpful.

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19 FEB 1992
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AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	18 Feb 92, between 1215 and 1415 2 hours duration
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One object. Varied in size from the size of a car to the size of a football pitch. Green/Silver/Blue Bright
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Between Aldrich and Sutton Coldfield Outdoors, stationary.
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)	Travelling West to East.
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	3000 ft
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stationary for 4 to 15 secs. Moved off at high speed in Easterly direction.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Cloudy. Cloud base 3000 ft. Mist.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Not known.

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	West Midlands Police. Local Press.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Kingstanding Birmingham [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	- Local UFO Reporter.
O.	Other Witnesses	44 other people have reported the same sighting.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	182015Z Feb 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	- None
R.	Remarks:	

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Date: 18 Feb 92

Distribution:

Sec(AS)2, Rm 8247, MB
AEW/GE, Rm 4217, MB
DI 55, Rm 7/17, Metropole Bldg
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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 181005Z FEB 92

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. 171730 FEB 92 15 MINUTES
B. 1, SMALL, DOME SHAPED, LIGHT COLOURED, VERY BRIGHT
C. EAST ACTON, WULSTAN ST
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTHWARD
F. 65 DEGREES
G. 60 FT
H. ERRATIC MOVEMENT
J. CLEAR, NO CLOUDS
K. NIL
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] EAST ACTON
N. NIL

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O. MAN WALKING DOG
P. 171940 FEB 92
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD103 18/1302 049C1615

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ROUTINE 181045Z FEB 92

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. 171930-1950 FEB 92
B. 1 OVAL SHAPED, VERY BRIGHT, LIT FROM WITHIN
C. COLDSALL WOOD, NORTH LONDON N10. SEEN WHILE DRIVING AND AFTER STOPPING
D. NAKED EYE
E. GOING WEST
F. TWICE THE HEIGHT OF A 3 STOREY HOUSE
G. 50 YARDS
H. SLOW, STEADILY MOVING
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. POLICE
M. [redacted], LONDON N10

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N. NIL
O. 2 OTHER WITNESSES
P. 181030 FEB 92
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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	122000Z Feb 92. Visible for approx 7 min. 1955-2002
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 Oval shaped. Lights from windows flashing light beneath.
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors, stationary.
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)	SSW from Beaconsfield
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Low
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not known. Looked well into Berks
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Performed half circle and descende
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Starry sky, patchy cloud.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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 of note.

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L. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc) — Air Force Ops Main Building

M. Name & Address of Informant — [redacted]
Wooburn Common
Bucks

N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered — - Sales Rep. On way to dance

O. Other Witnesses — - [redacted]

P. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) — 121800Z Feb 92

Q. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions — - None

R. Remarks: — None

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AF Ops

Date: 14 Sep 91

Distribution:

Sec(AS)2, Rm 8247, MB
AEW/QE, Rm 4217, MB
DI 55, Rm 7/17, Metropole Bldg
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CYD035 12/1056 043C1177

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ROUTINE 120920Z FEB 92

1.

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. 11 FEB 92 530-600 PM
B. 1 OBJECT, ROUND SAUCER SHAPED ILLUMIOUS, 1 WHITE LIGHT IN CENTRE ON TOP AND ON THE UNDERSIDE
C. HYDE PARK SOUTH MOVING IN CAR AND STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. MOVING SOUTH
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
L. MET OFFICE
M. [redacted] NWS [redacted]
O. YES
P. 120910 FEB
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD039 12/1103 043C1224

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 111900Z FEB 92

FROM KAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

J.
Airship?

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 11 FEB 92 1900
B. ONE AIRSHIP, DISC SHAPED RED LIGHTS EITHER END LIT FROM WITHIN
C. LEYTON-STONE E11 LONDON, OUTDOORS, MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR SKY
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] LEYTON STONE [redacted]
P. 11 FEB 1945
BT

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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDD)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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CYD047 10/1227 041C1402

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ROUTINE 101150Z FEB 92

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. 09 FEB 92. 0500 NON STOP UNTIL 2234
B. 1 ROUND BLUE VERY BRIGHT. NO SOUND, NO SMELL
C. VILLAGES OF LLAGERIG AND LLANIDLOS MID WALES
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. QUARTER OF A MILE
H. STEADY CHANGING ERRATIC
J. CLOUDS
K. NIL
L. INFORMANT WOULD NOT SAY
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

O. INFORMANT WOULD NOT DIVULGE IDENTITY OF OTHER WITNESSES
P. 092240 FEB
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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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CYD057 07/1019 038C0930

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 070835Z FEB 92

FROM RAF BRIZE NORTON
TO MODUK AIR

why do UFOs tend to use nav lights!!!!

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 6 FEB 92 0630Z 30 SECS
B. ONE OBJECT. 2 INTENSE WHITE(ALMOST BLUE)LIGHTS RH SIDE 2 RED LH SIDE 1 FLASHING RED IN MIDDLE
C. INDOORS THROUGH SECONDARY GLAZED CLOSED WINDOW
D. NAKED EYE THROUGH NEW SPECTACLES
E. TO SOUTH OF MILTON UNDER WYCHWOOD
F. 45 DEGREES TO 30 DEGREES
G. ONE HALF MILE
H. MOVED FROM SOUTH TO NORTH
J. CLEAR AND STILL
K. STRECT LIGHTS-NO LIGHTS ABOVE THESE
L. RAF BRIZE NORTON ONLY
M. [redacted], MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, CHIPPING

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NORTON, OXON
N. 60 YRS OF AGE
O. [redacted]
P. 6 FEB 92 1010Z
Q. NIL
R. NIL
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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ROUTINE 070800Z FEB 92

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. 061715 FEB 92
B. LARGER THAN MOON. SEEN FROM A DISTANCE. LIKE A FLYING SAUCER. LIKE AN ILLUMINATED MOON. BRIGHT CREAM YELLOW. NO SOUND NO SMELL
C. FROM OUTSIDE BONHOMIE OLD PEOPLES HOME NEAR HURST (READING). THEN ALONG THE ROAD TO TWYFORD TO GET A BETTER VIEW
D. NAKED EYE
E. IN DIRECTION OF SLOUGH
F. LOWER THAN TOPS OF TREES. POSSIBLY DESCENDING — Wo H'Row!!
G. ABOUT A MILE AT BOTH POINTS
H. FAST MOVING TOWARDS SLOUGH WHEN FIRST SEEN AND SLOWED DOWN ALMOST IN A HOVER
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. OVERFLIGHTS CLOSE TO OLD PEOPLES HOME

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
L. READING POLICE
M. [redacted] EARLEY, READING, BERKS
[redacted]
N. NIL
O. HEAD GARDENER AT THE OLD PEOPLES HOME
P. 6 FEB 92
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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 051000Z FEB 92

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. 4 FEB 92. 2155L
B. 1 VERY BIG, ROUND OBJECT. LOTS OF FLASHING LIGHTS, RED, ORANGE, BLUE, GREEN LAUNCHING FEET ON THE BASE WITH COLD ICE AROUND IT
C. IN CAR, ON B5085 KNOTSFORD, CHESHIRE, MOVING, BUT CAR CUT OUT WHEN UFO FLEW OVER IT
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH EAST
F. NIL
G. VERY LOW ABOUT 2 TREE HEIGHTS
H. MOVING SLOWLY NE
J. CLEAR AND DRY
K. OUSES
L. POLICE

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M. [redacted] GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE [redacted]
N. NIL
O. A LADY IN ANOTHER CAR
P. 5 FEB 0950
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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 1 DGSTI

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	3rd Feb 2125 Z . 2 mins
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2 objects . Red circle, white light red trail across sky
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Hoo Marina, Rochester, from houseboat
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)	red circle directly overhead red trail moved towards marina in NE direction
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	c 45°
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)	1st circle overhead . Appeared then disappeared . Trail flashed across sky
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear bright night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Marina + river, Medway bridge ½ mile away lights from around Marina

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	local police
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted], Rochester
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Not been drinking - perfectly sane
O.	Other Witnesses	None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	[redacted], Maidstone Police 2130 Z, ATC Manston 2139 Z
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	None

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ROUTINE 031145Z FEB 92

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. 2 FEB 92. 17 TO 1800Z
B. DARK DELTA OBJECT WITH RIDGES 2 LIGHTS EITHER SIDE LIT UP, DOME ON TOP LIT UP
C. GREEBA BRIDGE IN CAR
D. NAKED EYE
E. HOVERING OVER BRIDGE
G. 40-50FT AGL
H. HOVERING
J. CLEAR SKY
K. HOUSES
L. LOCAL POLICE
M. [redacted], ST JOHNS, ISLE OF MAN

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ROUTINE 031130Z FEB 92

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. 3 FEB 92. 0045. 10 TO 15 SECS
B. BLACK OBJECT. 1 LIGHT WHICH FLASHED TWICE ACCOMPANIED BY A LOUD BANG
C. BEDROOM LOOKING OUT OF WINDOW
D. NAKED EYE
E. BETWEEN TWO FORTH BRIDGES
G. ABOVE FORTH BRIDGES
H. MOVING TOWARDS EDINBURGH EASTWARDS THEN DISAPPEARED
J. CLEAR SKY
K. FORTH BRIDGES AND RIVER
L. LOTHIAN AND BORDERS POLICE HQ AT FETTES
M. [redacted] SOUTHQUEENSFERRY EDINBURGH [redacted]
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ROUTINE 241300Z JAN 92

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 240840Z JAN 92 10-15 MINS
B. 1 LARGE GOLD AND BLACK FIVE POINTED STAR DULL MAT COLOUR, QUIET HUMMING SOUND
C. OUTDOORS/STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. HEADING SOUTH EAST
F. 70-75 DEGREES
G. N/K
H. STEADY MOVEMENT
J. GOOD VISABILITY
K. NIL
L. GLOUCESTERSHIRE EVENING STANDARD
M. [redacted], TETBURY [redacted]

N. NIL
O. HER 11 YEAR OLD SON
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	230640 Z, c30 secs
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 object, flat and sphere, blue, very bright, no noise
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Driving, we assume in the Macclesfield area, but not stated.
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)	N/K
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/K
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	50 - 100 metres away
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Constant motion in one direction
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky, good visibility
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	N/K

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Macclesfield Express, who phoned AFDO
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted], Macclesfield Express, 37 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6BX
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	None
O.	Other Witnesses	None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	231010Z Jan 92
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Relayed report from sensible, genuine sounding lady.

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(Message taken in AF Ops and relayed to Sec AS)

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ROUTINE 201137Z JAN 92

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. 110815-110900 JAN 92 45 MINS DURATION
B. TWO SPHERICAL SHAPES, DARK IN COLOUR, THICK BLACK VAPOUR TRAILS. ONE NEARER THAN OTHER NEARER SIDE HAD A METEOR STYLE VAPOUR TRAIL. FALLING LIKE A STAR QUITE HIGH
C. DRIVING BETWEEN FISHGUARD AND CARDINGAN ON SATURDAY MORNING A487T
D. NAKED EYE WHILST DRIVING BETWEEN FISHGUARD AND CARDIGAN
E. ABOVE MOUNTAIN LINE MOVING FROM INLAND HEADING NE
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. INLAND HEADING NE
J. N/K
K. N/K
L. SDO [redacted] 79 SQN EXT 237

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M. [redacted] PARK ST FISHGUARD DYFED
N. DID NOT SEE OBJECT LAND BUT SAW AN AIRCRAFT IN AREA AFTER OBJECT DISAPPEARED
O. NONE
P. 111500 JAN 92 LOCAL
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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 162025Z JAN 92

FROM RAF BUCHAN
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
BROAD SHIELD
HQ 11 GP PSTLSY PRIORY

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F/KGA
MOD AIR FOR AFDO. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT
A. 14-15-16 JAN 92, 0730-0945L
B. SINGLE BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT WITH POSSIBLE TINT OF GREEN. INTENSITY OF LIGHT FADED SLIGHTLY AND THEN RETURNED, THIS HAPPENED SEVERAL TIMES. NO SOUND. NO SMELL
C. OBSERVER INDOORS, STATIONARY AT SMITH CROFT, GLEN KINDIE, BYE ALFORD, GRAMPIAN. (WEST OF ABERDEEN APPROX 20 MILES)
D. NAKED EYE ON 14-15 JAN. BINOCULARS ON 16 JAN. NOT ON ANY TYPE OF FILM
E. SEEN OVER BRUNT HILL WHICH IS BETWEEN HUNTLY AND TARLAND.
05 MAP NUMBER 37, GRID REFERENCE 13-48

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F. APPROX 20 DEGREES
G. FROM SMITH CROFT COTTAGE TO BRUNT HILL APPROX 1000 YRDS FURTHER THAN TELEGRAPH POLES WHICH ARE IN BETWEEN
H. MOVED RIGHT BETWEEN 2 TELEGRAPH POLES, THEN FURTHER RIGHT TO OTHER SIDE OF TELEGRAPH POLE. DURING THE 2 HRS OF SIGHTING LIGHT MOVED DOWNWARDS SLOWLY THEN THE LAST MINUTE OF SIGHTING CLIMBED HIGH AND FAST OUT OF SIGHT
J. 14 AND 15 JAN CLEAR SKY. 16 JAN LIGHT CLOUD
K. TELEGRAPH POLES, BRUNT HILL, RADIO/TV MAST NEAR BY BUT OBSERVER QUOTED DEFINITELY NOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH MAST, UNQUOTE
L. RAF BUCHAN
M. [redacted] STANTON ON THE WOLDS, KEYWORTH NOTTS [redacted]
N. AT COTTAGE WITH DAUGHTER OR DAUGHTER IN LAW, AND SON
O. LIGHT HAS BEEN SEEN BEFORE AND HAS BEEN REPORTED IN LOCAL PAPER (NAME OF PAPER UNKNOWN)
P. INITIAL REPORT 141300 JAN 92, COMPLETED REPORT 161900 JAN 92
Q. REPLY REQUESTED
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ROUTINE 130800Z JAN 92

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. 092359Z JAN AND 100045Z JAN 92
B. RED, BLUE AND YELLOW OBJECT FLYING AROUND IN CIRCLES
C. INDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND A PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN ON 10 JAN
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. N/K
J. N/K
K. N/K
L. SWANSEA POLICE STATION
M. [redacted], SWANSEA [redacted]
N. N/K

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O. N/K
P. 111435Z JAN 92
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ROUTINE 061630Z JAN 92

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. 6 JAN 92 0735Z 2 SECONDS DURATION
B. BRIGHT CIRCULAR OBJECT
C. TRAVELLING IN VEHICLE EASTERLY ON M62. JUNCTION 11 ON M6 AND M602
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH TO SOUTH 90 DEGREES ACROSS MOTORWAY
F. 30 DEGREES
G. VERY HIGH
H. SMOOTH. LEFT TO RIGHT
J. CLEAR CLOUD TO RIGHT HANDSIDE. HIGH BASE
K. NONE
L. MANCHESTER ATC. MANCHESTER POLICE
M. [redacted]. RAIN HILL. MERSEYSIDE [redacted]
N. DRIVING TO WORK FOR 15 MINS

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O. [redacted]
P. 6 JAN 1530
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Horfield
Bristol
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The Officer-in-Charge
Flying Complaints Flight
Provost and Security Services
RAF Rudloe Manor
Corsham,
Wilts.

18th December 1991

Dear Sir,

Unidentified Flying Objects - evening of 17th August 1991

I am writing to you as I believe you may be interested in my report, given the locality. I apologise for the fact that the events are four months old.

On Saturday, the 17th of August, I was at Rudloe Park Hotel for an evening wedding reception. At about 11.35pm I went into the garden where about ten others were standing. As I was due to drive home later I had not been drinking alcohol so my faculties were intact. As your metereological records will show, it was a fine, clear evening with no wind; the stars were visible, even the Milky Way. I am fairly well acquainted with observing the night skies as I have an astronomical telescope. I am used to seeing planets, aircraft, meteors, and satellites, all of which are frequently mistaken for UFOs by those who are not acquainted with the night sky.

I am also aware of the effect of air bubbles in the fluid of the eye which can sometimes be mistaken for objects seen in the telescope. While these are spherical they are unique to the particular eye of that observer and I know what mine looks like and where it is situated in my field of vision.

The group I was standing in suddenly became aware of an object travelling in a south-westerly direction directly above us. Coincidentally we also saw some fireworks in the sky over Corsham a couple of miles to the west. At first we thought the object was part of the display that had drifted our way but as it took more than two minutes to traverse our field of view and maintained its height it clearly was not a firework.

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The object was spherical with flames around the edge. The centre was not bright but illuminated like an orange glass globe lit from within. Our first thought was that it was a hot-air balloon but we discounted this explanation for a number of reasons. Firstly, it was a very dark sky, (the moon having set about two hours before), and balloons cannot fly at night. Secondly, it moved at a steady speed, around 60 mph if its apparent height of 1000 feet plus was correct, (difficult to judge), and there was no wind. Thirdly, there was no sign of a basket slung underneath, which would have obscured a portion of the light of the globe. The band at the reception was playing so it was difficult to tell if the object was emitting any sound.

Its size was difficult to judge but given its apparent height it may have been 40 to 50 feet in diameter. I do not have flying experience so my judgement as to height, size and velocity will not be accurate. My impression though was that it was of a large size and at an altitude that was not immediately overhead. As it looked like no aerial transport I had seen before it was impossible to judge scale.

We watched as it progressed to a point where the nearby trees obscured it as it headed for the horizon. We were still in the garden at 11.50pm when an identical object flew over at exactly the same height and speed. The fireworks in Corsham had finished by this time.

These objects were definitely not like any astronomical phenomenon I had observed before. Have you had any other sightings reported that corroborate my account? I wonder if the radar records at RAF Colerne confirm that two craft flew into the local airspace at those times? One reason I am writing to you is to ensure you are aware of these strange phenomena in our airspace. Have you any idea what they were?

Yours faithfullly,

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. [illegible] 1 MINUTE
B. [illegible] CYLINDER IN [illegible] BRIGHT [illegible]
C. [illegible]
D. [illegible]
E. [illegible]
F. [illegible]
G. [illegible]
H. [illegible]
I. [illegible]
J. [illegible]
K. N/A
L. ENFIELD POLICE, [redacted]
M. [redacted] WALTHAM CROSS, [redacted]

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N. N/A
O. NO OTHER WITNESSES
P. [illegible]
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UFO SIGHTING - DYFED/HEREFORD - MON 9 DEC 91

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 10 Dec 91.

B. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 28 Nov 91.

1. I am afraid I am unable to shed light on the incident you refer to at Reference A. Furthermore, the Air Defence Ground Environment (ADGE) System would also be unable to give us any more help because of the area. It does, however, sound very much like an aircraft engine going in and out of reheat.

2. I have also attempted to follow up the other incident, at Reference B, in the Edinburgh area. Once again, I am afraid the ADGE organisation has been unable to shed any further light on the incident for the same reason, ie it was outside the normal area of operations.

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Wg Cdr

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

10 December 1991

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GE3(RAF [redacted] Section 40

UFO SIGHTING - DYFED/HEREFORD - MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 1991

1. We have received information about a UFO sighting which occurred yesterday over South Wales/Hereford and Worcester.

2. The sighting occurred at approximately 1650Z yesterday, and reports were made to a number of different locations, including the police at Worcester and Dyfed, local fire brigade stations, the CRO at RAF Hereford (where there were a number of military witnesses), and Duty Officers at RAF Shawbury, RAF Brampton and in Main Building. The Distress and Diversion Cell at West Drayton also fielded a number of calls. I understand that the sighting was reported on local radio and television, and reports appeared in the Shawbury Star and the Manchester Evening News.

3. The object seen was a bright white light, at a high altitude, with flames (or an illuminated vapour trail) in its wake. Many witnesses believed that they were witnessing an aircraft accident, and some reports indicated that the object broke up. A few seconds after the sighting, a low rumbling sound was heard, and some windows were seen to be shaking.

4. A local reporter (ex-RAF) phoned the CRO at RAF Hereford to say that he had witnessed the object through binoculars, and believed it to be a Tornado flaming out and subsequently recovering power. IFS(RAF) are not aware of a flight safety incident, but if one has occurred, it would normally be reported by signal within 48 hours. I will advise if a report is made. Routine use of afterburners, however, would not be unusual at all.

5. For the time being we are treating this as a UFO incident. I would be grateful for any light addressees can shed on this sighting. I will advise of further developments, and forward any reports that have not been copied to you.

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ROUTINE 101304Z DEC 91

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. 091615Z DEC 91 B. BRIGHTLY LIT. LOOKED LIKE AIRCRAFT WITH LANDING LIGHTS ON C. 10 TO 15 MILES NW OF CLEE RADAR OVERHEAD. MOVING RAPIDLY D. NAKED EYE E. NIL F. NIL G. NIL H. RAPID MOVEMENT FROM BELOW STRAIGHT UP AND OUT OF VISUAL CONTACT J. NIL K. NIL L. CONSUL 22 LATCC M. REPORTED BY TWO AIRCRAFT CALLSIGNS GAYRR HS125 FROM HAWARDEN TO NORTHOLT AND NEWPIN43 HS125 FROM AND TO HAWARDEN N. NIL O. NIL P. 091700Z DEC 91
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ROUTINE 090745Z DEC 91

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. 062145 DEC 91
B. ONE, OBJECT, VARIOUS SHADES WITH PULSATING GREEN, BLUE, RED WHITE LIGHTS. NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. B4425 ROAD AND ABLINGTON FARM
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. STEADY MOVEMENT
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. NONE
L. CIRENCESTER POLICE
M. [redacted], DUXBURY POLICE

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N. NIL
O. 3 PEOPLE IN HOUSE AND PEOPLE NEXT DOOR
P. 062245Z DEC 91
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting. DEC081800-1830 AND 1908

B. Description of Object. ORANGE & RED GLOWING LIGHTS TURNING TO SILVER THEN SPLIT BEFORE SPEEDING OFF.

C. Exact Position Observer.

D. How Observed. EYE

E. Direction in which Object was first seen.

F. Angle of Sight.

G. Distance.

H. Movements.

J. Meteorological conditions during observation. CLEAR STARLIT NIGHT GROUND FROST.

K. Nearby objects.

L. To whom reported. CIVIL POLICE AT HACKENSOP - SHEFFIELD

M. Name and Address of informant. CIVIL POLICE Section 40 [redacted] EXT Section 40 [redacted] INCIDENT No 769 8TH DEC

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

O. Other witnesses. [redacted] PLUS FRIEND 2 SIGHTINGS

P. Date and time of receipt of report. ANSWERPHONE 9 DEC 0900

Q. Is a reply requested. YES

[redacted]

Name [redacted]

Date 9 Dec 91

Rank FLT LT Tel No X [redacted]

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	6-12-91 1715-1795
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	ONE, LOTS OF LIGHT ON BOTTOM, ONE ON TOP, VERY BRIGHT
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Section 40 [redacted] SITTINGBOURNE
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)	965037 - 955635
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45° (approx)
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	1/2 a mile
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moved 1/2 a mile & before disappeared
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	SWACE Police
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] TEYNHAM [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nothing known to her detriment
O.	Other Witnesses	Her family (agreed) [redacted]
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	7-12-91 2225L
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	Remarks	Reported to RAF MANSTON by: [redacted] TEYNHAM POLICE Ref: 077 incident 0797 of 6-12-91

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Squadron Leader
Duty Operations Officer
AF Ops

Date 9-12-91.....

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting. FRIDAY 8 NOV91 2300 (1min)

B. Description of Object. WHITE BLUE BALL WITH INTENSIVE WHITE BLUE BEAMS OF LIGHT ACTUALLY REACHING THE GROUND FROM A GREAT HEIGHT.

C. Exact Position Observer. FIELD/LANE MICKLEBRING, DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE

D. How Observed. 2 LADIES (BY EYE)

E. Direction in which Object was first seen. SE TO NW (BUT NOT SURE OF DIRECTIONS)

F. Angle of Sight. 75°-80°

G. Distance. UNKNOWN BUT CONTRAIL TYPE HT. SIMULAR TO HIGH FLYING JETS BUT NO SOUND. A JET WAS SEEN SOME TIME LATER (10MINS) BUT WITH SOUND AT A SIMULAR HT.

H. Movements. SLOW AT FIRST BUT RAPID EXCEL WITH WHITE/BLUE AFTERGLOW. OBJECT (SMALL) SEEN AHEAD OF GLOW.

J. Meteorological conditions during observation. CLEAR STARLIT NIGHT

K. Nearby objects. TREES SOME HOUSES

L. To whom reported. [redacted] RAF FINNINGLEY

M. Name and Address of informant. [redacted] MICKLEBRING, DONCASTER.

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered. EX RAF SERVICE WIFE SCHOOL TEACHER

O. Other witnesses. HER FRIEND WHILE WALKING DOGS WITH HER BUT..... SCHOOL TEACHER IN SHEFFIELD (A FRIEND) ALSO SAW THIS WHILE WALKING IN SHEFFIELD AT 2300HRS.

P. Date and time of receipt of report. 12 NOV 91 1500HRS

Q. Is a reply requested. YES PLEASE

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Sec. (AS)2
15 NOV 1991
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Signed [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Rank FLT LT Tel No Ex [redacted]

Date 12 NOV 91

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 031033Z DEC 91

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
FOR AFOR(RAF). REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.
A 27 NOV 91 2230HRS 20 SECS
B ONE, BEVELLED STRIP LIGHTS, LIGHTS ONLY SEEN, NO SOUND
C BELLSDYKE ROAD, CARRON SHORE, BY FALKIRK
D NAKED EYE
E BETWEEN FALKIRK AND STIRLING
F GREATER THAN 45 DEGREES
G UNABLE TO JUDGE
H SLOW MOVING, HEADING FALKIRK TO STIRLING
J CLOUDY WITH CLEAR BREAKS
K NONE
L RAF LEUCHARS OPS
M [redacted] CARRON SHORE, [redacted]

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N NONE
O [redacted]
P 27 NOV 91 2310Z
Q YES
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 251050Z NOV 91

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR
INFO BROAD SHIELD
HQ 11 GP BENTLEY PRIORY

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F/I3F/IBJ
MOD UK AIR/AFOR
SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT
A. BETWEEN 1 AND 4 OCT 91 SOMETIME BETWEEN 0600 AND 0730 HRS LASTING 10 SECS
B. LIKE A LOW FLYING A/C BUT MUCH BIGGER, OMITTED MASSIVE RED FLASHES WHEN OVER THE HORIZON. SILENT
C. BACK GARDEN OF HOUSE IN STAINDROP 10 MILES FROM DARLINGTON
D. NAKED EYE
E. OVER RABEY WOODS
F. BETWEEN 20 - 30 DEGREES
G. VERY CLOSE ONE HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED YARDS FROM OBSERVER
H. SMOOTH STRAIGHT FLIGHT FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

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J. CLEAR
K. LAKE NEARBY IN RABEY PARK
L. NONE
M. [redacted] COUNTY DURHAM [redacted]
N. ARTIST
O. NONE KNOWN
P. 25 NOV 1730 LOCAL
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ I AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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U N C L A S S [redacted] Section 40

CYD014 25/0942 329C0471

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 250845Z NOV 91

I wonder what that could be:
It is unusual that UFO, any navigation lights!!

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 232245Z NOV 91
B. SINGLE OBJECT WITH A STEADY BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT AND RED AND GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS
C. SOUTH OF GATWICK AIRPORT, INDOORS
D. BINOCULARS
E. OVER GATWICK AIRPORT
F. UNKNOWN
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY AND AFTER REMAINING STEADY FOR 20 MINUTES MOVED FRACTIONALLY TO THE RIGHT
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NONE
L. RAF WEST DRAYTON, AIS(M)

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M. [redacted] EAST HANWORTH, MIDDLESEX
N. NONE
O. NONE
P. 241100Z NOV 91
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MOD Form 4A

MEMORANDUM

To [redacted]

From [redacted]

Tel. 82140 MB

Date 28/11/91

Our ref. D/sec(AS) 12/3

Your ref. —

Subject UFO REPORT

I have attached a letter about a recent UFO sighting. The witnesses sound reliable (civil servants!) and I would be grateful if you would check whether anything unusual appeared on AD radar in this area at the time in question.

I am aware that the JMC 91/3 exercise was going on at this time, although I'm not sure that the areas correspond.

Grateful for your views!

Rank/Appointment EO

Name in Block Letters [redacted]

Signature [redacted]

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SRUFO
Scottish Research into Unidentified Flying Objects
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WEST LOTHIAN
SCOTLAND Section 40

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Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

22nd November 1991

Dear Sir,

Further to our telephone conversation of today Friday 22nd November 1991. I enclose details of the observations made by a number of Civil Servants in an Edinburgh Office block on the late afternoon of Wednesday 20th November 1991.

The witnesses have described the following incident:

During the period 15.50 hours until 16.15 on 20.11.91. Several objects were observed making erratic movements to the East of Edinburgh. From the vantage point in an upper floor of an office Block on the West of Edinburgh, the objects were seen above the local Edinburgh landmark of "Arthurs Seat" which is a large volcanic hill two miles to the East of the City Centre and an estimated 6 miles line of sight from the point of observation.

It is fair to add that several witnesses thought that the objects may have indeed been a greater distance to the East but in the same general direction.

The objects were not identified as conventional aircraft due to the very erratic movement patterns they made.

At around 16.15 a Civil aircraft thought to have been an Edinburgh bound Shuttle made its appearance in the same general area of airspace. As the Aircraft approached the objects they were seen to scatter upwards at phenomenal speed until they disappeared.

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Sec. GSI2
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I find it hard to beleive that military aircraft would be operating in this area so close to traditional Civil air routes and I would be grateful if you would assist us by confirming whether or not there may have been Military manouvers at the above location and time.

I would also be most grateful for any other non confidential information that may assist us in our investigation into this incident.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

Chairman

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ROUTINE 201735Z NOV 91

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. 201630Z NOV 91 DURATION 5-10 MINS
B. SINGLE, DISC SHAPED WHITE OBJECT WHICH REFLECTED SUNLIGHT
C. OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. BINOCULARS
E. NONE
F. UNKNOWN
G. ABOVE HOUSE
H. BREAKING UP TRAVELLING EASTWARDS
J. CLEAR SKY, GOOD VIS
K. NONE
L. CREDITON POLICE STATION, DEVON, [redacted]
M. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] CREDITON DEVON
N. NONE

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O. NONE
P. 201710Z NOV 91
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 1 DGSTI

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CYD008 11/1000 315C0592

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 110855Z NOV 91

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. 082200Z NOV 91 ONWARDS
B. RED WHITE AND BLUE LASER TYPE LIGHTS FLASHING BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS BETWEEN TWO POINTS. VERY BRIGHT LIGHTS. RED MIST/SMOKE ALSO OBSERVED
C. NORTH, NORTH EAST AND MID POWYS
D. NAKED EYE
E. LIGHTS SEEN OVER LARGE AREA
F. UNKNOWN
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY, CHANGING, ERRATIC
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NONE
L. NEWTOWN POLICE STATION 0686 625704

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M. [redacted] NEWTOWN POLICE STATION. NUMEROUS PEOPLE HAD REPORTED LIGHTS TO NEWTOWN POLICE STATION
N. NONE
O. TWO SEPERATE MOBILE POLICE PATROLS AT 2256Z SAW A HUGE LIGHT FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLOSION
P. 082305Z NOV 91
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

ENCL No 61

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	~~1830~~ 03-45 9 NOVEMBER
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	VERY BRIGHT, VERY HIGH MOVING ALONG - FLUFF LIGHT FLASHING - RED AND ORANGE - UNDERSEEMED TO GUIDE NO NOISE - FLASHED REGULARLY.
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	INDOORS - BY WINDOW
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)	SOUTH WEST (NEAR PLOUGH CONSTELLATION)
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/A - JUST HIGH
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	100s OF MILES
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	VEERED NORTHWARD
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	CLEAR SKY
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	DART MOOR GE3

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1 NOV 1981
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	PRESS, EXETER AIRPORT, POLICE.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] (NO ADDRESS GIVEN)
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	LIVES ALONE, NO PHONE OBVIOUSLY A LOONEY!
O.	Other Witnesses	—
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	0930 - 11 NOVEMBER
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	PARTICLES OF DUST HAVE BEEN SEEN - REPORTED ON LOCAL NEWS
R.	Remarks	SHE SEEMED CONVINCED - WILL BE REPORTING SIGHTING TO PRESS AND WRITING TO US FOR MORE INFO

[redacted].....

Squadron Leader
Duty Operations Officer
AF Ops

Date 11 NOV.....

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DI 55
File AF Ops/1/11

ANNEX A TO
SUP 302

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	1900 HRS - 2200 HRS 7 NOVEMBER
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	3-5 SEPARATE LIGHTS GOING ROUND IN A CIRCLE - EACH INDIVIDUAL GLOW - LOOKED TRIANGULAR. FUZZY. BLUE/WHITE - QUITE LARGE
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	OUTDOOR. STATIONARY - DOORSTEP.
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)	TRAVELING AROUND IN A CIRCLE.
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	OVERHEAD/45°-70° ABOVE CLOUDS.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	ABOVE CLOUDS
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	—
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	+ SOME CLOUD
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	· CRYSTAL PALACE (TOO FAR TO SEE).

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DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] WEST WICKHAM.
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	RESPECTABLE
O.	Other Witnesses	HUSBAND, SON
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	11-CC SNOVEMBER
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	—
R.	Remarks	

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Date 13 NOVEMBER 1991

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~~Duty Operations Officer~~
~~AF Ops~~

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

ENCL No 60/2

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	7 November 1991 21.20 - 21.30
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bright White light (large) hovering over Durham City. Lights along side Long white, rounded shape.
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	From outside a car. Roundabout A167 Approaching Durham City from Chester-le-Street.
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)	Car travelling South. West of Durham City - Object to South of Durham.
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	60° to Horizon.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Fairly close to observer. Distance not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Seemed to bank on side and then disappear Down and Away.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Very clear - low cloud on horizon - starlight.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	To right of Durham Cathedral

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Report to Police and Newcastle Airport.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Runs shop
O.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] Wife + Daughter
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	Ø8135Ø 2 NOV 91
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None.
R.	Remarks	

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~~Squadron Leader~~
~~Duty Operations Officer~~
~~AE Ops~~

Date 8/11/91

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ROUTINE 280810Z OCT 91

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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. 272345L OCT 91. FIVE MINUTES
B. ONE. (SIX RED INTERCONNECTED CIRCLES). WIDTH OF MINOR ROAD.
CIRCULAR. RED. VERY BRIGHT. BEEPING!
C. HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HAMPSTEAD LANE. WINNINGTON ROAD. OUTDOORS MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. VERY CLOSE
H. CHANGING
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. HAMPSTEAD POLICE
M. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] PINNER. TEL

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N. NIL
O. YES
P. 280915L OCT 91
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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CYD014 21/0822 294C0360

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ROUTINE 210a50Z OCT 91

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z4F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 201815Z TO 201900Z OCT 91
B. LARGE 8 TO 10 SILVER LIGHTS, ORANGE
C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY, LIDDTE CLOSE, LIMBURY MEAD, LUTON
D. NAKED EYE
E. OVERHEAD
F. VERTICAL
G. 600FT E
H. N/K
J. CAVOK
K. N/K
L. TERMINAL DUTY MANAGER LUTON AIRPORT AT 2045Z
M. [redacted]
N. N/K

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O. N/k
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ROUTINE 180915Z OCT 91

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. 180655 OCT 91. 20 MINS
B. TWO VERY BRIGHT OBJECTS. CIRCLES WITH A RING AROUND. ONE ABOVE THE OTHER
C. INDOORS, STATIONARY, HIGH STREET, PORLOCK
D. NAKED EYE. TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS
E. EAST
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. N/K
L. POLICE, AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTBULARY
M. [redacted] ADDRESS AS IN C. TEL PORLOCK [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. HUSBAND
P. 180950Z OCT 91
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ROUTINE 171429Z OCT 91

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
MOD Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 16 OCTOBER 91
B. MAIN BLAZE OF LIGHTS WITH TWO EITHER SIDE. A FLOURESCENT BANANA SHAPE OF LIGHTS UNDERNEATH MAIN SECTION OF LIGHTS
C. SWANSEA VALLEY. IN CAR. THE CAR WAS IN VALLEY AND THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED ON TOP OF HILL OF VALLEY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. LESS THAN A QUARTER OF A MILE
H. IT REMAINED STILL FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES THEN SHOT STRAIGHT UPWARDS INTO CLOUDS
J. WINDY, CLOUDY
K. NIL

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L. POWYS POLICE STATION
M. [redacted], LOWER CWMTWRCH, SWANSEA [redacted]
N. NIL
O. NO
P. 17 OCTOBER 1991 MORNING
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
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CYD029 16/0753 289C0581

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ROUTINE 160615Z OCT 91

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. 152210Z OCT 91
B. ONE. VERY BRIGHT OBJECT BEHIND CLOUDS. MOVING VERY FAST AND CHANGING DIRECTION
C. ROAD BETWEEN MOSTYN-PEN-Y-FFORD. OUTDOORS IN CAR
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH WEST
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. CHANGING
J. MOVING CLOUDS
K. NIL
L. POLICE
M. NORTH WALES POLICE

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N. TAXI DRIVER
O. 7 PASSENGERS
P. 152308Z OCT 91
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14 Oct 91

WEEKLY RECRUITING DIRECTIVE AND PROGRESS REPORT 38/91

OFFICER AND AIRMEN AIRCREW RECRUITING

1. Officer Branch and Airman Aircrew Category Availability Tables. The latest Officer Branch and Airman Aircrew Category Availability Tables are at Annex A. Changes to the last table issued at WRDPR 34/91 are marked with an asterisk * . These changes affect the Airman Aircrew AE Op trade which is now open to females. The Field Force should be aware that Branch/Trade availability status may change at very short notice in the future.

2. RAF Dental Branch Cadet Recruiting. Notification has been received from MOD that due to reduced manpower requirements there is no likelihood of further cadetships being awarded in the RAF Dental Branch for at least 2 years.

GROUND TRADES RECRUITING

3. Competition Trades. The latest GM and GF competition trade availability tables (Jan to Mar 92) and current GTTB filter scores are at Annex B.

4. Non-Competition Trades. The latest GM and GF non-competition trade availability tables (to Mar 92) are at Annex C.

5. Change of Trade Status. In confirmation of Area Message No 142 dated 11 Oct 91 the following trades have changed status:

GM

RAFP Unavailable wef 11 Oct 91

PTI Unavailable wef 11 Oct 91

Std Unavailable wef 11 Oct 91

RECRUITING ADMINISTRATION

6. Requests from the Public for Information About NATO. Notification has been received from the Ministry of Defence that potential officer recruits requiring information on NATO should be directed to write to:

DPRS Registry
(NATO Information)
Room 0375
MOD Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1A 2HB

Some office staff have advised potential officer recruits in the past to write to the British Atlantic Committee (BAC). This organization, which works to promote Britain's role in NATO, is non-Governmental and is not a source of information for potential recruits.

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7. Re-enlistment Applicants. The instructions at para 7 of WRDPR 15/91 dated 29 Apr 91 are now cancelled having been superseded by TRI 3/91. However, office staff are to continue to inform SNCO Rec Con of any re-enlistment applicant they are processing, after authority to process has been given by MOD RAF PMC. This instruction applies only to candidates who wish to re-enlist into their former trade and does not apply to re-entrants or to new entrants.

8. Letters of Complaint. CIO staff are reminded that iaw SIRO 1 letters of complaint addressed to a particular CIO from an individual complaining about the treatment he/she has received, are to be dealt with by the Area Cdr or Office Cdr of the office concerned. All Parliamentary enquiries, letters from solicitors and letters of complaint addressed to I of R, will be dealt with by Flt Lt Rec Con(P) at HQ I of R, ext 7194.

[redacted]

Gp Capt
I of R(RAF)

Annexes:

A. Officer and Airmen Aircrew Category Availability Tables.
B. Autumn Competition Vacancies - Jan to Mar and Phase 2 GTTB Filter Scores.
C. Trade Availability Tables As At 10 Oct 91 for MP 91 Non-Competition Trades.

DATED 14 OCT 91

OFFICER BRANCH AVAILABILITY TABLE AS AT 9 OCT 91

BRANCH (a)	STATUS					
	CIVILIAN				SA	
	MALE		FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE
	Grad/ Qual (b)	Non/ Grad (c)	Grad/ Qual (d)	Non/ Grad (e)		
GD	*TEMPORARILY FROZEN*					
Pilot						
Navigator	EXCEPT SPECIAL CASES SEE WRDPR 31/91					
GD(Grd)						
ATC	A	A	A	A	A	A
FC	A	A	A	A	A	A
Int	D	D	D	D	D	
Ground						
Engineer - Electrical Grad	A		A		A	A
Qualified	A		A			
- Mechanical Grad	A		A		A	A
Qualified	A		A			
Supply	B	C	D	D	A	D
Admin (Sec)	A	A	B	C	A	B
Admin (Educ)	A		A		B	B
Admin (Cat)	B		D		B	
Admin (PEd)	B				B	
Sy (Prov)	D	D			D	D
Sy (Regt)						
Med Tech					B	
Med Sec					B	
Dir of Music						

Key - A - Critically Under-Subscribed - (Extreme difficulty being experienced filling Branch vacancies. Urgent requirement for applications. Every effort to be made to promote Branch.)

B - Under-Subscribed - (Competition for vacancies steady)

C - Over-Subscribed - (Competition for vacancies fierce)

D - Heavily Over-Subscribed - (Very few vacancies remaining for current ITT - competition extremely fierce).

* - Branch Availability Status Change

AIRMEN AIRCREW CATEGORIES - TABLE 2

CATEGORY (a)	STATUS			
	CIVILIAN		SA	
	Male (b)	Female (c)	Male (d)	Female (e)
Air Electronic Operator	A	* A	A	* A
Air Engineer	B	B	B	B
Air Loadmaster	B		B	C

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AUTL . COMPETITION VACANCIES - JAN TO MAR AND PHASE 2 GTTB FILTER SCORES

1. The "vacancies" column shows the actual number of places for entry into the Service between Jan and Mar 92. The competition ceiling element will be controlled by Rec Con Sqn and will allow for approximately 30% more entrants than the actual number of vacancies. The number shown in brackets represents the number of candidates who have been entered into the competition.

2. The following GM trades marked "*" require prior Area Cdr authority to process beyond GTTB. One candidate per Area as selected by the Area Cdr will be accepted into the Competition.

a. L mech TC

b. Fman

GROUND MALES						
TRADES	STATUS	VACS	(ACH)	(Spec Int)	GAI/GTI	REMARKS
A mech	R	32	(17)		26/65	
P mech	R	44	(9)		25/64	
AE mech	U	32	(28)		24/60	
Av mech	U	47	(29)		24/60	
L tech TC	R	37	(20)		28/70	
L mech TC *	R	12	(1)		22/55	see Note 2
Al erect	U	10	(5)	(4)	20/50	
MTD	R	39	(18)		23/-	
RAFP	U	64	(65)		26/-	
Gnr	U	31	(39)		22/-	
Fman *	R	9	(3)		24/-	see Note 2
AATC	R	40	(19)		25/-	
u/t RAF admin	U	0	(4)		18/-	
RAF PTI	U	13	(7)	(11)	25/-	
CSA(V)	U	2	(2)		28/-	
AS op	U	28	(43)		23/-	
APP 2	U	14	(6)		22/50	
Photo G	U	4	(3)	(-)	24/60	
Med asst	U	6	(9)		23/-	
Movs op	U	32	(31)		24/-	

1. The following GF trades marked "*" require prior Area Cdr authority to process beyond GTTB. One candidate per Area as selected by the Area Cdr will be accepted into the Competition.

a. MTD

b. Med asst

c. DSA

d. AATC

GROUND FEMALES							
TRADES		STATUS	VACS	(ACH)	(Spec Int)	GAI/GTI	REMARKS
P mech		R	4	(1)		23/55	
Av mech		R	7	(4)		23/55	
MTD	*	R	11	(4)		22/-	See Note 1
AATC	*	R	8	(3)		30/-	See Note 1
RAF PTI		R	4	(1)	(1)	26/-	
CSA		A	12	(1)	(5)	26/-	
CSA(V)		U	1	(3)		30/-	
APP 2		R	4	(1)		22/50	
Photo G		U	0	(4)		24/60	
Med asst	*	R	7	(1)		25/-	See Note 1
DSA	*	R	8	(4)		24/-	See Note 1
Movs op		U	0	(3)		24/-	
Pers admin		R	39	(24)		26/-	

Status Keys

A = Trade Available - vacancies remaining from previous competition (and vacancies in current competition).
R = Trade Available - Vacancies in current competition.
U = Trade Unavailable.

DATED 14 OCT 91

...DE AVAILABILITY AS AT 9 OCT 91 FOR MP 91 NON-COMPETITION TRADES

The following list shows the status of all trades and supersedes any previous list. Priority trades are indicated by an asterisk (*). In order to indicate why a trade has been prioritised the relevant column has been underlined (see Reference Key). Achievement is measured by the number of attested and TVB booked candidates in each trade. Lost vacancies indicate previous Drafts which have not achieved the specified trade target. The Remaining Vacancies column indicates the number of vacancies available to recruiting up to the end of Mar 92. CPR indicates the number of candidates with reserve bookings for each trade.

ADULT GM

Trade	MP Target	Ach/ment Atts/TVB	Lost Vacs	Rem Vacs (to Mar 92)	Total CPR (Spec Int)	Total %Ach (inc CPR)	Trade Status A	R	U	Earliest Draft
ST mech	65	64	-	1	-	98			U	
ST mech (T)	36	36	-	-	20	100			U	
L tech AD	24	24	-	-	-	100			U	
L mech AD	23	23	-	-	1	100			U	
L tech AF	23	23	-	-	1	100			U	
L mech AF	23	23	-	-	1	100			U	
CSA	43	31	-	12	-(11)	72		R		
TCO	130	130		-	9	100			U	
Ph int(A)	18	13		5	-	72	A			Note 1
EN(G)	4	-	-	3	1	25	A*			FREEFLOW
RGN	8	8	-	-	-	100		R		FREEFLOW
M nurse CQ	4	4	-	-	1	100			U	
OT tech UQ	4	3	1	-	5	80			U	
EP tech CQ/UQ	3	3	-	-	1	100			U	
DSA	1	1	-	-	2	100			U	
Pers admin	155	155	-	-	19	100			U	
Data an	14	14	-	-	5	100			U	
Std CQ	5	5	-	-	2	100			U	
Std UQ	48	43	-	5	-	90			U	
Musn	13	7	-	5	-(5)	54		R		FREEFLOW

Note 1. Authority to process candidates for the trade of Ph int(A) is to be obtained from Rec Con Sqn.

ADULT GF

Trade	MP Target	Ach/ment Atts/TVB	Lost Vacs	Rem Vacs (to Mar 92)	Total CPR (Spec Int)	Total %Ach (inc CPR)	Trade Status A	R	U	Earliest Draft
ST mech	2	2	-	-	-	100			U	
L tech AF	1	1	-	-	-	100			U	
L mech TC	3	3	-	-	1	100			U	
TCO	131	131	-	-	1	100	A			
Ph int(A)	6	4	-	2	-	67	A			Note 1
EN(G)	25	15	-	10	-	60	A*			FREEFLOW
RGN	29	15	-	14	3	62	A*			FREEFLOW
OT tech UQ	3	3	-	-	1	100			U	
Data an	6	6	-	-	2	100			U	
Typ	10	7	-	3	- (2)	70	A*			4 Dec 91
Std CQ	5	5	-	-	-	100			U	
Std UQ	60	60	-	-	5	100			U	
Musn	8	5	-	3	1 (2)	75		R		FREEFLOW

Status Keys:
A = Trade Available
R = Trade Available - Reserve Bookings Only (See TRI 1/90)
U = Trade Temporarily Unavailable
U = All remaining vacancies in MP 91 have been filled.

Priority Status: If the Rem Vacs column is underlined it highlights the number of vacancies still remaining because that number is assessed as difficult to achieve.

If the Draft Date is underlined the proximity of the draft date is the key factor.

Note 1. Authority to process candidates for the trade of Ph int(A) is to be obtained from Rec Con Sqn.

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ROUTINE 090650Z OCT 91

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. 042130L OCT 91 10 TO 15 SECONDS
B. ONE WHITE AND ORANGE BALL WITH A FLICKERING WHITE AND BLUE TAIL
C. INDOORS, STATIONARY. IN DARK. AS AT M
D. NAKED EYE
E. EAST TO WEST (LONDON TO OXFORD)
F. LOW
G. CLOSE
H. STEADY AND VERY FAST
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. NONE
L. BUCK PRESS
M. [redacted], BECKONSFIELD, BUCKS, [redacted]
N. NONE

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U. NO
P. 090832Z OCT 91
[redacted] WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OUTCOME
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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Section 40

7 Oct 91

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
07 OCT 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

WEEKLY RECRUITING DIRECTIVE AND PROGRESS REPORT 37/91

GROUND TRADES RECRUITING

1. Increase to MP 91 Ground Trade Targets. As a result of recent discussion between PMan 4, GT Co-ord and HQ I of R staff, the following increases to the MP 91 Ground Trade Targets have been agreed:

a. L tech TC. The MP target has been increased by 12 GM with a draft date of 8 Jan 92.

b. RAFP. The MP 91 target has been increased by 20 GM. Draft dates in last quarter of MP.

c. Ph int(A). The MP 91 target has been increased by 5 GM and 1 GF. Draft date in Mar 92 TBC.

d. AATC. The MP 91 target has been increased by 1 GM and 2 GF with a draft date of 6 Nov 91.

e. Musn. The MP 91 target has been increased by 5 GM and 3 GF.

f. Recovery of Lost Vacancy. The lost vacancy of 1 Ph int(A) (GF) will be added to the Ph int(A) draft above.

An amendment to the SDB. reflecting these changes, will be issued in due course.

2. Competition Trades. The latest GM and GF competition trade availability tables (Jan to Mar 92) and current GTTB filter scores are at Annex A and include the additional vacancies at para 1.

3. Non-Competition Trades. The latest GM and GF non-competition trade availability tables (to Mar 92) are at Annex B.

4. Change of Trade Status. In confirmation of Area Message No 141 dated 3 Oct 91 the following trades have changed status:

GM and GF.

Ph int(A) to Available wef 3 Oct 91 (Authority to process to be obtained from Rec Con Sqn).
Musn to Reserve wef 3 Oct 91.

GM.

APP 2 to Unavailable wef 3 Oct 91.
RAFP to Reserve wef 3 Oct 91.

5. Evaluation of Qualifications for the Engineer Branch. With immediate effect when queries about education qualifications for Engineering Officers cannot be resolved by reference to SIRO 14, Field Force personnel should make direct contact with MOD Spt Pol 23a(RAF). The address is as follows:

MOD Spt Pol(RAF)
Neville House
Page Street
London SW1 4LS

Telephone No MOD Main Building Ext 85685.

6. All previous instructions on the evaluation of qualifications for the Engineer Branch are cancelled. An amendment to TRI 5/91 will be issued shortly and Appendix 2 to Annex B to SIRO 11 will be amended in due course.

7. Renewal PV(S) Clearance. Several recent cases have highlighted the fact that Office staff are not checking security clearances correctly when they undertake a Pre-308 Case Check iaw SIRO 8A-4, resulting in a candidate not having a valid clearance on day of Attestation. Exceptionally in the above cases OC PV(S) Sqn has been able to permit the Attestation to proceed, but this may not be possible in future and could result in losses to the manning plan and possible complaint action on the part of the candidate. Office Cdrs are therefore to ensure that renewal of clearance action is taken iaw SIRO 7 para 13 not later than 8 weeks prior to the lapse date of the existing PV(S) clearance certificate.

8. Phase II Processing Returns. Area Offices are reminded that completed Phase II processing returns are to be forwarded to Rec Con Sqn by not later than 1200 hrs each Wednesday,.

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Annexes:

A. Autumn Competition Vacancies - Jan to Mar and Phase 2 GTTB Filter Scores.
B. Trade Availability Tables As At 3 Oct 91 for MP 91 Non-Competition Trades.

AUTUMN COMPETITION VACANCIES - JAN TO MAR AND PHASE 2 GTTB FILTER SCORES

1. The "vacancies" column shows the actual number of places for entry into the Service between Jan and Mar 92. The competition ceiling element will be controlled by Rec Con Sqn and will allow for approximately 30% more entrants than the actual number of vacancies. The number shown in brackets represents the number of candidates who have been entered into the competition.

2. The following GM trades marked "*" require prior Area Cdr authority to process beyond GTTB. One candidate per Area as selected by the Area Cdr will be accepted into the Competition.

a. L mech TC

b. Fman

3. Authority to process candidates for the trade of RAFP is to be obtained from Rec Con.

GROUND MALES						
TRADES	STATUS	VACS	(ACH)	(Spec Int)	GAI/GTI	REMARKS
A mech	R	32	(17)		26/65	
P mech	R	44	(5)		25/64	
AE mech	U	32	(27)		24/60	
Av mech	U	47	(28)		24/60	
L tech TC	R	37	(15)		28/70	
L mech TC *	R	12	(0)		22/55	see Note 2
Al erect	U	10	(5)	(4)	20/50	
MTD	R	39	(14)		23/-	
RAFP	R	64	(60)		26/-	see Note 3
Gnr	U	31	(38)		22/-	
Fman *	R	9	(3)		24/-	see Note 2
AATC	R	40	(16)		25/-	
u/t RAF admin	U	0	(3)		18/-	
RAF PTI	R	13	(2)	(6)	25/-	
CSA(V)	U	2	(2)		28/-	
AS op	U	28	(38)		23/-	
APP 2	U	14	(5)		22/50	
Photo G	U	4	(2)	(4)	24/60	
Med asst	U	5	(8)		23/-	
Movs op	U	32	(28)		24/-	

1. The following GF trades marked "*" require <u>prior</u> Area Cdr authority to process beyond GTTB. One candidate per Area as selected by the Area Cdr will be accepted into the Competition.

a. MTD

b. Med asst

c. DSA

d. AATC

GROUND FEMALES							
TRADES		STATUS	VACS	(ACH)	(Spec Int)	GAI/GTI	REMARKS
P mech		R	4	(1)		23/55	
Av mech		R	7	(3)		23/55	
MTD	*	R	11	(3)		22/-	See Note 1
AATC	*	R	8	(3)		30/-	See Note 1
RAF PTI		R	4	(1)	(1)	26/-	
CSA		A	12	(1)	(4)	26/-	
CSA(V)		U	1	(3)		30/-	
APP 2		R	4	(1)		22/50	
Photo G		U	0	(1)	(3)	24/60	
Med asst	*	R	7	(1)		25/-	See Note 1
DSA	*	R	8	(3)		24/-	See Note 1
Movs op		U	0	(3)		24/-	
Pers admin		R	39	(17)		26/-	

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TRADE AVAILABILITY AS AT 3 OCT 91 FOR MP 91 NON-COMPETITION TRADES

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ADULT GM

Trade	MP Target	Ach/ment Atts/TVB	Lost Vacs	Rem Vacs (to Mar 92)	Total CPR (Spec Int)	Total %Ach (inc CPR)	Trade Status A	R	U	Earliest Draft
ST mech	65	64	-	1	-	98			U	
ST mech (T)	36	36	-	-	20	100			U	
L tech AD	24	24	-	-	-	100			U	
L mech AD	23	23	-	-	-	100			U	
L tech AF	23	23	-	-	1	100			U	
L mech AF	23	23	-	-	2	100			U	
CSA	43	31	-	12	-(11)	72		R		
TCO	130	130	-	-	10	100			U	
Ph int(A)	18	13		5	-	72	A			Note 1
EN(G)	4	-	-	3	1	25	A*			FREEFLOW
RGN	8	8	-	-	-	100		R		FREEFLOW
M nurse CQ	4	4	-	-	-	100			U	
OT tech UQ	4	3	1	-	5	80			U	
EP tech CQ/UQ	3	3	-	-	1	100			U	
DSA	1	1	-	-	2	100			U	
Pers admin	155	155	-	-	28	100			U	
Data an	14	14	-	-	4	100			U	
Std CQ	5	5	-	-	3	100			U	
Std UQ	48	43	-	5	-	90	A			Note 1
Musn	13	7	-	5	-(5)	54		R		FREEFLOW

Note 1. Authority to process candidates for the trades of Ph int(A) and Std UQ is to be obtained from Rec Con Sqn.

Trade	MP Target	Ach/ment Atts/TVB	Lost Vacs	Rem Vacs (to Mar 92)	Total CPR (Spec Int)	Total %Ach (inc CPR)	Trade Status A	R	U	Earliest Draft
ST mech	2	2	-	-	-	100			U	
L tech AF	1	1	-	-	-	100			U	
L mech TC	3	3	-	-	1	100			U	
TCO	131	128	-	3	-	98	A			
Ph int(A)	6	4	-	2	-	67	A			Note 1
EN(G)	25	15	-	10	-	60	A*			FREEFLOW
RGN	29	14	-	15	2	55	A*			FREEFLOW
OT tech UQ	3	3	-	-	1	100			U	
Data an	6	6	-	-	3	100			U	
Typ	10	7	-	3	-	70	A*			4 Dec 91
Std CQ	5	5	-	-	-	100			U	
Std UQ	60	60	-	-	5	100			U	
Musn	8	5	-	3	1 (2)	75		R		FREEFLOW

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Priority Status: If the Rem Vacs column is underlined it highlights the number of vacancies still remaining because that number is assessed as difficult to achieve.

If the Draft Date is underlined the proximity of the draft date is the key factor.

Note 1. Authority to process candidates for the trade of Ph int(A) is to be obtained from Rec Con Sqn.

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ROUTINE 090850Z OCT 91

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
STC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 042130L OCT 91 10 TO 15 SECONDS
B. ONE WHITE AND ORANGE BALL WITH A FLICKERING WHITE AND BLUE TAIL
C. INDOORS, STATIONARY. IN DARK. AS AT M
D. NAKED EYE
E. EAST TO WEST (LONDON TO OXFORD)
F. LOW
G. CLOSE
H. STEADY AND VERY FAST
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. NONE
L. BUCK PRESS
M. [redacted], BECKONSFIELD, BUCKS [redacted]
N. NONE

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CAV 1 DI 5S
CAV 2 DGSTI

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ROUTINE 080800Z OCT 91

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. 7 OCT 91 2201-2212 LOCAL
B. CLUSTER OF LIGHTS. 3 UPTURNED DOME SHAPED LIGHTS. AMBER IN COLOUR. SERIES OF BLUE AND WHITE FLASHES AROUND IT. QUITE BRIGHT. NO SOUND
C. EAST CALDER WEST LOTHIAN. INDOORS AND OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE. BINOCULARS
E. OBJECT MOVED BETWEEN RATHO AND EDINBURGH AIRPORT
F. 1-2000FT DESCENDING
G. APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES
H. MOVED VERTICALLY UPWARDS. HOVERED FOR 8 MINS. MOVED SLOWLY TO THE SOUTH EAST. HOVERED FOR 2 MINS. DROPPED SLOWLY OUT OF SIGHT
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. NIL
L. LIVINGSTON POLICE. EDINBURGH AIRPORT

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M. [redacted], [redacted], EAST CALDER [redacted]
N. CHAIRMAN OF SCOTTISH REGIONAL UFO SOCIETY
O. HIS WIFE
P. 072210Z OCT 91. SIMILAR INCIDENT OCCURED ON 6 OCT 91 2100-2120 LOCAL
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ROUTINE 0407302 OCT 91

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. 031926L OCT
B. ONE, SPLIT INTO TWO. WHITE. NO SOUND. NO SMELL
C. 7 TO 10 MILES SOUTH OF SOUTH MAULTON. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. FROM NORTH WEST
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. NIL
J. NIL
K. NIL
L. ORDERLY OFFICER RAF CHIVENOR
M. [redacted]. TEL [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. NIL
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDD
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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FOR CYD

PRIORITY/PRIORITY 301800Z SEP 91

FROM RAF SAXA VORD
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
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HQ 11 GP BENTLEY PRIORY

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F/KGA
UFO SITING REPORT
A. 292036A LESS THAN ONE SECOND
B. V BRIGHT WHITE LIGT
C. DRIVING POSTION OF LORRY A968 HDG SOUTH 6046N 00050W
D. NAKED EYE
E. 050T FROM PARA C
G. 15 UP
G. 2NM
H. AWAY AND DOWN THEN GONE
J. 35KM VIS 3/8 CUSO BASE 2000FT
K. LIGHTHOUSE ON BALTA ISLAND OBSCURED BY LAND. UNST AIR PORT CEASED

PAGE 2 RBDOXN 0009 UNCLAS
FLYING 291935A
L. [redacted] RAF SAXA VORD
M. [redacted] RAF SAXA VORD
N. NIL
O. [redacted] RAF SAXA VORD
P. 292130A SEP 91
Q. YES PLEASE
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)

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1. I attach at E6 a self-explanatory draft response to the letter at E5.

2. Given that a three metre long object seen from a distance of 1000 feet would have appeared very small to the naked eye especially at 9 o'clock in the evening when the light would have been failing. The estimated length of the object must also be treated with caution as, despite the undoubted experience of the crew, it is notoriously difficult to assess dimensions when no references are available. Hence it is probable that the object was not a missile; indeed it may have been another aircraft which, incidentally, would not have required Air Traffic Control clearance to fly at that height if it was clear of controlled airspace such as airways.

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30 September 1991

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Thank you for your letter of 5 September 1991, in which you raised further questions about the air incident over Kent on 21 April 1991.

Firstly, I can confirm that whatever was seen was not connected with any USAF activity. With regard to the criteria used to judge if such sightings represent a threat, the staff in my Department who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom assess such sightings based on military expertise and an analysis of the available information. Unless it is judged that a sighting does present a threat, and I can confirm that this has not been the case so far, no further attempt is made to identify what was seen. You also asked about warning systems and the possibility of a hostile response being triggered. The UK operates a range of warning systems, but there are, of course, sophisticated operating procedures and safeguards to ensure that any response is appropriate to the circumstances. I can confirm that the incident over Kent did not result in any response.

As far as a review of UFO sightings is concerned, I am afraid that I simply could not justify the use of defence funds on such an investigation, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified, and as I have already said, no reports received to date fall into this category. Any air safety implications are, as I have already indicated, a matter for the CAA.

I hope this is helpful.

The Earl of Arran

Paul Murphy Esq MP

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 251110Z SEP 91

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. 23 SEP 91 1938L 3 TO 7 MINS LONG
B. 1 BY MAIN CIGAR SHAPED PURPLE/RED HOVERED. 2 SMALLER OF SAME COLOUR DROPPED FROM IT AND MOVED OFF AND FADED INTO CLOUD. NO SMELL NO SOUND
C. OUTDOORS BURMANTOFTS LEEDS
D. NAKED EYE
E. E TO W FROM YORK TO LEEDS AIRPORT
F. 5 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON
G. 2 TO 3 MILES 1000 TO 2000FT
H. NIL
J. SLIGHTLY CLOUDY CLEAR WEATHER CLOUD HIGH
K. TOWER BLOCKS 10 STOREY HIGH
L. LEEDS POLICE

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0006 UNCLAS
M. [redacted]
N. NIL
O. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] LEEDS 9
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P. 232000L SEP 91
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FOR CXJ

PRIORITY 240750Z SEP 91

FROM RAF WADDINGTON
TO BROAD SHIELD
MODUK AIR

R E S T R I C T E D
SIC I3F/IBJ
MODUK AIR FOR AFDO. HQSTC FOR UKRAOC AND WG CDR GE
SUBJECT REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A.240322Z SEP 91
B. 1 OBJECT-BRIGHT LIGHT HOVERING
C. HOWDALE ROAD JUNCTION WITH LINNET DRIVE OUTSIDE IN A STATIONARY POSITION
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTHEAST
F. 30 DEGREES
G. 5 MILES
H. MAINTAINED SAME HEIGHT BUT MOVED 10 DEGREES SOUTH SOUTHEAST TOWARDS SOUTH
8. VERY GOOD VISIBILITY

PAGE 2 RBDOXR 0003 R E S T R I C T E D
J. NO OBJECT CLOSE
K. [redacted] HULL POLICE STATION
M. NIL
N. [redacted] HULL POLICE STATION
O. 240340Z SEP 91
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25 SEP 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR STAFF

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ENCL. No. 48

LOOSE MINUTE

D/D Air Def/111/6/4 -664

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19 Sep 91

Sec (AS) 2a

AIR INCIDENT OVER KENT

Reference: D/Sec (AS) 12/4 dated 17 Sep 91.

1. At the Reference, you asked for unclassified background on the questions raised by Mr Murphy concerning the 'Alitalia Incident'. The following may be of use in your reply:

"At the time of the incident, there were no other sighting reports and no reports of any impact with the ground or the busy waters of the Channel which might have corroborated the missile theory. In addition, a three metre long object seen from a distance of 1000ft would have appeared very small to the naked eye especially at 9 o'clock in the evening when the light would have been failing. Moreover, the estimated length of the object must be treated with caution as, despite the undoubted experience of the crew, it is notoriously difficult to assess dimensions when no references are available. Hence, it is probable that the object was not a missile; indeed, it may have been another aircraft which, incidentally, would not have required ATC clearance to fly at that height if it was clear of controlled airspace such as airways.

Turning to the twin questions of warning systems and the possibility of a hostile response being triggered by an unidentified object, the air defence radar system provides 24 hour radar cover over the mainland of the United Kingdom, but its primary function is to monitor and safeguard the approaches to the UK. You will appreciate that we do not expect an air threat to originate from the landmass itself. The RAF also maintains a Quick Reaction Alert force of fighters to intercept unidentified aircraft approaching the airspace around the UK and operates the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) which is designed to detect, identify and track ballistic missiles. In both cases, sophisticated operating procedures have evolved over many years to ensure that, whilst response can be rapid, it is neither precipitate nor without appropriate safeguards, and exercises are regularly carried out across the spectrum of possible scenarios to practise and perfect the procedures that are used."

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D/Sec(AS)12/4

17 September 1991

D Air Def
SRAFLO

Copy to:
Sec(AS)1a
DI55

AIR INCIDENT OVER KENT

1. I attach a copy of a Parliamentary Enquiry that we have received from Paul Murphy MP.

2. Some addressees may already be aware of the "Alitalia incident", in which the pilot of an Alitalia aircraft reported a near-miss with a missile-type object on 21 April 1991, over Lydd in Kent, at a height of approximately 22000 feet. I have attached a copy of the pilot's report and a newspaper article about the incident for ease of reference.

3. Although an object was seen on radar, subsequent enquiries were not able to identify it.

4. Could SRAFLO confirm that the object was not connected with any USAF activity.

5. I would be grateful if D Air Def could supply some unclassified sentences to cover the MP's point about a response from warning systems, and the possibility of a hostile response being triggered.

6. In order to meet our Parliamentary deadline, can I ask for responses by cop Wednesday 25 September.

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5 September 1991

The Earl of Arran
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1A 2HB

Dear Lord Arran

Thank you for your letter regarding the subject of an air incident over Kent, and the reply sent to my constituent, Mr [redacted]. I am still very concerned that the Ministry of Defence does not know what the UFO was, and I believe that the matter raises the following:-

Can you state with equal certainty that the 'missile' did not originate from USAF aircraft or bases in Britain?

If, as stated, you have no idea what the objects are, what criteria is used to judge whether they are a threat, have any to date been regarded as a threat?

Did the Alitalia incident produce any response from these warning systems? Is it not a grave dangerthat one of these unidentified objects will trigger a hostile response with potentially disastrous consequences?

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The Earl of Arran 5 September 1991

Every one of the thousands of reports has been dismissed by the MoD as no threat. Surely, whatever criteria are used to judge them individually, the large accumulation of reports that the MoD now possess, demands a review of this phenomenon, its implications for air safety and the defence of the United Kingdom.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

PAUL MURPHY, MP

cc: Mr [redacted]

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NEAR COLLISION - AIR TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORT FORM

NOTE: 1°) To be filled in printed characters and in english language.
2°) Shaded boxes contain items to be included in an initial report by radio.
3°) Items marked this * must be deleted as appropriate.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT	A	INCIDENT (NEAR COLLISION) PROCEDURAL / FACILITY *
NAME OF PILOT-IN-COMMAND	B	[redacted]
OPERATOR	C	ALITALIA
IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT	D	I - DAWC
AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	MD 80
RADIO CALL SIGN - IN COMMUNICATION WITH - FREQUENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	AZ 284 - LON 124.1 - AT ~ 2000
AERODROME OF DEPARTURE	G	MILAN - LINATE
AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION, IF DIFFERENT	H	LONDON - HEATHROW
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	J	IFR
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT - HEADING OR ROUTE - TRUE AIRSPEED	J	~ 30 NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 320° - TAS 380
FL, ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT - ALTIMETER SETTING - ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL FLIGHT / CLIMBING / (DESCENDING) / TURNING * FL 222 - ALT 1013 - RATE 2000
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	IMC, VMC: VMC Distance above / below cloud fog haze: 30 Km / (NM) * Distance horizontally from cloud: Km / NM * Between cloud layers: Km / NM * In cloud rain / snow, sleet / fog / haze: Km / NM * Flying into out of sun: Km / NM * Reported estimated flight visibility: 30 Km / (NM) *
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO LON 127.1 AFIS TWR APP (ACC) FIC * AT 04/21/91 ~ 2000 (date / time)

SECTION 2 - DETAILED INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT, IF RELEVANT Type, high-low wing, N. of engines Radio call sign, registration Markings, colour, lighting Other available details	N	OBJECT SIMILAR MISSILE - WITHOUT EXHAUST FLAME - UNKNOWN LIGHT BROWN - SIMILAR DESERT COLOUR ABOUT 3 METERS LENGTH - ROUND SHAPE -
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT If desired add comment or suggestion, including your opinion on the probable cause of the incident. (In case of near-collision give information on respective flight paths, estimated vertical and horizontal sighting and miss distances between aircraft and avoiding action taken by either a c)	O	DURING DESCENT, AT FL 222 I SAW FOR ABOUT 3-4 SECONDS A FLYING OBJECT, VERY SIMILAR TO A MISSILE, LIGHT BROWN COLOURED, WITH A TRACK OPPOSITE THEN MINE WHICH WAS 320° - IT WAS HIGHER THAN US ABOUT 1000 ft. AT ONCE I SAID " LOOK OUT - LOOK OUT " TO MY COPILOT WHO LOOKED OUT AND SAW WHAT I HAD SEEN - AS SOON AS THE OBJECT CROSSED US I ASKED TO THE ACC / OPERATOR IF HE SAW SOMETHING ON HIS SCREEN AND HE ANSWERED " I SEE AN UNKNOWN TARGET 10 N.M. BEHIND YOU " -

DATE 04/22/91 TIME 8 P.M. FUNCTION OF PERSON REPORT Section 40 CPT [redacted]

PLACE OF COMPLETION OF FORM LONDON

FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING REPORT

SECTION 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

by ATS unit concerned (not for pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO / TELEPHONE / TELEPRINTER * AT ARO / AFIS / TWR / APP / ACC / FIC *
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION: Clearance, incident observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc.	Q	

* Delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER ..... DATE / TIME GMT .....

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Inquiry into pilot's sighting of missile

By Stephen Ward

THE CIVIL Aviation Authority has launched an investigation into a reported near-collision between a passenger airliner and a missile in civilian airspace over Kent.

But the Ministry of Defence said it could not have been a British missile. The CAA says that there were no other aircraft under its control there and that it has still failed to explain the sighting.

Captain Achille Zaghetti, pilot of the McDonnell Douglas MD80, operated by the Italian airline Alitalia, was flying from Milan to Heathrow at 22,200ft, with 57 people on board, on 21 April when he reported to British Air Traffic Control that a missile had flown less than 1,000 feet above him in the opposite direction.

It was 9pm, still light in the air, and the local air traffic controllers at Lydd airport said the visibility was exceptionally good.

Capt Zaghetti said the missile was light brown and about 3 metres long. His co-pilot confirmed the sighting. Their descriptions are consistent with a target missile used for artillery or air defence practice, but the Ministry of Defence insisted yesterday that none were in use on 21 April.

Although it has taken the report of an experienced pilot at face value, in a public statement yesterday the CAA attempted to imply that he had seen a drifting object, perhaps a stray balloon.

The statement said: "The pilot said the object was light brown, round, 3 metres long, and did not describe any means of propulsion. The aircraft was under the control of the London air traffic control centre who had no other aircraft in the vicinity but consistent with the pilot report, a faint radar trace was observed 10 nautical miles behind the Alitalia aircraft.

"The air traffic controller submitted an occurrence report and investigatory action began immediately. Extensive inquiries have failed to provide any indication of what the sighting may have been."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday: "Whatever he might have seen might have been something that was flying, but was certainly not anything that was fired. It was a Sunday. The only ranges we have in the Kent area are Lydd and Hythe, and they are concerned with small arms only."

Asked if target missiles were used, he said: "It's absolutely in the middle of the busiest air traffic area. People just don't fire missiles there, but of course, we do have quite a few UFO reports and often people who see these things describe them as missile or cigar-shaped, or else round, and sometimes they do appear to be travelling with no means of propulsion."

'The Independent' 6 May 1991

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CYD015 15/1312 258C0392

FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 151035Z SEP 91

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
BROAD SHIELD

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
FOR ATTN AFOR (RAF)
REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.
A. 150920Z SEP 91
B. ONE BLACK BALL WHICH BECAME LIGHTER THEN BECAME DARK AGAIN
C. METHIL-NT3699, OUTSIDE, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. LOOKING TOWARDS BUCKHAVEN-NT3598
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. MOVED TOWARDS COASTLINE
J. VISIBILITY GOOD, VERY LITTLE CLOUD COVER
K. NIL

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L. WING OPS, RAF LEUCHARS
M. [redacted], METHIL, FIFE
N. NIL
O. NIL
P. 150940Z SEP 91
Q. YES
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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16 SEP 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

ANNEX A TO SOP 502

ENCL 45

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	142245A Sep 91. Visible for approx 5 min.
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 steady white light like a star
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors, Amber Street, Saltburn by Sea
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 directly overhead
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	90 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Smooth movement no sound
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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 of note, in built up area.

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Fylingdale (2255A)
M.	Name & Address of Informant	Not given in case he was thought to be a crank
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	- Care worker
O.	Other Witnesses	- None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	2310A Sep 91
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	- None
R.	Remarks:	None

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AF Ops

Date: 14 Sep 91

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FOR CYD

GE3.
Work that one out!!!

ROUTINE 130700Z SEP 91

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. 29 AUG 2330-2345L
B. RED LINE SIMILAR TO A LASER, MOVED AROUND THE DASHBOARD. STRANGE WHINNING NOISE ABOVE, AFTERWARDS HUMMING
C. KINGSLEY WAY, LITTLETON ROAD, A1 HAMPSTEAD GARDENS LONDON N2
D. NAKED EYE
H. FIGURE OF EIGHT PLUS DISTANT NOISE
J. CLEAR SKY
L. NONE
M. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] LONDON N2
O. HUSBAND
P. 12 SEP
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CAV 1 DI 55
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ROUTINE 080645Z SEP 91

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. 081715 SEP 91 FOR 2 MINUTES
B. ONE CYLINDRICAL RED METALLIC SHAPE WITH AIRCRAFT NOISE
C. DUNSTABLE CRICKET GROUND, OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. MOVING TOWARDS DUNSTABLE CRICKET GROUND
F. VERY HIGH
G. UNKNOWN
H. RIGHT ANGLED CHANGES IN DIRECTION
J. CAVOK
K. NONE
L. FLYING CLUB, POLICE, LUTON, ATC
M. [redacted], DUNSTABLE
N. NIL

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O. NONE
P. 081815 SEP 91
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CYD013 09/0752 252C0298

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ROUTINE 080650Z SEP 91

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. 082000 SEP 91 FOR 1 MINUTE
B. 2 TIMES NORMAL STAR SIZED ROUND OBJECTS, ORANGE IN COLOUR, 1 OBJECT BRIGHT 1 OBJECT VERY BRIGHT
C. STATIONARY, INDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. EAST
F. HORIZONTAL 10 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted], SOUTHCOTE, READING, [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. WIFE AND CHILDREN
P. 081927Z SEP 91
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CYD010 09/0742 252C0290

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 071307Z SEP 91

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. 6 SEP, A MATTER OF A COUPLE OF SECONDS
B. INFORMANT BECAME AWARE OF A LOUD ZOOMING SOUND FOLLOWED BY A VERY VERY LOUD CRACK
C. SUNBATHING ON ROOF THIRD FLOOR
D. SOUND ONLY
E. SEEMED TO TRAVEL EAST TO WEST
F. N/A
G. IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY
H. N/A
J. BRIGHT SUNSHINE
K. BUILT UP AREA
L. POLICE INITIALLY
M. [redacted], KENSINGTON, W14, LONDON.

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TELEPHONE [redacted]
N. [redacted] EXPERIENCED WHAT SHE DESCRIBED AS A SHOCK WAVE AND HEARD A LOUD CRACK, SO LOUD THAT SHE WAS DEAF FOR SOME TIME AFTERWARDS. HER PET PARROT COLLAPSED FOR TWENTY MINUTES TOO. FLOCKS OF STARLINGS GOT AIRBORNE FROM NEARBY BUILDINGS
O. WORKMEN ON A NEARBY BUILDING HEARD SOUND ALSO, AND POSSIBLY AN ECHO
P. 071305Z SEP
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ROUTINE 020630Z SEP 91

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. 31 AUG 91 1545-1555L
B. ONE. ORANGE WITH WHITE LIGHTS
C. PORT ST MARY HARBOUR, ISLE OF MAN, OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. SOUTH EAST
F. BETWEEN 1500 AND 2000FT
G. N/K
H. DRIFTING IN WIND
J. 7KM IN HAZE
K. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT IN AREA
L. ATC RONALDSWAY [redacted], PORT ST MARY, ISLE OF MAN
M. [redacted]
N. NONE

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O. [redacted] (YACHTSMAN)
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ROUTINE 021105Z SEP 91

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. 302135L AUG 91. VERY SHORT DURATION
B. ONE. WHITE/ORANGE LIGHT
C. VILLAGE OF HARLEY NEAR MUCH WENLOCK GR SJ5901. OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH
F. PASSED OVER HEAD
G. N/K
H. STRAIGHT LINE NORTH TO SOUTH SLIGHT WOBBLE
J. SKY CLEAR. 7KM HAZE
K. N/K
L. [redacted] ORDERLY OFFICER, RAF SHAWBURY
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. WIFE
P. 302220L AUG 91
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ROUTINE 270737Z AUG 91

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 261255Z AUG 91 30 MINS
B. ONE, CANNOT TELL POSSIBLY CIRCULAR REVOLVING MOSTLY WHITE FLASHES GREEN/RED/YELLOW BRIGHT STAR NO SOUND NO SMELL
C. TUNBRIDGE WELLS, OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NORTH EAST
E. NAKED EYE
F. 45-50 DEGREES FROM HORIZONTAL
G. POSSIBLY 3 MILES
H. MOVING SLIGHTLY LEFT TO RIGHT (TO AND FRO MOTION)
J. CLEAR SKY/MOONLIGHT
K. NO
L. NONE
M. [redacted], [redacted] TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT

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N. NIL
O. WIFE, BROTHER, MOTHER
P. 262225Z AUG 91
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CAV 1 DI 55
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PRIORITY 1913302 AUG 91

FROM RAF L/NEHAM
TO MODUK

U N C L A S S : F I E D
SIC Z6F/KAA
MODUK FOR AFOPS
SUBJECT: REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A 191030 AUG 91 - 5-6 SECONDS
B DARK, BLACK WITH NO REFLECTION. ONE ONLY
C STATIONARY IN BACK GARDEN
D SEEN WITH NAKED EYE
E MOVING WEST TO EAST
F 45 DEGREES OVER HORIZON
G NOT KNOWN
H MOVED IN STRAIGHT LINE AT HIGH SPEED
J CLOUDLESS BLUE SKY
K NO NEAR BY OBJECTS
L RAF LYNEHAM OPERATIONS, [redacted]
M [redacted] Section 40 WOOTON UNDER EDGE

PAGE 2 RBDOYF 0030 UNCLAS
[redacted] PHONE [redacted]
N NO OTHER INFORMATION GIVEN
O ALSO OBSERVED BY WIFE OF INFORMANT
P 191150Z AUG 91
BT

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Section 40 [redacted]

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CYD098 16/1633 228B2372

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 161407Z AUG 91

FROM MOD TELEX REFILE
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
TVB0052 161517
16-08-91 1407
592352 HUMPOL G
0257 HQ TLX 91-08-16 15:04
FROM CC HUMBERSIDE POLICE - CM- POCKLINGTON
FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION
TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SIGHTING OF POSSIBLE U.F.O.

A. ABOUT 2215 15.8.91
B. ROUND SHAPE WITH SOLID CENTRE AND 'SPOKES' EMENATING THEREFROM
RED AND BLUE LIGHTS.
C. IN MOVING CAR.
D. NAKED EYE
E. NOT KNOWN
F.
G.
H.
I. MOVING CLOUDS
J. NIL
K. POLICE
L. AS ABOVE. THE INFORMANT DID NOT SEE THE OBJECT HIMSELF
HENCE THE VAGUE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
HE ADAMANTLY DECLINES TO NAME THE ORIGNATOR OF THE SIGHTING
AS THEY ARE ELDERLY AND DO NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED.
N. NOT KNOWN.
O. 12.55 16.8.91
AUTHORISED BY [redacted]
592352 HUMPOL G
BT

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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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

CYD022 12/0934 224C0502

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 100715Z AUG 91

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT:AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 082230 TO 080015L AUG 91
B. 7 STAR SHAPED OBJECTS. VERY BRIGHT WHITE
C. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY. Section 40 [redacted] STANLEY. WAKEFIELD
D. BINOCULARS
E. ABOVE HOUSE
F. VERTICAL 90 DEGREES
G. SAME HEIGHT AS STARS
H. CHANGING
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NO
L. YORKSHIRE EVENING POST
M. [redacted], [redacted] STANLEY, WAKEFIELD. [redacted]
N. EX POLICE CONSTABLE

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
O. [redacted]
P. 091600Z AUG IN AIS(M)
BT

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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	082230A Aug 91. Visible for approx 10 min.
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Red Flashing light with steady white lights either side fairly close together. Initially only Red light visible.
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Indoors
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)	East
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moved east to west passing directly overhead in straight line.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear with stars.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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.

AUG 1991

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Milton Keynes Police.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Newport Pagnal Bucks [redacted] Daytime Tel No [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	-
O.	Other Witnesses	-
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	092320A Aug 91.
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	-
R.	Remarks:	Ht difficult to judge but object completely silent.

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RO2
[redacted]
AF Ops

Date: 09 Aug 91

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CYD044 06/1050 218C0984

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 060920Z AUG 91

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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. 5 AUG 91. 2230L. 10 MINUTES
B. ONE VERY BRIGHT WHITE AND RED LIGHT. PYRAMID SHAPE
C. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY. ALDERBANK. LADYWELL. LIVINGSTONE
D. BINOCULARS
E. SW OF LADYWELL
F. N/A
G. 3 MILES
H. CHANGING
J. VERY STILL. VERY FEW CLOUDS
K. N/A
L. RAF WEST DRAYTON
M. [redacted] LADYWELL, LIVINGSTONE
N. NIL

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0004 UNCLAS
O. [redacted]
P. 060920Z AUG IN AIS(M)
BT

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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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2/91 16539

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CYD084 02/1247 214C1497

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 021135Z AUG 91

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 19 JUL 91. 2150L. FOUR SECONDS
B. ONE VERY BRIGHT BLUE AND WHITE LIGHT
C. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY. WEST HALL. BRAMPTON. CARLISLE
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH TO NORTH
F. 45 DEGREES
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLOUDS
K. RAF SPADEADAM
L. RAF SPADEADAM
M. [redacted], WEST HALL, BRAMPTON, CARLISLE. [redacted]

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0009 UNCLAS
N. NIL
O. ONE LOCAL VET
P. 2 AUG 1200L IN AIS(M)
BT

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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	29th Jul 2123Z
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Very Bright, Flashing, 2 or 3 blue lights at rear, 1 or 2 white lights at front.
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors, driving vehicle
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)	Coming from NE travelling SW
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	No information
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear bright night.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Over A 68.

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30 JUL 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Local Police. [redacted] Melrose, Lothian Police
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Lowood Melrose
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Local woman, did not seem like a crank.
O.	Other Witnesses	Nil
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	292245Z Jul 91.
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NIL.
R.	Remarks:	Nil.

Section 40 [redacted]

[redacted]
AF Ops

Date: 29 Jul 91

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D/D Air Def/111/6/4

28 Jul 91

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Sec (AS) 2a

Copy to :

DI 55c

LETTER FROM [redacted] - UFOS

Reference:

A. D/Sec (AS)12/3 dated 18 Jul 91.

1. Thank you for your letter seeking guidance regarding the level of detail you should provide to [redacted] in response to his query over UFOs. Whilst this is primarily a concern for DI55c, my comment would be to the effect that there is, in fact, little detail that you can divulge.

2. The incident, 1800z on a Nov evening, clearly indicates that it took place in the dark. I would have expected the report to be a flight safety incident report if another aircraft had been involved; the report does not confirm that the other Tornados were in formation nor that they actually saw the same object. DI 55c will be able to confirm, through RAF Fylingdales, whether a satellite decay took place. Finally, it should be noted that the incident took place outside of the UK. Supposedly the US DoD has already commented and perhaps [redacted] should now be advised to contact the Dutch MOD for any further information.

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CYD144 24/1833 205C3020 CORRECTED VERSION

FOR CYD

Section 40

ROUTINE 240700Z JUL 91

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. 222300L JUL 91. 2 TO 3 MINUTES
B. 4 WHIRLWINDS SPIRAL FROM CENTRE OF CIRCLE. BRIGHT WHITE. SWISHING NOISE (DISTANT)
C. IN A CAR, JUST TURNED OFF A350 TO MEREDOWN, BRIXTON DEVERILLE
D. NAKED EYE
E. BEHIND HIM
F. JUST ABOVE HEDGE HEIGHT
G. 400 METRES
H. MOVING AROUND EACH OTHER IN A FORM OF A CIRCLE AND THEN DISAPPEARED
J. N/K
K. NIL
L. ORDERLY OFFICER, RAF WEST DRAYTON

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
M. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted], STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET. [redacted]
N. HAD NOT BEEN DRINKING
O. WIFE
230015L JUL 91
BT

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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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

CYD042 24/0947 205C0899

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 240700Z JUL 91

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. 222300L JUL 91. 2 TO 3 MINUTES
B. 4 WHIRLWINDS SPIRAL FROM CENTRE OF CIRCLE. BRIGHT WHITE. SWISHING NOISE (DISTANT)
C. IN A CAR. JUST TURNED OFF A350 TO MERE DOWN, BRIXTON DEVERILLE
D. NAKED EYE
E. BEHIND HIM
F. JUST ABOVE HEDGE HEIGHT
G. 400 METRES
H. MOVING AROUND EACH OTHER IN A FORM OF A CIRCLE AND THEN DISAPPEARED
J. N/K
K. NIL
L. ORDERLY OFFICER, RAF WEST DRAYTON

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
M. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted], STRUMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET. [redacted]
N. HAD NOT BEEN DRINKING
O. WIFE
230015L JUL 91
BT

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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

ENCL 29

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	22 and 23 Jul 2110Z
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Red circular glow, 4 in line astern approximately 1/4 mile apart.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors
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)	Towards Portsmouth
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	30 degrees.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Approximately 1/4 mile.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	North to south at speed of fast aircraft but silent.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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.

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24 JUL 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Local Police.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Ryde Isle of Wight [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Neighbour.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	232115Z Jul 91.
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NIL.
R.	Remarks:	Nil.

Section 40 [redacted]

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RO2
[redacted]
AF Ops

Date: 23 Jul 91

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CYD166 22/1639 203C2398

Section 40 [redacted]

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 221416Z JUL 91

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

froggy conditions?

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT:AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 192150L JUL 91
B. ONE TADPOLE SHAPED. LIGHT BLUE BULBOUS FRONT WITH DARKER BLUE TAIL. BLUE PULSATING LIGHT AT FRONT
C. TRAVELLING NORTH ON A975, NEWBURGH TO PETERHEAD IN CAR CLOSE TO SLAINES CASTLE TURNING
D. NAKED EYE
E. CROSSING AHEAD
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. STEADY EAST TO WEST THEN ACCELERATED AWAY
J. CLOUDBASE QUITE LOW, LATE TWILIGHT
K. NIL
L. GRAMPIAN POLICE

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0007 UNCLAS
M. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] PETERHEAD. TEL [redacted]
N. SENSIBLE FAMILY
O. WIFE AND ONE OF TWO SONS
P. 221210Z JUL
BT

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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

ENCL No 28/2 28/3

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

CYD090 22/1233 203C1275

FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 221147Z JUL 91

FROM MODUK
TO RAF FYLINGDALES
INFO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC KGA/IEB/KGA
ATTN [redacted]
MODUK AIR FOR AFDO.
SUBJECT: ROUTINE EXERCISE NOTIFICATION. YOUR KGA/BBD/I3F 220900Z JUL 91 REFERS.

1. TO ENSURE CORRECT DELIVERY OF SUBJECT MESSAGES TO NUC OPS, WHERE MODUK YDT IS NOW LOCATED, REQUEST YOU CHANGE SMA MODUK AIR TO MODUK. INCLUDE IEB IN SIC AND INCLUDE QUOTE MODUK FOR NUC OPS UNQUOTE IN TEXT OF MESSAGE.

2. POCS [redacted]
BT

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F
CYD 1 DD AIR(OFFENCE) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
C
CWD 1 JOC(NUC OPS) ACTION (CXK 1 CDSDO)

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DISTRIBUTION KGA
F
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
C
CXK 1 D CTS(NATO) ACTION (CXK 1 CDSDO)

Section 40 [redacted]

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

CYD057 22/1055 203C0863

FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 220930Z JUL 91

FROM RAF MANSTON
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
HQ 11 GP BENTLEY PRIORY

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC SIF/Z6F
REPORT OF UFO SIGHTINGS
A. 212220Z JUL 91 DURATION 5 MINUTES
B. LARGE ROUND BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT
C. ABOVE [redacted] SEASALTER WHITSTABLE OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. HOVERING ABOVE THEN MOVED TOWARDS SHEPPEY
F. 90 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. HOVERING THEN PROCEEDED NORTH WEST
J. CLEAR
K. NONE
L. [redacted] POLICE HERNE BAY

PAGE 2 RBDTRS 0002 UNCLAS
M. [redacted] SEASALTER WHITSTABLE [redacted]
N. NONE
P. DAUGHTER [redacted]
P. 220530Z JUL 91
BT

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F
NO SDL

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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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ENCL No. 28

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

Section 40 [redacted]

CYD024 22/0829 203C0413

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 220635Z JUL 91

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. 1921332 JUL 91 FOR ONE MINUTE
B. ONE OBJECT 3-4 METRES LONG EGG SHAPED AND SILVER/METALLIC COLOUR
C. INDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. 45-60 DEGREES
G. ONE HALF MILE
H. STEADY
J. CLOUDY
K. NIL
L. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE
M. [redacted] WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY, Section 40 [redacted] KINGSLEY
N. NIL

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
O. [redacted] CHEADLE
P. 202310Z JUL 91
BT

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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

18 July 1991

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

ENCL No 27/1

GE3(RAF)
DI55c

LETTER FROM Section 40 [redacted] UFOS

1. Please find attached a copy of a letter from Section 40 [redacted], together with a copy of an article from FSR (Flying Saucer Review ?).

2. The letter asks for confirmation of the report by Tornado pilots of seeing lights over the North Sea on 5 November. Having checked our files I have found the attached report (RAF WEST DRAYTON Z6F 061340Z Nov 90) which corresponds in terms of time and place to the incident reported in the article.

3. It is part of our stated policy that when a correspondent can identify a particular incident, we are prepared to answer specific queries on that incident if it has been reported to us. In this case, you will notice that Section 40 [redacted] has mentioned that 'DoD sources' had linked sightings in Northern Europe on 5 November to a satellite re-entry wheras the RAF aircrew who made the report identified their sighting as a possible Stealth aircraft.

4. I have a note on file of having spoken to AIS West Drayton on 6 November. They had spoken to Section 40 [redacted] and mentioned reports which had been made of a sighting outside the UK. This, of course, means that Section 40 [redacted] is aware we have a report, although he is probably not aware of what is in it.

5. I would appreciate your advice regarding the level of detail we should use in our response to Section 40 [redacted]. Would there be any objections to our including the possible identification of a Stealth aircraft in our reply, especially bearing in mind that someone Section 40 [redacted]s 'DoD sources' ?) seems to have explained the phenomena seen on that day as being due to satellite re-entry ?

[redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
19 JUL 1991
DIRECTORATE OF DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE (MoD)

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Ministry of Defence,
[redacted]
Main Building Whitehall
London. SW1A 2HB

[redacted]

July 9th, 1991

Dear [redacted]

Further to our telephone conversation on 8 JUL 1991, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the FSR article pertaining the alleged sighting, and the report of the UFOs by the airline and Tornado pilots.

I recall at the time of the incident, 5 NOV 1990, we had confirmation from DoD sources as to the nature of the incident being a satellite re-entry. I found it somewhat hard to accept that at the same time, and the same locale UFOs also have been active.

Could you please by comparing your report, let me know what your information were regarding this particular incident?

Would you please also let me have the statistical report of number of UFO sightings in the past three months of this year (1991)?

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain.

Sincerely,

Section 40
[redacted]

Encl: Copy of FSR a[illegible]

one thing seems clear — namely that all of us — Soviets and Westerners and others alike — are today cowering beneath a nasty *"Sword of Damocles"* which may mark the beginning of the end of the reign of this conceited and myopic creature *Homo Sap.*

POSTSCRIPT BY EDITOR, FSR

[redacted] have not seen a single report about any more such deaths in any British newspaper! I therefore recently asked Mr Tony Collins what he thought about this, and it seems that he too knows of no new cases. But, since the only official "explanation" for such cases so far has been "STRESS", the situation now becomes astounding. For there has been a continued severe deterioration in the British economic situation over the past year, and consequently 'STRESS' must surely be far more prevalent here than ever! Mr Collins admitted that he had not thought of this, and found my suggestion startling.

If, then, 'STRESS' has truly been the cause we would then have to accept that, since the end of 1989 the British authorities have been censoring the situation so closely that not one single further report of the suicide of a British motorist has got into our newspapers!

But, is it conceivable that such a drastic censorship can be in force and can be sustained? Personally I doubt it very much. Therefore it looks as though the situation is even more mysterious than ever, and one is still left to wonder whether an alien influence is responsible? — G.C.

SPECIAL REPORT TO FSR (MAY 1991)

B.A. PILOTS REPORT UFOs OVER CONTINENT AND NORTH SEA. R.A.F. "TORNADO" TAKES EVASIVE ACTION AS UFOs "FORMATE" ON PLANES OVER THE NORTH SEA

By Paul Whitehead, FSR Director and Consultant

It was dark, early evening (6.15 pm local time), on November 5th 1990, and a British Airways passenger aircraft was en route to London, flying over the Alps at 31,000 ft. The crew heard a nearby Lufthansa jet report and query "traffic ahead". The BA captain peered intently ahead into the night sky. What he saw was hardly what he expected!

(At the time, the European press reported the incident, and the "official line" was given: the UFOs were in fact "space debris from an old satellite re-entering the atmosphere".)

Well, *maybe!* But more details have now emerged. An airline pilot, well known to me and based in the UK, has spoken personally to the BA captain who logged the report, at the request of SIGAP (Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena). SIGAP has agreed to the captain's request not to make public his name, in order to protect him from publicity, and FSR respects that request. The airline pilot who spoke to the BA captain also wishes to remain anonymous.

What did the BA captain see? Here is his comment . .

"I looked ahead and saw, somewhat to my surprise, ahead and to the right and higher than we were, a set of bright lights. One of the lights, the leading one, was brighter than the others, and appeared bigger, *almost disklike.* It was followed closely by another three that seemed to be in a V formation. As I watched, I heard another aircraft crew also reporting seeing lights!

"I watched the objects intently as they moved across my field of view, right to left, ahead and high. It was then, on hearing the report from the other aircraft, that I realised I was watching something much further away than I first thought. The other report came from France."

Was it a satellite re-entry? The pilot stated: "It certainly didn't look like that to me. I have seen a re-entry before and this was different."

But it was the BA captain's further comments that are causing amazement and intense interest. SIGAP has released the information to UFO researcher and writer Tim Good, and we hope to have more comprehensive details this year.

That same night a colleague of the captain, in another BA aircraft, reported two "very bright mystifying lights" while flying over the North Sea. Two days later, an RAF Tornado pilot told the captain that on the same evening (5th November) his Tornado — while flying with another squadron aircraft, had been "approached by bright lights". The lights, he reported, "formated on the Tornadoes". (The expression "formate" is apparently used to indicate a deliberate intent.)

The accompanying Tornado pilot was so convinced that they were on collision course with the lights *(apparently nine of them were seen)* that he "broke away" and took "violent evasive action". This same pilot later added that he thought he was heading directly for a *C-5 Galaxy*, a giant US transport plane. The formation of UFOs carried "straight on course and shot off ahead at speed — they were nearly supersonic. Some C.F.", he said, indicating that they were going faster than the speed a C-5 can achieve. *Same C-5!*

The pilot known to Paul Whitehead commented: *"This is all a good true story, and could do with an explanation. All the pilots are adamant that what they have seen was definitely not satellite debris — and they should know."*

It is to be noted that the North Sea lies to the east of Britain and just north of Belgium, and the Belgian Air Force have recently pursued and filmed UFOs over land close to the North Sea, and possibly over the North Sea itself (See Reports on "Huge Triangular Craft Over Belgium" in FSR 35/2 and 36/1. The attention of readers is also specially drawn to Omar Fowler's report of an extremely similar case, "UFO SEEN FROM 'TRIDENT' NEAR LISBON" in July 1976, which was published in FSR 22/4 (1977).

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CWD197 06/1542 310C2587

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 061340Z NOV 90

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. 5 NOV 1800Z
B. ONE LARGE AEROPLANE (SHAPE). 5 TO 6 WHITE STEADY LIGHTS. 1 BLUE STEADY LIGHT. CONTRAILS FROM BLUE AREA
C. IN THE AIR M.C.6 AREA. FL270 YPENBURG
D. NAKED EYE
E. HEADING 100 DEGREES. SAME ALT FL270
F. INTO OUR 12 OCLOCK
G. ONE QUARTER MILE AHEAD
H. STEADY
J. N/K
K. N/K
L. WORKING DUTCH MILL RADAR
M. [redacted] 2 AC SQN

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0009 UNCLAS
N. NIL
O. 2 OTHERS FROM LAARBRUCH
P. OTHER INFO. AIRCRAFT WAS UNDER DUTCH MIL CONTROL UFO APPERRED IN OUR RH SIDE SAME LEVEL. WE WERE TRAVELLING AT MACH POINT 8. IT WENT INTO OUR 12 OCLOCK AND ACCLLERATED AWAY. ANOTHER 2 TORNADOS SEEN IT AND POSSIBLE IDENTED IT AS A STEALTH AIRCRAFT
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CAV 1 DI SS
CAV 2 DGSTI

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

ANNEX A TO
SUP 302

ENCL No 27

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	17 July 11am. 2-3 minutes.
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Small black dot. Flying very fast (over 600mph) came to dead stop & moved off again.
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Clacton on Sea Outdoors Stationary
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)	At towards sea S-W - direction.
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	40°
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Difficult to tell. 2 miles?
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	S-W - NE.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	5-10 Kt winds Cumulus. V bright sun Good visib
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Clacton air-strip.

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17 JUL 1991
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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MoD.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] doctor on Sea Essex
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Pilot (trainee)
O.	Other Witnesses	Friend Section 40 [redacted]
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	171140L Jul 91
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	Remarks	Wants to know what it was if possible.

[redacted]

Squadron Leader
~~Duty Operations Officer~~
~~AF Ops~~
[redacted]

Date 17 Jul 91

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FEED DIRECTION

ENCL No 26

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Section 40

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CYD027 17/0825 19800665

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 170615Z JUL 91

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. 170154L JUL 91. DURATION UNKNOWN
B. ONE OBJECT BULLET SHAPED
C. [redacted] EALING, OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. OPTICAL NIGHT LENSES. STILL PHOTOS OBTAINED
E. FROM EALING TO WATFORD ALONG OSTERLY PARK
F. UNKNOWN
G. DIPPED BEHIND TREES. QUITE LOW
H. CARRIED OUT SOME MANOEVRES
J. CLEAR SKY
K. FACTORY NEARBY
L. POLICE. PRESS. D AND D FLT RAF WEST DRAYTON
M. [redacted] ADDRESS AS ABOVE
N. SOUNDED NORMAL NOT HYSTERICAL

PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
O. FAMILY
P. 170225L JUL 91
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DISTRIBUTION Z6F
F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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ENCL No. 25

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DDI: [redacted]
GPTN:
FAX:
FAX GPTN:

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Please reply to — Air Officer Commanding
Your Reference
Our Reference — MATO/13/4/8/RS3a
See Distribution — Date 16 Jul 91

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - REPORT OF MISSILE TYPE OBJECT - 21 APR 91

Reference:

A. CAA 91/01151 dated 10 May 91.

1. At Reference you requested military comment on the title Occurrence Report.

2. All the information was passed to the MOD and was examined by the departments responsible for the air defence of the UK. We are advised that those departments have not been able to confirm the identity of the object sighted by the Alitalia MD80 crew.

3. The MOD were able to rule out the possibility that the object was a missile from the Army firing ranges in the Lydd area. Additionally, MOD has no report of any space related activity which could provide an explanation, and the description does not correspond with that expected if the object had been a meteorological balloon.

4. In the absence of any clear evidence which could be used to identify the object, we are informed that MOD will treat this sighting like that of any other Unidentified Flying Object and therefore will not be able to undertake any further investigation into the sighting. We now propose that this Occurrence Report is closed.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
19 JUL 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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for AOC

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15 Jul 91

WEEKLY RECRUITING DIRECTIVE AND PROGRESS REPORT 25/91

MANNING PLAN PROGRESS

1. Between 1 Apr 91 and 26 Jun 91 we incurred just 41 lost vacancies. Moreover, to date 10 GF and 13 GM of these vacancies have been recovered.

2. We are, therefore, left with a current shortfall up to the end of Jun 91 of 18 losses. In percentage terms we have achieved 99.5% of the GF target and 98.2% of the GM target; an overall GM/GF achievement of 98.5% (1170 target, 1152 achievement). What is more, since the end of May 91 we have achieved 100% drafts, both male and female, into the S of RT (ie a 100% achievement in 6 consecutive drafts).

3. This progress with the MP, achieved only through the efforts of all in the CIS and with the cooperation of RAF PMC and HQ RAFSC, is most encouraging. Further actions are in hand to try and recover the remaining lost vacancies with the continuing aim of meeting MP 91 in full.

GROUND TRADES RECRUITING

4. Nursing and Medical Recruiting Campaign. Attached at Annex A is a progress report showing enquiries and applications received during the Nursing and Medical Recruiting Campaign.

5. Competition Trades. Further to TRI 2/91, the latest GM and GF competition trade availability tables (Oct to Dec 91) and current GTTB filter scores are at Annex B.

6. Non-Competition Trades. The latest GM and GF non-competition trade availability tables (to Dec 91) are at Annex C.

7. Change of Trade Status. In confirmation of Area Message 112 dated 11 Jul 91, the following trades have changed status:

GM

A mech (Unavailable wef 11 Jul 91)

P mech (Unavailable wef 11 Jul 91)

GF

TCO (Unavailable wef 11 Jul 91)

8. Photo Int(A). Further to WRDPR 18/91 para 1, the requirement for the trade of Photo Int(A) for the Spring Competition has now been met and the trade is now Unavailable to recruiting.

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9. MOD F382 Claims for Fees etc by CMPs. When completing the MOD F382 the following Vote No is to be entered at Part 3: 01 D1 1064. The Estab Code boxes are to be left blank, and the CIO's UIN is then to be inserted.

10. Monthly P3 and P2 Statistical Returns (IR Forms 1 and 3). With immediate effect the IR Forms 1 and 3 are to be raised in duplicate and only one copy is to be dispatched to HQ I of R (Attn Rec Con Stats). Off Cdrs are reminded that the forms are to be compiled on the last working day of the month and dispatched on that day by first class post to HQ I of R. Any alterations to the forms are to be telephoned through to Rec Con (Stats) within the first 3 working days of the month. If an error is discovered after this period it is to be rectified on the next month's statistical return. Annex C to SIRO 2 will be amended to clarify these points.

11. Implementation of the Revised GTTB. Off Cdrs should now be in receipt of instructions for the administration of the revised GTTB. (SIRO 5 - AL 4 dated 5 Jul 91). The revised GTTB and SIRO 5 are to be implemented from 1 Aug 91. Off Cdrs who are not in receipt of their demand of revised GTTB forms by the 26 Jul 91 are to contact OC Rec Con Flt. Off Cdrs are to note that from 1 Aug 91 enquirers who are permitted to re-sit the GTTB are to re-sit all 6 tests. Appendix 1 to Annex B to SIRO 4 will be amended in due course. Instructions for the disposal of the current GTTB test papers will be issued in due course.

12. Amendment to SDB. As promulgated in WRDPR 21/91 dated 17 Jun 91, the Trade Sponsor's minimum GAI for the trades of AS op and Supplr is now 22. Off Cdrs are therefore to ensure that AL 2 to the SDB dated 7 Jul 91 is amended to read as follows:

Page A5	As op	GTTB/PQ 22/00/16
Page A7	Supplr	GTTB/PQ 22/00/16
Page B6	Supplr	GTTB/PQ 22/00/16

A formal amendment to the SDB and to TSS will be issued shortly.

13. Recruiting Statistics for Jun 91. At Annex D are the P2, P3 and LSAW recruiting statistics for the month of Jun 91.

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Annexes:

A. Nursing and Medical Recruiting Campaign - Progress Report.
B. Summer Competition Vacancies - Oct to Dec and Phase 2 GTTB Filter Scores.
C. Trade Availability As At 11 Jul 91 for MP 91 Non-Competition Trades.
D. P2 and P3 Recruiting Statistics for the Month of Jun 91.

NURSING AND MEDICAL RECRUITING CAMPAIGN - PROGRESS REPORT

The following details provide a progress report of enquiries and applications received during the period 24 Jun - 9 Jul 91 of the Nursing and Medical Recruiting Campaign.

	P3				
	ENQUIRIES				APPLICATIONS
AREA	NPA	LPA	OTHER	(TOTAL)	
1N	4	6	7	17	NIL
2N	10	6	3	19	NIL
3N	NIL	3	8	11	1
4C	4	NIL	1	5	1
5C	6	1	15	22	4
6C	NIL	8	NIL	8	NIL
7S	2	1	3	6	1
8S	9	NIL	7	16	1
9S	1	NIL	7	8	NIL
			P2		
1N	NIL	NIL	2	2	
2N	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
3N	NIL	NIL	4	4	
4C	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
5C	NIL	NIL	3	3	
6C	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
7S	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
8S	NIL	NIL	6	6	
9S	1	NIL	1	2	

ANNEX B TO
IR/67/1/AIR
DATED 15 JUL 91

S ER COMPETITION VACANCIES - OCT TO DEC AND PHASE 2 GTTB FILTER SCORES

1. The "vacancies" column shows the actual number of places for entry into the Service between Oct and Dec 91. The competition ceiling element will be controlled by Rec Con Sqn and will allow for approximately 30% more entrants than the actual number of vacancies. The number shown in brackets represents the number of candidates who have been entered into the competition.

2. The following GM trades marked "*" require prior Area Cdr authority to process beyond GTTB. Area offices are to liaise with Rec Con Sqn as necessary to ensure applications do not exceed the following allocations:

a. L mech TC - 2 per Area.

b. Fman - 1 per Area.

c. u/t RAF admin - 1 per Area.

d. Photo G - 1 per Area.

e. Med asst - 1 per Area.

GROUND MALES

TRADES	STATUS	VACS	(ACH)	(Spec Int)	GAI/GTI	REMARKS
A mech	U	41	(31)		26/65	
P mech	U	40	(35)		26/65	
AE mech	U	15	(22)		24/60	
Av mech	U	18	(23)		24/60	
L tech TC	U	12	(15)		28/70	
L mech TC	R *	21	(11)		24/60	see para 3
Al erect	U	0	(5)		18/50	
MTD	U	28	(9)		23/-	
RAFP	U	36	(52)		26/-	
Gnr	U	0	(14)		22/-	
Fman	R *	10	(4)		24/-	see para 3
AATC	U	30	(36)		25/-	
u/t RAF admin	R *	8	(2)		18/-	see para 3
RAF PTI	R	16	(0)	(31)	25/-	
CSA(V)	U	1	(4)		28/-	
AS op	U	32	(36)		23/-	
APP 2	R	15	(7)		22/50	
Photo G	R *	2	(0)	(2)	24/60	see para 3
Med asst	R *	8	(6)		23/-	see para 3
Movs op	U	0	(8)		24/-	

1. The following GF trades marked "*" require prior Area Cdr authority to process beyond GTTB. Area offices are to liaise with Rec Con Sqn as necessary to ensure applications do not exceed 1 per area:

a. A mech
b. P mech
c. MTD
d. AATC
e. CSA.
f. APP 2.
g. Photo G
h. Med asst
i. DSA
j. Movs op

GROUND FEMALES						
TRADES	STATUS	VACS	(ACH)	(Spec Int)	GAI/GTI	REMARKS
A mech	R *	4	(1)		24/55	See para 1
P mech	R *	4	(2)		24/55	See para 1
Av mech	U	0	(1)		24/55	
MTD	R *	7	(4)		22/-	See para 1
Movs op	R *	3	(0)		24/-	
Pers admin	U	35	(27)		26/-	
AATC	R *	6	(9)		30/-	See para 1
RAF PTI	U	0	(0)		26/-	
CSA	R *	4	(3)		26/-	See para 1
CSA(V)	U	2	(5)		30/-	
APP 2	R *	3	(2)		22/50	See para 1
Photo G	R *	3	(0)		24/60	See para 1
Med asst	R *	12	(7)		25/-	See para 1
DSA	R *	7	(5)	(3)	24/-	

ADE AVAILABILITY AS AT 10 JUL 91 FOR MP 91 NON-COMPETITION TRADES

The following list shows the status of all trades and supersedes any previous list. Priority trades are indicated by an asterisk (*). In order to indicate why a trade has been prioritised the relevant column has been underlined (see Reference Key). Achievement is measured by the number of attested and TVB booked candidates in each trade. Lost vacancies indicate previous Drafts which have not achieved the specified trade target. The Remaining Vacancies column indicates the number of vacancies available to recruiting up to the end of Dec 91. CPR indicates the number of candidates with reserve bookings for each trade.

ADULT GM

Trade	MP Target	Ach/ment Atts/TVB	Lost Vacs	Rem Vacs (to Dec 91)	Total CPR (Spec Int)	Total %Ach (inc CPR)	Trade Status A	R	U	Earliest Draft
L mech ST	94	53	5	-	14	71			U	
L tech AD	24	24	-	-	2	100			U	
L mech AD	23	22	-	1	-	95			U	
L tech AF	23	20	-	3	7	100			U	
L mech AF	23	11	-	12	15	100			U	
Carpenter	12	-	-	-	-	-			U	
RAFGD	39	39	-	-	4	100			U	
CSA	44	17	1	2	1(10)	41	A			
TCO	129	89	-	-	47	100			U	
SE fitt	12	12	-	-	15	100			U	
EN(G)	4	-	-	3	1	25	A*			FREEFLOW
RGN	5	5	-	-	-	100	A*			FREEFLOW
M nurse CQ	5	3	-	2	-(1)	60	A			FREEFLOW
1(OT tech CQ	2	-	-	2	-	0	A*			FREEFLOW
1(OT tech UQ	5	2	-	3	-(6)	40	A			18 Sep
EH tech UQ	1	1	-	-	1	100			U	
EP tech CQ/UQ	3	3	-	-	2	100			U	
DSA	3	-	-	2	-	0	A*			18 Sep
Pers admin	159	110	4	-	19	81		R		
Data an	14	9	-	5	-	64	A			
Std CQ	5	4	-	1	-	80		R		
Std UQ	48	36	-	-	8	92			U	
Clk cat	5	4	1	-	-	80			U	
Musn	7	1	-	6	1(1)	29	A*			FREEFLOW

1. Suitably qualified female candidates may also be considered for this trade. Processing authority to be obtained from Rec Con

ADULT GF

Trade	MP Target	Ach/ment Atts/TVB	Lost Vacs	Rem Vacs (to Dec 91)	Total CPR	Total %Ach (inc CPR)	Trade Status A	R	U	Earliest Draft
W mech	2	2	-	-	-	100			U	
L mech ST	2	2	-	-	2	100			U	
L tech AF	1	1	-	-	-	100			U	
L mech AF	1	1	-	-	1	100			U	
L mech TC	3	3	-	-	1	100			U	
RAFGD	7	7	-	-	1	100			U	
TCO	131	90	-	-	22	86			U	
SE fitt	3	3	-	-	4	100			U	
EN(G)	25	7	-	18	-	28	A*			FREEFLOW
RGN	34	9	-	25	5	41	A*			FREEFLOW
M nurse CQ	2	2	-	-	1	100			U	
(1)Data an	6	5	-	1	-	83	A			
Typ	10	6	-	4	-	60	A*			9 Oct
Chef CQ	2	2	-	-	3	100			U	
Std CQ	5	5	-	-	1	100		R		
Std UQ	60	48	-	-	19	100			U	
Musn	5	3	-	2	-	60	A			FREEFLOW

Status Keys:
A = Trade Available
R = Trade Available - Reserve Bookings Only (See TRI 1/90)
U = Trade Temporarily Unavailable
U = All remaining vacancies in MP 91 have been filled.

Priority Status: If the Rem Vacs column is underlined it highlights the number of vacancies still remaining because that number is assessed as difficult to achieve.

If the Draft Date is underlined the proximity of the draft date is the key factor.

(1) Processing authority for this vacancy to be requested from Rec Con.

ANNEX D TO
IR/67/1/AIR
DATED 15 JUL 91

P3 RECRUITING STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

GROUND TRADES RECRUITING	RAF		PMRAFNS		LSAW
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	FEMALE
NATIONAL PRESS COUPONS	1206	897	8	46	5
OTHER ENQUIRES	2514	1234	4	23	8
TOTAL ENQUIRES	3720	2131	12	69	0
TOTAL UNDER AGE ENQUIRIES	35	21			
APPLICATIONS	456	128	1	4	7
ATTESTATIONS	239	41	0	3	3
INCOMPLETE CASES	1839	547	8	24	17
CUMULATIVE ENQ MP91	11024	5352	24	190	0
CUMULATIVE UNDER AGE UNDER AGE ENQUIRIES FOR MP 91	194	115	0	0	0
CUMULATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR MP91	1223	346	10	27	17
CUMULATIVE ATTESTATIONS FOR MP91	931	210	2	6	10
REMUSTERS TO DATE	3	0	0	0	
AWAITING DRAFT	816	241	3	10	
FUTURE REMUSTERS	21	2	0	0	
TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT	1771	453	5	16	10

P2

OFFICER AND NCO AIRCREW	PG BRANCHES		GD BRANCHES		UNIVERSITY SPONSOR-SHIPS	SCHOLAR-SHIPS	NCO AIRCREW
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE			
LOCAL ENQUIRY - NPA	133	15	202	92	12	32	67
LOCAL ENQUIRY - OTHER	254	46	267	183	45	76	106
NATIONAL PRESS RESPONSE	55	9	348	112	3	1	114
TOTAL ENQUIRES	442	70	817	387	60	109	287
COUSELLED	180	24	190	105	10	68	83
APPLICATIONS TO OASC	110	17	72	42	6	196	41
CUMULATIVE ENQ FROM 1 APR	1391	254	2146	1297	222	109	287
CUMULATIVE COUN FROM 1 APR	723	99	630	396	47	574	237
CUMULATIVE APP TO OASC FROM 1 APR	277	32	234	153	26	494	86

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FEED DIRECTION

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ENCL No. 23

R E S T R I C T E D

Section 40

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 081444Z JUL 91

FROM RAF NEATISHEAD
TO MODUK AIR
INFO BROAD SHIELD
HQ 11 GP SENTLEY PRIORY

R E S T R I C T E D
SIC I3F/Z6F
REPORT ON SIGHTING OF AN UFO
A. 6 JUL 91 BETWEEN 0100(L)-0230(L)
B. WHITE BLOB, NO VISIBLE LIGHTS, NO AUDIBLE SOUND
C. HOLCOMBE BEACH NORFOLK
D. NAKED EYE
E. NOT KNOWN
F. NOT KNOWN
G. VERTICALLY, THEN DROPPING DRASTICALLY AND REPEATING THE MOVEMENT
H. VERY CLEAR EVENING
J. NO TALL BUILDINGS - CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS
K. THIS STATION
L. [redacted] CROMER, NORFOLK, [redacted]

PAGE 2 RBDOWL 0008 R E S T R I C T E D
M. MEMBER OF ROC
N. NIL
P. 081341(Z) JUL
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CXJ 1 AFDO ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)

DISTRIBUTION Z6F
F
CAB 1 SEC(A2) ACTION (CX 1 AFDO)
CXD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAU 1 D1 55
CAU 2 DGSI

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
-8 JUL 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

ANNEX A TO SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

ENCL No. 22

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	071200A Jul 91 approximately 7 mins
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Halo, approximately 500 feet in diameter. Cream in colour and almost glowing.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors and moving.
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie	Naked eye and captured on video. Informant said he had recorded the sighting on a Sharp Video Camera using 12 x zoom and that the recording was perfect.
E.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Not sure
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Moving from 90 to 45 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Approximately 20,000 feet above Bembridge Airfield
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Not sure
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Broken cloud
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Bembridge Airfield

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Reported to Police. Newport, Isle of Wight
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Newport Isle of Wight (See remarks)
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] A 2nd person not known
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	071725Z Jul 91.
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NIL.
R.	Remarks:	Specifically requested that name should NOT be associated if classified as a UFO sighting

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Date: 7 Jul 91

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 0402007 JUL 91

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. 4 JUL 91 0145L. DURATION UNKNOWN
B. ONE OBJECT, GREEN AND ORANGE COLOUR, FAIRLY BRIGHT, NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. HIGHER WALTON (EAST OF PRESTON). SITTING IN A PATROL CAR
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH EAST TO NORTH WEST
F. UNKNOWN
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY MOVEMENT
J. UNKNOWN
K. UNKNOWN
L. LANCASHIRE POLICE
M. SGT [redacted] LANCASHIRE POLICE [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TELEPHONED THE STATION. LANCASHIRE POLICE PHONED BACK AT 0200L TO INFORM US THAT THE LIVERPOOL COASTGUARD HAD IDENTIFIED THE OBJECT AS A METEORITE
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CYD101 05/1249 186C1063

FOR CYD

ROUTINE/ROUTINE 040835Z JUL 91

FROM RAF VALLEY
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQRAFSC

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
MODUK AIR FOR SEC AS2, HQRAFSC FOR SY1. SUBJECT REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A. 04 JUL 91 0142
B. VERY FAT, GREEN TAIL, VERY BRIGHT
C. BETWEEN BRYNGWRAN AND GWALCHMAI. FACING WEST, OBJECT WAS SOUTH/NORTH, IN CAR
D. NAKED EYE
E. FROM DIRECTION OF RAF VALLEY
F. 45 DEGREES FROM HORIZONTAL
G. NO ESTIMATE
H. FAST SIDEWAYS, SLIGHTLY DOWN AND TAIL PULSATING
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NO

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L. RAF VALLEY
M. [redacted] FELIN TREBAN, BRYNGWRAN
O. NIL
P. 4 JUL 91 0945 LOCAL
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F
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
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ENCL NO 19

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Ø32Ø35L JLY44
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	long ~~thin~~ tube no wings silver no brightness, sound small
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location. Indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Dartmoor, outdoors stationary
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)	Over dartmoor W-E towards Exeter
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	high in sky
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
H.	Movements (Changes in E. F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Steady
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Chivenor 3 Jly Evening
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted], [redacted] Oldborough Cross Morchi Bishop Section 40
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Sensible well spoken lady
O.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] many curious children
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	051355Z JUL 91
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	Remarks	'looked like a rocket' Report phoned in by RAF Chivenor

[redacted]

~~Squadron Leader~~
~~Duty Operations Officer~~
~~AF Ops~~

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Date 5 July 91

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 011031Z JUL 91

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. 290121L JUN 91 FOR 10 MINS
B. 1 SMALL ROUND OBJECT. LIKE A STAR
C. WEST DRAYTON, MIDDLESEX. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH/SOUTH EAST
F. N/K
G. VERY HIGH
H. STEADY THEN TURNED
J. CAVOK, NO SIG
K. N/K
L. POLICE/HEATHROW/LATCC
M. [redacted] WEST DRAYTON, MIDDLESEX. [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. NO
P. 290200L JUN 91
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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NEW OPEN OCCURRENCE REPORT

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ENCL No. 17/1

OCCURRENCE NUMBER: 91/02019X

AIRCRAFT TYPE: UNKNOWN

BRIEF TITLE: ATC OCC - 4 PAX SAW A WINGLESS PROJECTILE PASS BELOW & TO LEFT OF A/C

OPERATOR: UNKNOWN

SDAU COORDINATOR: OFS3 EXT. [redacted] Section 40

EXECUTOR: RS3 MATO

LOCN - HILLINGDON HOUSE

SDAU COMMENTS

Sheets 1A & B attached.

INFORMEE	LOCATION
ATCI	AVIATION HOUSE
CAP6 (DD(AP))	CAA HOUSE
CAP4B	CAA HOUSE
[redacted]	MSU - CAA HOUSE
[redacted]	MOD RAF (ATEO)

SIGNATURE [redacted] | NAME [redacted] | DEPT/SECTION: Safety Data & Analysis Unit | DATE: 27th June, 1991

DATE OF ADMIN ACTION

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PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK

Civil Aviation Authority

OCCURRENCE REPORT

Section 40 [redacted]

To be sent to: Safety Data and Analysis Unit
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
South Area
Gatwick Airport
West Sussex RH6 0YR

Complete all sections where information is relevant.
For multi-choice boxes, indicate which entry is appropriate.
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CAA Occurrence No. 91/02019/X

1 Aircraft Type and Series	2 Registration	3 Operator	4 Date of Occurrence
B737 200	G-WGEL	DAN AIR	17 JUN '91

FLIGHT AND WEATHER DETAILS

5 Flight No. DA 4700	DAY ~~NIGHT~~ ~~TWILIGHT~~	12 Wind (CLI-MB) 190/20	16 Runway Used 26L	18 Precipitation: RAIN, SNOW, SLEET, HAIL; LIGHT, MOD, HEAVY	19 Icing: LIGHT, MOD, HEAVY	20 Turbulence: LIGHT, MOD, SEVERE, EXTREME	22 Flight Phase: PARKED, TAXYING, TAKE-OFF, INIT CLIMB, CLIMB, CRUISE, DESCENT, HOLDING, APPROACH, LANDING, CIRCUIT, AEROBATICS, HOVER
6 From LGW	9	13 IAS 250 kts	17 State				23 Nature of Flight: PAX X, FREIGHT, SURVEY, PLEASURE, AGRICULTURAL X, BUSINESS, CLUB/GROUP, PRIVATE, POSITIONING, FERRY, TEST, TRAINING, PARACHUTING, TOWING
7 To HAM	10 Time 1735 GMT	14 HT/ALT/FL 5000 ft	DRY X, WET, ICE, SNOW, SLUSH				
8 Geog. Position SEE NARRATIVE	11 Visibility ABOVE CLOUD	15 OAT +8 °C	21 Cloud Type CUMULUS; Height/ft TOPS APPROX 4000'f; Amount/8ths 7/8				

NARRATIVE

WHILST CLIMBING OUT OF GATWICK HEADING TOWARDS DETLING VOR ON THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE CLACTON DEPARTURE - 4 PASSENGERS SAW A WINGLESS PROJECTILE PASS BELOW AND TO THE LEFT (NORTH) OF THE AIRCRAFT. NONE OF THE FLIGHT DECK CREW WITNESSED THE OCCURRENCE. HOWEVER FROM THE DESCRIPTION OFFERED IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE OBJECT WAS FLYING LEVEL AT AN ALTITUDE OF BETWEEN 4000 AND 5000 FT JUST ABOVE THE MAIN CLOUD TOPS. I AM UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE SIZE AND DIRECTION OF FLIGHT OF THE OBJECT. HOWEVER IT WOULD SEEM TO HAVE PASSED FAIRLY CLOSE BY AS THE PASSENGERS WERE ABLE TO SEE IT QUITE CLEARLY.

THE OCCURRENCE WAS REPORTED TO AND DISCUSSED WITH GATWICK ATC WHO WERE UNAWARE OF ANYTHING UNUSUAL OCCURRING AT THAT TIME.

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ENGINEERING DETAILS

25 Aircraft Constructor's No.	26 Engine Type & Series	27 Ground Phase: Maintenance, Ground Handling, Taxy, Unattended	AIRCRAFT BELOW 5700 kg ONLY: Maintenance Organisation 27(a), Tel. No. 27(b)

28 Component/Part	29 Location on aircraft	30 Manual Reference	31 Overhaul/Repair Agency	32 Maintnce. Prog. O.C.	C.M.	H.T.	Reliability Prog. Cat 'A' Item YES/NO 33

34 Manufacturer	35 Part No.	36 Serial No.	37 HOURS/CYCLES/LANDINGS	38 Total	39 Since O/H or repair	40 Since inspection	41 Manufacturer Advised YES/NO

42 Is there any published Airworthiness and/or Operational information or control procedures relevant to this occurrence (e.g. AN, SB, AIC etc)? YES/NO	Reference No. and Compliance Status of Aircraft or Equipment
	737-13-91

43 Report ORIGINAL/~~SUPPL~~.	If report is submitted voluntarily i.e. not subject to mandatory requirements 46	48 Organisation DAN AIR SERVICES	Address and Tel. No. (if reporter wishes to be contacted privately) 52
44 Reporter's Investigation ~~INITIAL~~/OPEN/~~CLOSED~~		49 Position CAPTAIN	
45 Flight Data Record Held YES/NO	47 Can the information be disseminated in the interests of safety YES/~~NO~~	50 Reference No DAS 66/91 / 51 Date 17 JUN '91	53 Name [redacted] / Signature

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I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PASSENGERS INVOLVED MADE THE STORY UP AS THEY APPEARED CONCERNED BY THE SIGHTING AND INSISTED ON NOTIFYING US (THE FLIGHT DECK CREW) BEFORE DISEMBARKING.

ATTACHED COPY OF PASSENGER'S REPORT - THIS WAS COMPLETED RATHER RAPIDLY WHILST LEAVING THE AIRCRAFT AT HAMBURG.

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17. 6. 91

1930.-- 39 HRS

HAMBURG TIME

Hamburger Zeit



FLYING BODY

Flugkörper

LEFT UNDERNEATH

links unterhalb

THE AIRCRAFT

des Flugzeuges

CLOSE ABOVE THE CLOUDS

dicht über den Wolken

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE DIPLOMA ENGINEER

Dipl.-Ing. [redacted]

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 250700Z JUN 91

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. 250027L JUN 91
B. ONE BIG IN SIZE FLAT SHAPE WHITE AND VERY BRIGHT
C. INDOORS AND MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. NOT SURE
F. UNKNOWN
G. UNKNOWN
H. COULD NOT SAY
J. CLEAR SKY
K. HOUSES
L. GRAMPIAN POLICE SERIAL 8
M. [redacted] ABERDEEN
FRIEND IC BALNAGASK ROAD ABERDEEN

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N. MISS [redacted] WAS AT A FRIENDS ADDRESS WHEN THEY BOTH SAW IT
O. FRIENDS NAME NOT KNOWN
P. 252344Z JUN 91
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F
CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55
CAV 2 DGSTI

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	180451A Jun 91
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One object, Glowing, very weird.
c.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors
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)	N/A
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/A
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	N/A
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	From Coventry towards Birmingham.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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/A

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18 JUN 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Reported to Police. West Midland.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	Name not given. [redacted] Greenlane, Coventry,
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Sounded like a foreigner.
O.	Other Witnesses	N/A
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	190430Z Jun 91.
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NIL.
R.	Remarks:	NIL.

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Date: 18 Jun 91

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 050700Z JUN 91

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. 021530L JUN 91. TWO MINUTES
B. ONE OBJECT OVAL IN SHAPE WITH BLACK MAT TENTICLES UNDERNEATH
C. OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH TO NORTH
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. FLOUTING ACCROSS THE SKY
J. CLOUDY
K. NIL
L. THE PRESS
M. [redacted] WYCKAM BISHOP [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. ALL OF BOYFRIENDS FAMILY
P. 041400Z JUN 91
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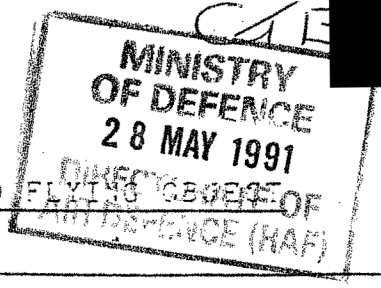

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28 MAY 1991
DIRECTORATE OF ART DEFENCE (RAF)

EX A TO SOP 502 13

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	22nd 23:40 4-5 mins
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2x Cross shaped orange lights. Sound like a propellor engined a/c. seemed vertical separation.
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Calverton. Notts. Outdoors. Moving
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked.
E.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	-
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45° - overhead.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	3 miles away.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	E-W Moved across sky towards Hicknall
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Derbyshire Constabulary
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Colwerton Notts [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	Husband.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	23rd May 16.40
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	Remarks	Report phoned in by Derbyshire Constabulary

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Squadron Leader
Duty Operations Officer
AF Ops

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Date 23-5-91

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CYD020 23/0300 143C0263

FOR CYD

ROUTINE 221600Z MAY 91

FROM RAF WITTERING
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC LGZ/Z6F
(SIC Z6F INSERTED BY DCC)
FOR S4F(AIR) SUBJECT UFO REPORT
A 220935Z MAY 91 WITNESSED FOR 4-5 MINUTES
B THREE CRAFT, ONE RUGBYBALL SHAPE, TWO FLAT AND DISH-SHAPED
COMPARABLE TO AIRLINER IN SIZE, METALLIC IN COLOUR
C NORTH END OF VILLAGE OF ISLIP IN PORTAKABIN VIEWED THROUGH
OPEN WINDOW
D NAKED EYE
E OVER VILLAGE OF WOODFORD MOVED TOWARDS RAUNDS
F ESTIMATED TO BE AT 2-3000 FEET
G ABOUT TWO MILES DISTANT OVER WOODFORD
H CRAFT APPEARED TO BE PLAYING CHASE, ALMOST DANCING IN THE AIR
GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF SPINNING AS THE SUN WAS REFLECTED OFF THE
OUTER SURFACES
J CLEAR BLUE SKY

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K VIEWED OVER OPEN-COUNTRY
L RAF WITTERING OPERATIONS STAFF
M Section 40 Section 40 KETTERING,
N ADMITTED TO HAVING SERVED IN PARACHUTE REGIMENT
O CALLED FOR WITNESSES BUT OBJECTS HAD GONE FROM VISION
P 220945Z MAY 91
BT

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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAV 1 DI 55

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	222345A May 91
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Two objects, 3 white lights (one at front two at rear) on each.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors.
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)	Above Burton Rd Hospital, Dudley W Midlands
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 degrees.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Above hospital at 1000 feet.
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving South. Rotated 90 degrees. No sound.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	NIL.

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Reported by Police.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	PC [redacted] Dudley Police Station New Street Dudley W Midlands
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	Special Constable [redacted]
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	222330Z May 91.
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NIL.
R.	Remarks:	NIL.

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AF Ops

Date: 23 May 91

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HEADQUARTERS MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Hillingdon House Uxbridge Middlesex UB10 0RZ

DDI: [redacted]
GPTN:
FAX:
FAX GPTN:

MAY 1991

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Please reply to The Air Officer Commanding

Your Reference

Our Reference MATO/13/4/8/RS3A

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Date 21 May 91

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - MISSILE? - 21 APR 91

1. Executive responsibility for the military investigation into the title Occurrence Report has recently been transferred to this Headquarters by the Civil Aviation Authority Safety Data Analysis Unit (SDAU). Copies of both the Alitalia MD 80 captain's report and the LATCC controllers' reports on the incident, which occurred at approximately 2000 hrs on Sunday 21 Apr 91, are enclosed.

2. We understand that you have already undertaken detailed inquiries on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and we would be grateful if, in due course, you could forward your findings to this Headquarters so that we can respond to the SDAU.

[redacted]
Sqn Ldr
for AOC

Enclosures:

1. Copy of the MD 80 Captain's Report.
2. Copy of the LATCC Superviser and Controller's Reports.

Distribution:

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Action:

MOD Sec (AS) 2A, Room 8245, Main Building

Information: (Less Enclosures)

MOD DDAT/AAR, Room 4199, Main Building
SDAU

All correspondence passed to Sec (AS)2 [redacted]
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FOR CXJ

ROUTINE 141700Z MAY 91

FROM SOC SOUTH NEATISHEAD
TO MODUK AIR

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
14 MAY 1991
AIR FORCE OPERATIONS

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC KAL
MODUK AIR FOR GE3.
SUBJ: ALITALIA/BROWN MISSILE INCIDENT 21 APR 91. REQERT UNABLE TO
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SUBJECT INCIDENT. VINTON RADAR RECORDING CAMERA
WAS UNSERVICEABLE ON DATE OF INCIDENT. SQN LDR OPS SENDS EXT Section 40
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U N C L A S S I F I E D

Section 40

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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 030630Z MAY 91

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. 022215 LOCAL MAY 91 FOR 2 MINUTES
B. ONE OBJECT SHAPED LIKE A ROUND GLOBE ORANGE IN COLOUR AND QUITE BRIGHT WITH NO SOUND OR SMELL NOTED
C. THE OBSERVER WAS STANDING STATIONARY OUTDOORS IN MAEROY
D. OBSERVED WITH THE NAKED EYE
E. IT CAME FROM THE SOUTH UP THE VALLEY
F. LOW IN THE SKY
G. NIL
H. THE MOVEMENT WAS CHANGING AND SHOT VERTICALLY ABOVE PLANE
J. THE WEATHER WAS FINE WITH CLEAR SKIES
K. NIL
L. REPORTED TO THE POLICE
M. [redacted] MAECOY, RHONDA, SOUTH WALES [redacted]

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N. LADY LATE 50S
O. HER TWO NEIGHBOURS CONCOUR AND LADYS NEICE
P. 022230Z MAY 91
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	9-1-91
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	White light 500 feet above hills. Travelling quickly, light turned orange and stopped
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	In car
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 easily estimated bearing)	West to East North to South
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	500 ft above hills
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	up to within 200 yards of him
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	As B
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	High voltage wires. TV masts nearby also

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MoD only
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Tretomyn, Gwent
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	As before
O.	Other Witnesses	none
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	2/5/91 14.15
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	nil.
R.	Remarks	as previous

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~~Squadron Leader~~
Duty Operations Officer
~~AF Ops~~

Date 2/5/91

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ANNEX A TO
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	18.11.89 5.40 pm 30-40 seconds
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bank of white and yellow (ish) lights
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Driving a tanker in fog.
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)	Nearside of vehicle Heading towards Severn Bridge
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Very low. About height of headlamps
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	came within 12 feet
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	seemed to keep pace with him
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Thin fog
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Severn bridge (normally lit up)

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L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	One other person, Section 40 an American Ufologist
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Tretomys, Gwent
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	no interest in UFOs Medically retired from RAF Regiment
O.	Other Witnesses	none
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	2/5/91 14.15 pm
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	none
R.	Remarks	Ex RAF Regt [redacted] Student of occult Geometry (!!)

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~~Squadron Leader~~
Duty Operations Officer
~~AF Cps~~

Date 2/5/91

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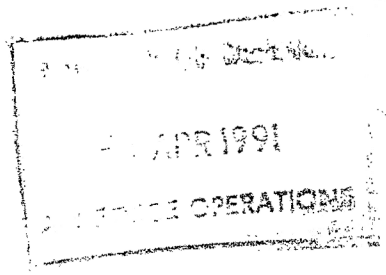

FROM RAF MARHAM
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT
A. THU 28 MAR 2100:2 HOURS/FRI 29 MAR 2100:2 HRS TUE 02 APR 0330:1 HR/WED 03 APR 2100: STILL HAPPENING AT TIME OF REPORT
B. LARGE OBLONG DISC/VERY BRIGHT/TWO ROTATING GREEN LIGHTS
C. INDOORS/EDGE OF CLIFF NEAR OLD LIGHTHOUSE/AT OLD HUNSTANTON
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. IN LINE FROM HUSTANTON TO LINCOLN
F. 45 DEGREES
G. OVER WASH
H. VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NOTHING IN FRONT OF VIEW
L. RAF MARHAM ONLY
M. [redacted] OLD HUNSTANTON

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N. NIL
O. MOTHER AND FATHER OF INFORMANT
P. 032220 LOCAL APR 91
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FOR CYD

ROUTINE 251310Z MAR 91

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. 242130 MAR 91. 212100 MAR 91
B. ONE BRIGHT LIGHT
C. BEDROOM WINDOW. Section 40 NEW CUMNOCK
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH WEST
F. JUST ABOVE HORIZON
G. APPROX 2 MILES
H. RISING AND FALLING SLOWLY
J. CLOUD FREE ON BOTH OCCASIONS
K. OPEN COUNTRY
L. DISCUSSED WITH EDITOR OF AYR ADVERTISER
M. [redacted] NEW CUMNOCK TEL [redacted]

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N. A FREELANCE JOURNALIST
O. [redacted] Section 40 NEW CUMNOCK
P. 242130 MAR 91
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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 212230Z MAR 91

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
HQ 11 GP BENTLEY PRIORY

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F/I3F/IBJ
HQSTC FOR BROADSHIELD. SUBJECT UFO REPORT
A. 212030Z MAR 91
B. BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT
C. GRAVEYARD NEAR WHITBY ABBEY (OUTDOORS)
D. NAKED EYE
E. TOWARDS SANDSEND APPROX NORTHWEST
F. APPROX 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON
G. NOT KNOWN
H. NO MOVEMENT
J. SOME CLOUD BUT MOON AND STARS VISIBLE
K. N/A
L. INFORMANT HAD SPOKEN TO WHITBY POLICE AND THEY ADVISED HER TC

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CONTACT RAF FYLINGDALES
M. [redacted] EAST CLIFF, WHITBY, [redacted]
N. NONE BUT CONVERSATIONALLY SHE SEEMED PERFECTLY RATIONAL AND WAS NOT DISTRESSED
O. NIL
P. 212130Z MAR 91
R. SDO FYLINGDALES EXPLAINED TO INFORMANT THAT SHE HAD PROBABLY SEEN VENUS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN VISIBLE IN THAT DIRECTION AT THAT TIME. THOUGH NOT CONVINCED, SHE ACCEPTED THE POSSIBILITY
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	212030A Mar 91
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bright White Light
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	The graveyard near Whitby Abbey outdoors
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)	Towards the village of Sandsend approx North West
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approximately 30 degrees above horizon
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark	Not known far away
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	None
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc) (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Some cloud but moon and visible stars visible
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake etc 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)	Not applicable

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	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Whitny Police
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] East Cliff [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Seemed rational not distressed
O.	Other Witnesses	Nil
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	212139Z Mar 91.
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NIL
R.	Remarks:	She agreed, when suggested by Fylingdale DO, that it may have been Venus, which was visible at that time in that direction

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AF Ops

Date: 21 Mar 91

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15 March 1991

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UFO REPORTS - ENQUIRIES FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

References: A) RAF West Drayton Z6F 210730Z Feb 91
B) Sec(AS) UFO report 211100Z Feb 91

1. Further to the reports at References A and B which described the sighting of a large green light over Manchester at around 201919/20Z Feb 91, we have received a request for information regarding this sighting from Jenny Randles, a well known authoress on the subject of UFOs.

2. I have no problems with sending her copies of the reports (minus distribution and details of witnesses), and as we have received a number of other queries regarding this sighting I would be grateful for any other information you might have which I could pass on (i.e. satellite re-entry or other space-related activity).

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FILE TITLE: (Main Heading - Secondary Heading - Tertiary Heading etc)
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Low Flying UFOs

Reference:
(Prefix and Number):
D/D Air Def 11/6/4
Part: H

PROTECTIVE MARKING (including caveats & descriptors): Rest

Date of last enclosure: 22-1-96

Date closed:

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(To be completed when the file is closed)

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Destroy after _____ years	☐
Forward to DR after _____ years	☐
No recommendation	☐

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

Reviewer's Signature: _____ Reviewer's Signature: _____

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May be needed by DAS 4A1 (Sec)

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DIRECTORATE POLICY	☐	OTHER (Specify)	✓	

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(ii) Key enclosures which support the recommendation are:

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Destroyed ☐

Considered by DR for permanent preservation ☐

c. Of no further administrative value but worthy of consideration by DR for permanent preservation. ☑

PART 3. BP[redacted] ow HEO/equivalent)

Signature: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]
(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: SLC Date: 27/7/01

Branch Title and Full Address:

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METROPOLE BLDG
NORTHUMBERLAND AVE.
LONDON WC2N 5BP

Tel No: Section 40

PART 4 DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is certified that the specified file has been destroyed.

Signature: _____

Name: _____
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Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____

Name: _____
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PPS

A. 21/1/96 AT 2000 OBJECT OBSERVED FROM 19[illegible] -2000 APPROX

B. A SINGLE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED WHICH LOOKED LIKE A STAR BUT BIGGER, ROUND IN SHAPE AND VERY BRIGHT. IT APPEARED BLUE/GREEN FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME BUT DID CHANGE COLOUR TO WHITE

C. THE OBJECT WAS DUE WEST OF THE A/C WHEN IT WAS FLYING BETWEEN COA & LAM.

D. NAKED EYE SIGHTING

E. THE OBJECT WAS SEEN FROM APPROX 20 MIN AFTER DEPARTURE FROM STUTTGART UNTIL DESCENDING AT LAM AND WAS DUE WEST WHEN LAST OBSERVED

F. LEVEL WITH A/C WHEN IN CRUISE (35,000')

G. DISTANCE OF OBJECT AWAY COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

H. OBJECT REMAINED STEADY

J. CONDITIONS WERE VERY CLEAR

K. N/A

L. REPORTED TO ATC.

M. REPORTED BY CAPT. [redacted]
MAERSKAIR OPS BIRMINGHAM.

N. NONE

O. THE FIRST OFFICER AND ALSO MEMBERS OF THE CABIN CREW ALSO SAW THE OBJECT

P. RECEIVED. 2100 21/1/96

CAS SUP HAS IMPOUNDED TAPES.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PFS

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number
Size
Shape
Colours
Brightness
Sound
Smell

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

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

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

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

G. DISTANCE. (By reference to a known landmark if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

N. ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

O. OTHER WITNESSES

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT

Communicate details to AIS(Mil), LATCC
See "Other Occurrences" section

1 January 1994

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	AO8	REGISTRY	HELS 5
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POLICE STATION

Blyth's Meadow
BRAINTREE
Essex CM7 3DJ
Telephone No. 01376 551312

Our ref.
Your ref. Section 40

28 November 1995

Copies to.
Sec (AS)2a Room 8245 MB
AEW/9E3 Room 4217 MB
DISSC Room 336 CCS Cwax office

Dear Sir

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

In accordance with our local instructions, I forward details of a reported UFO at Hatfield Peverel, Essex on Wednesday 15 November 1995. The incident reference number is IRIS 963 15.11.95. Please contact us should you require any further information.

a) 15.11.95 2315 hours
b) One 'enormous' flat oval shaped object - could see no lights or markings other than extreme bright light which shone to the ground. Pulsating/vibrating noise but not that of a jet engine.
c) [redacted] was standing in field at rear of the Scout hut in Church Road, Hatfield Peverel (Grid Ref 5794 2113)
d) Naked eye
e) As (c)
f) Directly above
g) As (f)
h) Did not hang around to see!
j) Clear night sky

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k) None apparent
l) Telephone call to Braintree Police Station
m) Informant [redacted] Section 40 , Hatfield Peverel, [redacted] Witness to sighting was [redacted] of that address
n) On being spoken to, [redacted] was clearly petrified of what she had seen - refused at the time to return to location because of her fear.
o) None
p) 15.11.95 2335 hours

Yours faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

Chief Inspector
Operations Manager

FC. 11/6/4

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	221815/181115/ 181815Nov For very short time
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Two Brilliant white lights 1st two occasions, amber 3rd time
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	3rd time, from Nelson Rd in Burnley
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	In the west
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Near horizon
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	West to East, travelling very fast
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Cloudy, a star seen
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nothing significant
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	To a friend in Grassington who said he had had 250 sightings, said "vehicle" was lost travelling from

Burnley to Hebden Bridge on each occasion!

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Burnley Lancs [redacted]
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Site Supervisor
14.	Other Witnesses	Person in Grassington plus 250 other reports of same lights???
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	221945 Nov 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Not reported
17.	Remarks	

Date: 22 Nov 95

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 061402Z NOV 95

FROM RAF NEATISHEAD
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. TIME 041912Z NOV 95 DURATION 4 MINUTES
B. ONE OBJECT WITH MANY FLASHING LIGHTS, NO NOISE
C. OUTDOORS AT BRUNDLE, EAST OF NORWICH, OBSERVER STATIONARY
D. OBSERVED WITH NAKED EYE
E. OBSERVED EAST OF NORWICH
F. ELEVATION 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON
G. DISTANCE OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVER NOT KNOWN
H. OBJECT MOVED IN CONSTANT LINE NORTHWARDS
I. MET CONDITIONS: CLEAR VISIBILITY
J. NO NEARBY OBJECTS FOR REFERENCE
K. REPORTED TO RAF NEATISHEAD DUTY OFFICER
L. REPORTED BY [redacted] BRUNDLE, NORFOLK, [redacted]
M. OBSERVER BACKGROUND: RETIRED

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N. OTHER WITNESSES: NONE
O. REPORT RECEIVED 041930Z NOV 95
P. UNUSUAL MET CONDITIONS: NIL
Q. REMARKS: QUERY POSSIBLE FIREWORK OR FLIGHT FROM NORWICH AIRPORT
BT

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Please find attached a copy of [redacted] final report into the UFO sightings on 30/31 March 93.

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MOD Form 195 (Revised 6/89)

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19 May 1993

31 MARCH 93 INCIDENT - SUMMARY

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

2. Visible Phenomena. Generally reported as twin (some reports triple) white/cramy 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.

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Enclosure:

1. Locations of Sightings.

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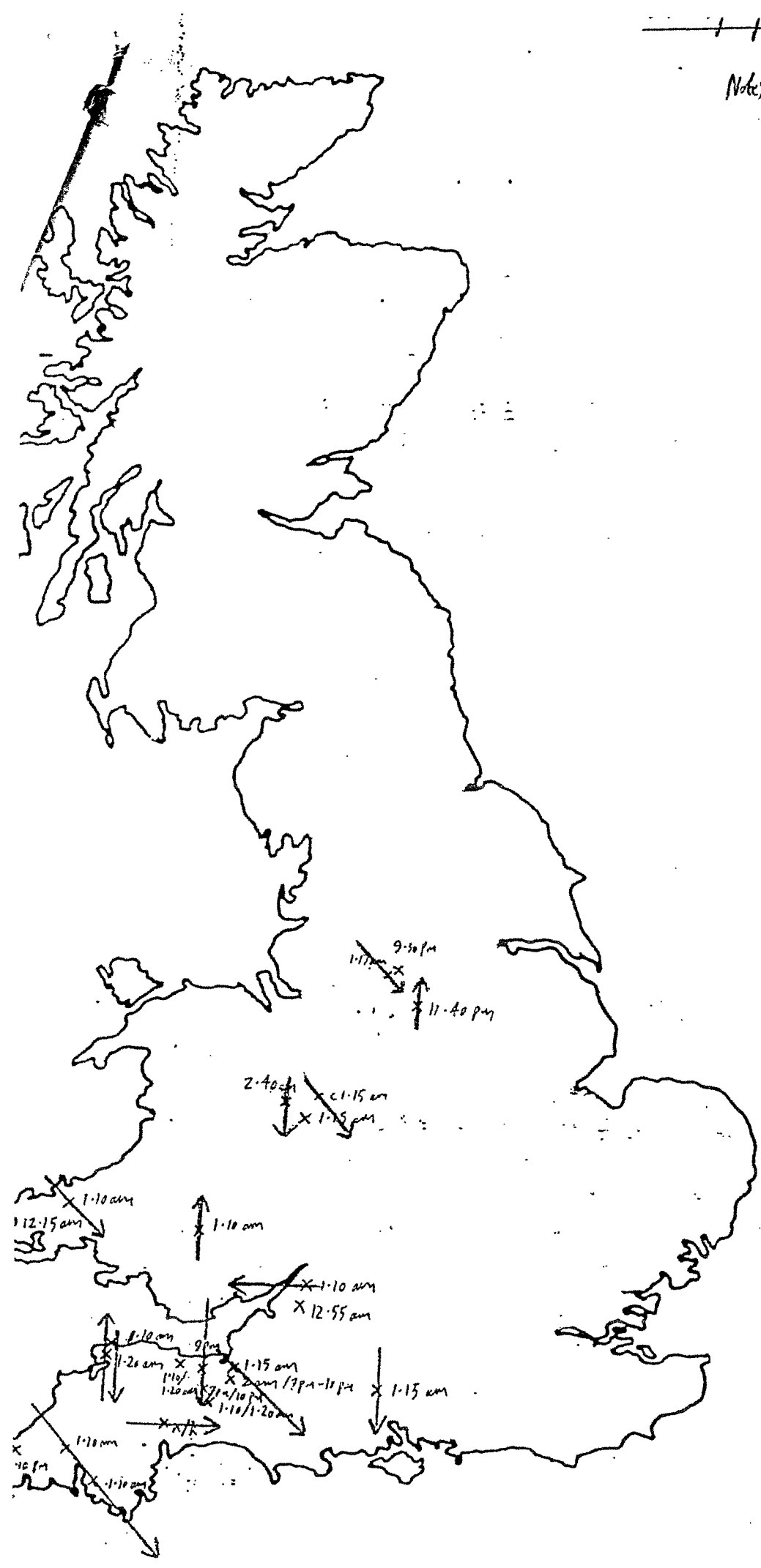

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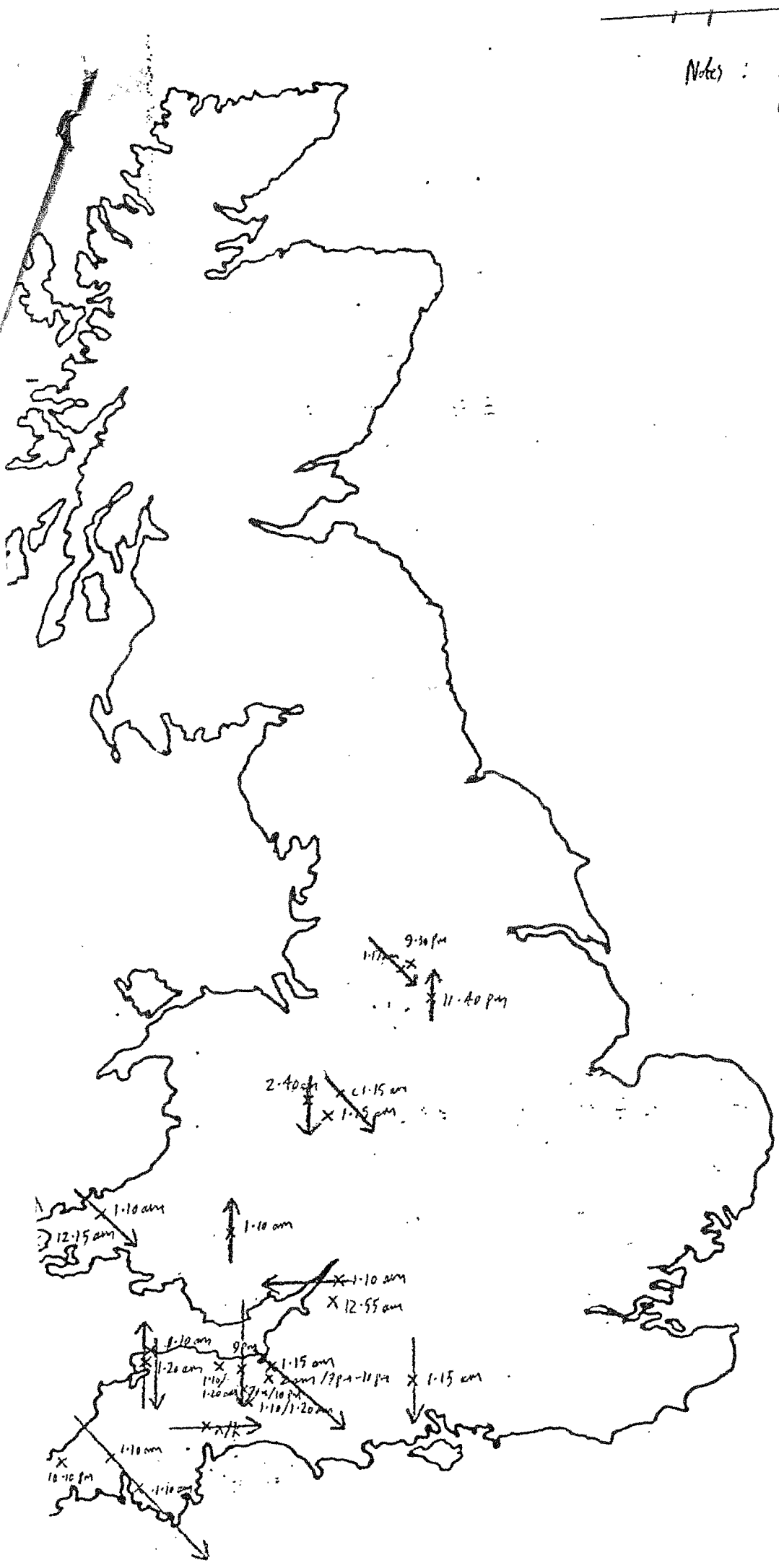

Location	Time seen	Height/Heading/speed etc	
RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton	1.15 am	→ SE	✓
Rugeley, Staffs	1.10 am	v. low, slow	✓
Wilsbridge, Cornwall	10.10 pm	High, ac speed ?	✓
Grateley, Hants	1.15 am	Low, high speed, N → S	✓
Braunton, Devon	1.20 am	low, S → N	✓
Bristol	1.10 am	fast, E → W	✓
Merthyr Tydfil	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	✓
Crymych, Dafydd	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	✓
Bradway, Sheffield	11.40 pm	→ N	✓
Liskeard		→ SE	✓
Ilfracombe	1.10 am	→ S	✓
Plymouth	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Exeter		→ E	✓
Bridgewater	2 am	low	✓
St Ives	1.30 am		✓
Quantock Hills	9 pm	→ S	✓
Bridgewater	9 pm – 10 pm		✓
Bishops Lydiard	9 pm – 10 pm		✓
Taunton	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Minehead	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Penistone	9.30 / 1.17 am	→ SE	✓

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Ref: Case No 933

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26th May 1993

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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

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Yours sincerely

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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[redacted], 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, Sgt [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 hid 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 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:-

Event	Place	Date	Time
'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 to 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.

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]. Section 40 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 ( ). From the lowest object a light beam seemed to be shining down at an angle of about 45 degrees. Mr [redacted] kept the objects in view for a little over 3 hours. During this time his daughter [redacted] 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 [redacted] and that by Mr [redacted] are probably one and the same. The direction is right i.e.N.W. and although Mrs [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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 Concords 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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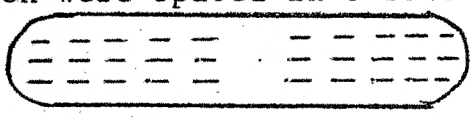
At approx 10.30pm, Mr [redacted] was standing outside his home on the Sandhill Park Estate, at Bishops Lydeard when he noticed a brightly lit object approaching from the south. At arms length he describes the object as about the size of a Zippo Lighter and had 6 rows of lights numbering 30 in all. They were in two sections of 15 which were spaced in 3 rows of 5 lights in each.

* 

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 visable 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) 2[redacted] 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 they 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 9.10pm 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.

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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 carryingout 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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DUFORO Case No 933 Annex 'A'

WESTCOUNTRY AND WALES SIGHTINGS - 31st March 1993

Event 'B'

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1. [redacted]

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".

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2. [redacted]

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.

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3. [redacted]

Time1.10am. 2 bright white objects (brighter than stars) came frm north west travelling south east, flying parellel 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.

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4. [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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5. [redacted]

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.

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

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7. Torquay. Two lights seen over gentlemans house. Report with [redacted]

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8. [redacted] and [redacted]

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.

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10 [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!

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11. [redacted]

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 pararell N.W to S.E. but could have been West to East!

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12. [redacted]
Time 1.15 (approx) Two very bright white / yellowish objects, flying parellel 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.

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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.

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14. [redacted] 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 parellel (in tandem) in an easterly direction, south of his position. Objects appeared 6" to 7" apart at height. No noise.

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15. [redacted]
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!.

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16. [redacted] 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.

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17. [redacted]
Time 1.17am Two very bright lights - trail of light behind. flying parellel, 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]
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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Date
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Grateley, Hants.
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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]

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

Notes : All times are local
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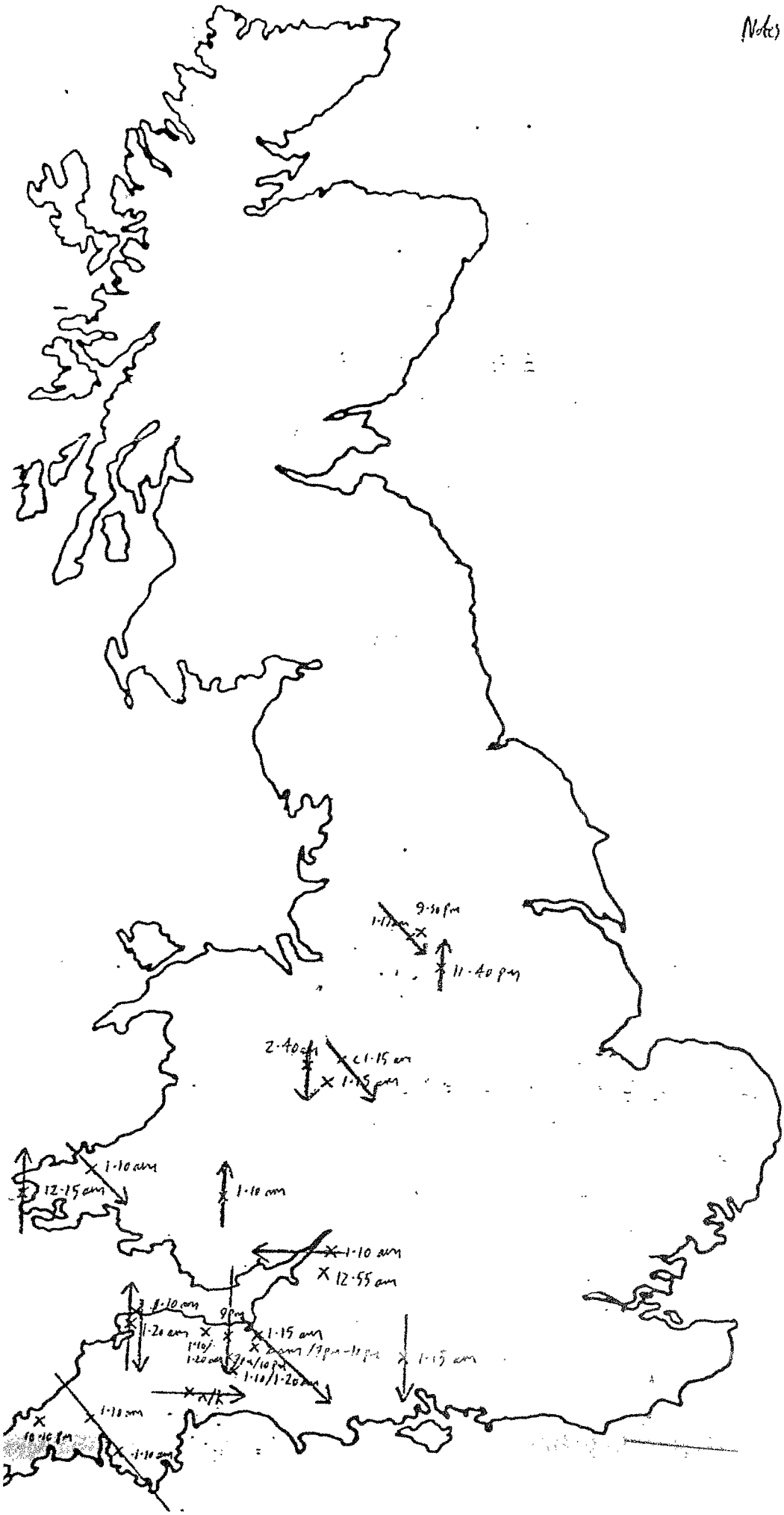

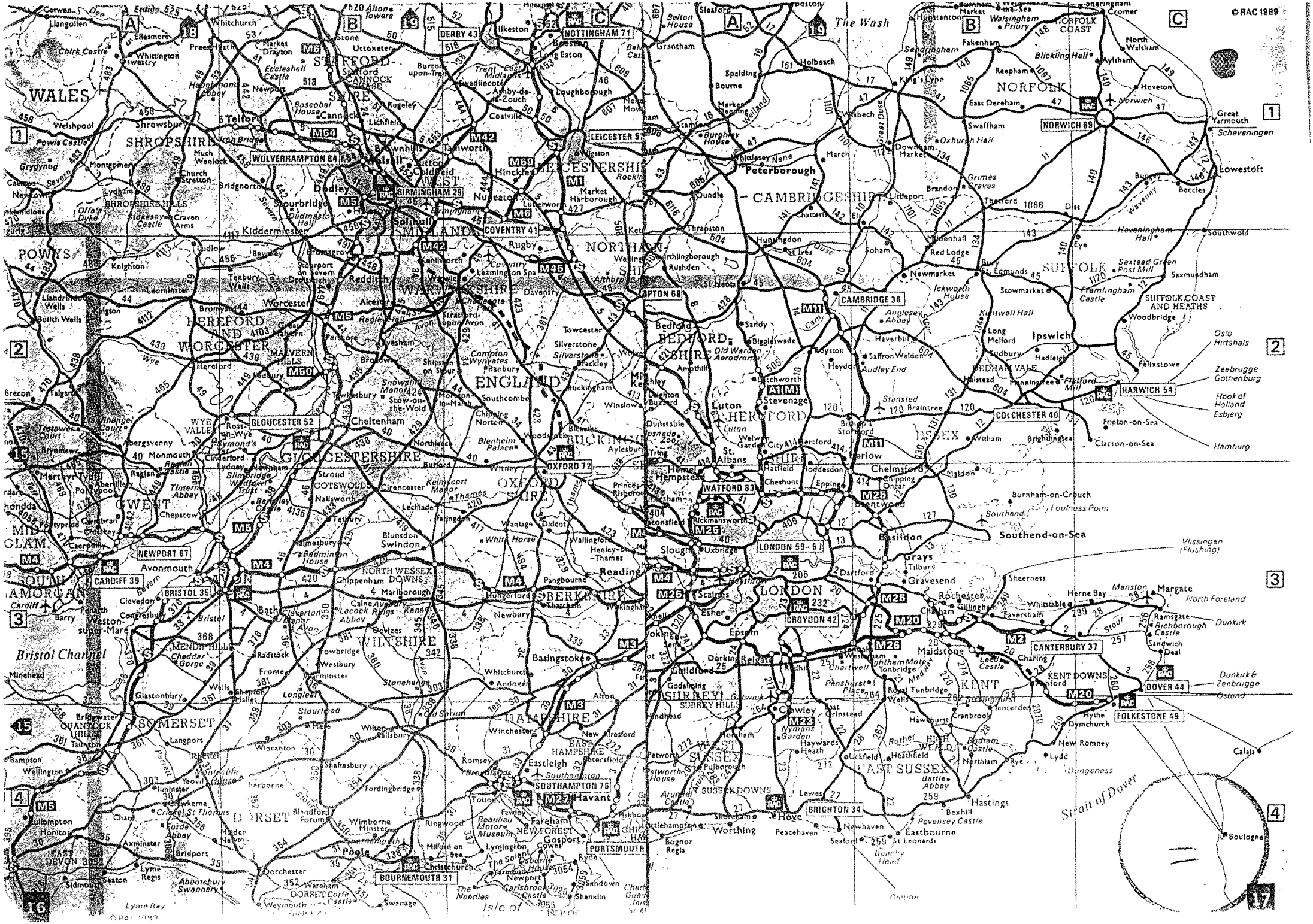
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31 MARCH 93 INCIDENT - SUMMARY

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

2. Visible Phenomena. Generally reported as twin (some reports triple) white/cramy 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 [redacted].

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

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Section 40

less Enclosure:

1. Locations of Sightings.

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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 Mr [redacted]s report of a low hum, or the report from Mr [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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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?

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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

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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.

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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 Mr [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.

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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

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St Ives, Cornwall.

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Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Location	Time seen	Height / Heading / Speed etc	
RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton	1.15 am	→ SE	✓
Rugeley, Staffs	1.10 am	v. low, slow	✓
Wilcbridge, Cornwall	10.10 pm	High, ac speed ?	✓
Crabbley, Hants	1.15 am	Low, high speed. N → S	✓
Branston, 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	✓
Hereford West	12.15 am	N → S, v fast	✓
Crymych, Pembs	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	✓
Bradway, Sheffield	11.40 pm	→ N	✓
Liskeard		→ SE	✓
Ilfracombe	1.10 am	→ S	✓
Plymouth	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Exeter		→ E	✓
Bridgewater	2 am	low	✓
St Ives	1.30 am		✓
Queenborough Hills	9 pm	→ S	✓
Bridgewater	9 pm – 10 pm		✓
Bishops Lydeard	9 pm – 10 pm		✓
Taunton	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Minehead	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Penistone	9.30 / 1.17 am	→ SE	✓


Notes: All times are local
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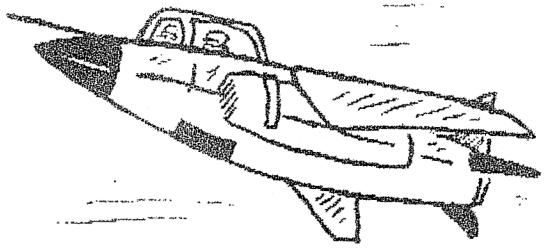

FAX MESSAGE

FROM [redacted]
Sec (AS) 2[redacted]

TO [redacted]
DTSS [redacted]

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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 Section 40 [redacted]

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/1

16 Apr 93

Head of Sec(AS) - through Mr [redacted]

Copy to:
Mr [redacted]

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. DI55 [redacted] 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.

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MEMORANDUM

To Sec (AS) 2a

From [redacted]

Date 19 April 93

Tel Section 40 [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 Monmouth 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 Pease Pottage	Squawk 4651/110 from the north through 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 [redacted] Name [redacted] Signature [redacted]

Pattern of UFO Sightings Wed. 31st March

+ multiple place sightings in Devon / Cornwall



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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 Merthyr 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 Honiton / Welling at approx 20,000 ft, heading East - West. Again, 1.30 am. Info not substantiated by Uxbridge or West Drayton.

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

[redacted] Spoke to MPC Section 40

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

Lulsgate ATC, Bristol Airport [redacted] Witness. Others at c

[redacted] at RAF West Drayton [redacted]. Took details of RAF Cosford report, and confirmed no military ac in UK airspace at time. Has impounded ATC radar tapes, which can be videoed + analysed. 120 miles - 60,000 ft. 100 miles 7000 ft. 10 miles - 1000 ft. Sites at Cleethill and Bucrington. Contact for analysis (requested [redacted]

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RAF Fylingdales - [redacted]
Rocket body 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 more 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 Shawbury [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 in 2 km path Shawbury). 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. Guesstimate of object's size: somewhere between C-130 and 747.

[redacted] Witness from RAF Cosford, with 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?).

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FEED DIRECTION

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

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 BRIGH
C. INDOORS, MOVING
D. BINOCULARS
E. SOUTH, RIGHT TO LEFT
F. LOW
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. NONE
M. [redacted]
N. WITNESSED BY AIRCREW AND OTHER AIRPORT STAFF

P. 310334A MAR 93
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXU 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAF 1 DI 55

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

CAB123 31/1257 090C2197

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. [redacted]
N. NIL
O. POLICE OFFICERS PLUS FRIENDS
P. 311230L MAR 93
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXV 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAF 1 DI 55

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FEED DIRECTION

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

CWD148 31/0959 090C1185

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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. [redacted]
N. POLICE OFFICERS

O. SEEN BY OTHER POLICE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT DEVON AND CORNWALL
P. 310130Z MAR 93
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXV 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAP 1 DI 55

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

CWD151 31/1002 090C1243

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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. [redacted]
N. NONE

O. OTHER POLICE OFFICERS
P. 310154A MAR 93
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) / ACTION (CXV 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAP 1 DI 55

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

CWD153 01/1325 091C1129

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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. [redacted]

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N. [redacted]
O. [redacted]
P. 010845Z APR 93
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXV 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAP 1 DI 55

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FEED DIRECTION

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

CWD203 31/1158 090C1975

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 311050Z 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. 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]
N. [redacted]

O. THREE OTHERS AGED 20-24
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CAB 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXV 1 AFDO)
CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAP 1 DI 55

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Wed 31st 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 about max forty 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. ie 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

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K.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS) 2[redacted]
L.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
M.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nme
N.	Other Witnesses	Nme
O.	Date, Time of Receipt	1/4/93 - pm
P.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nme
Q.	Remarks	Mum was behind direct - surprised he couldn't make out shape - witness said it must've been absolutely still. Witness believed direct was big - from 7/8 miles could still see both lights.

[redacted]

Sec (AS) 2[redacted]

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[redacted]

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,

[redacted]

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!

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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. TRIANGE WITH RED GLOW FROM ITS CENTRE TAIL AREA.

C. Exact Position Observer. OUTSIDE OF HOUSE LOOKING LOWT

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 condistions during observation. CLEAR SKY

J. Nearby Objects. BUILT UP AREA BUT OBJECT LOW & 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

Sign [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Rank [redacted]

Date 31 MAR 93

NOTE * WAS 'STEALTH' IN THE AREA?

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Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
-5 APR 1993
AIR FORCE OPERATIONS

Report Passed to AIS
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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting Local times to be quoted	31/3/93. 0010 ½ Approx 1 min
B. Discription 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 our out, stationery or moving.	outside House ([redacted] East Harptree Bristol)
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 3000 ft Hill disappeared behind hill. long away trav. fast
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 ½ 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]
N. Any Background Information on Informant that may be Volunteered	[redacted]
O. Other Witness	3 (20-24)
P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report	1004 31/3/93

Signature .... [redacted] .....

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting Local times to be quoted	TL 31st MARCH 1993 0115 am
B. Discription 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 our out, stationery or moving.	INDOORS, STATIONARY BRIDGEWATER CNR 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.	— " —
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 CAVOK.
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 BY DOCKS
To Whom Reported Police, Military org. the press, etc.	B/WATER MERCURY — NO RESPONSE
Name and Address of Informant	[redacted]
Any Background Information on Informant that may be Volunteered	SANE.
Other Witness	HUSBAND
Date and Time of Receipt of Report	1st APRIL 1800 L (1st REPORTED 31st MARCH

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Signature [redacted] Section 40 .....

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[redacted]

14th March 1993

Mr [redacted]
SEC (AS) 2[redacted]
Room 8245
MOD Main Building
Whithall
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Mr [redacted]

Firstly, thankyou 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 [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. [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 Ilracombe, 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 [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 [redacted] and [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 [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 2April 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 difficultly 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, [redacted] and [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.

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.

[redacted]

13th April 1993

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MORANDUM

To Sec (AS) 2[redacted]

From [redacted]

Date 19 April 93

Tel Ext [redacted]

Your ref D/Sec(AS)12/1

Our ref INC 055/93

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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 Pease Pottage	Squawk 4651/110 from the north through 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 [redacted] Name [redacted] Signature [redacted]

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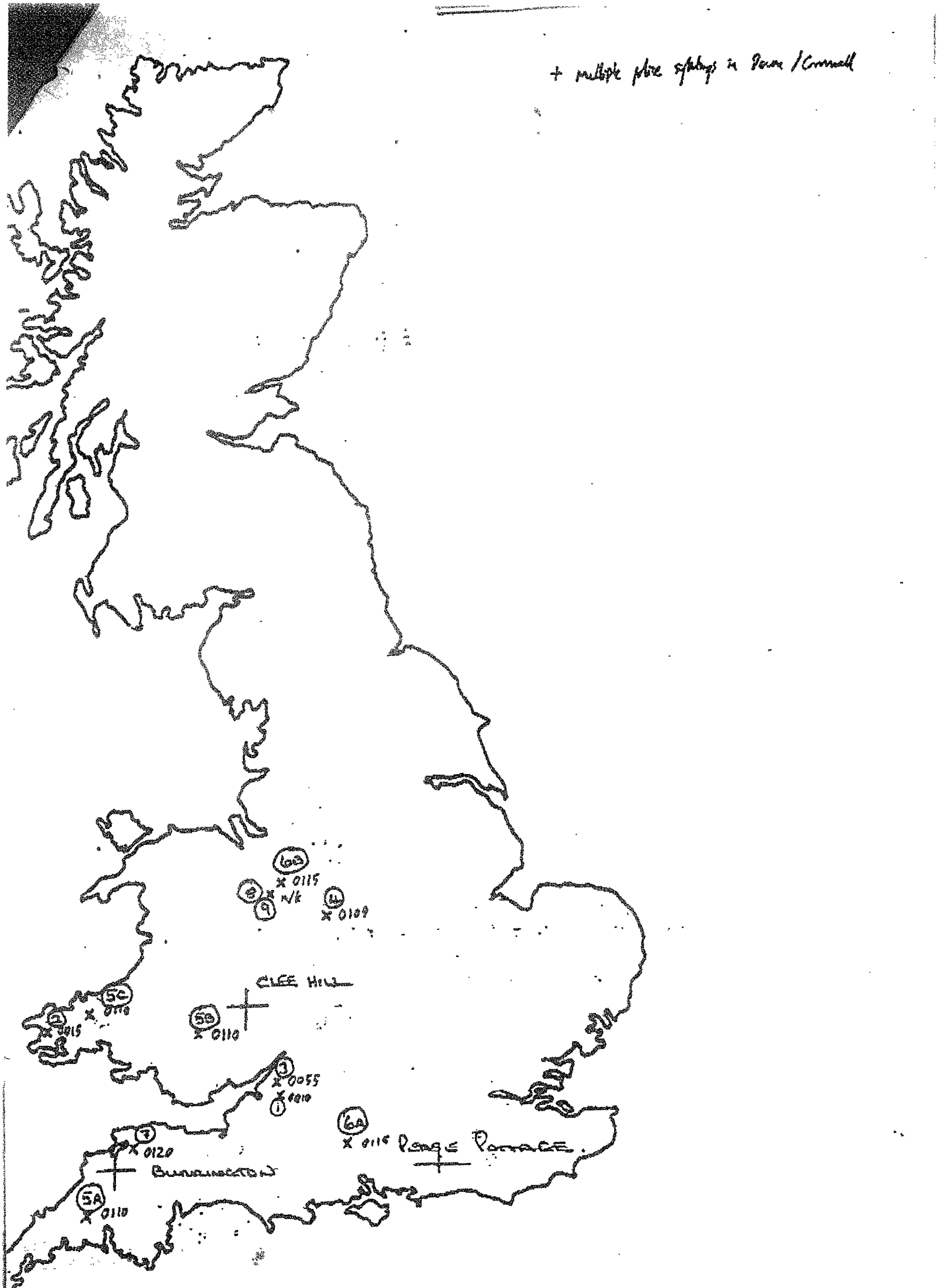

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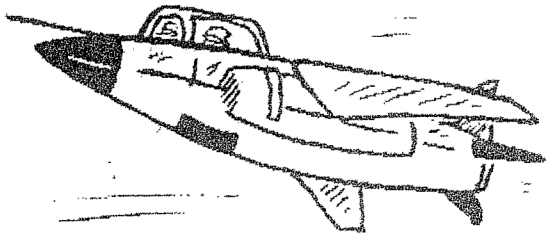

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FROM Section 40 [redacted]

TO Section 40 [redacted]

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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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D/Sec(AS)12/1

16 Apr 93

Head of Sec(AS) - through Mr [redacted]

Copy to:
Mr [redacted]

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 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. DI55 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 s[redacted]. This, together with some of the other descriptions given, suggests Au[redacted]. 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 is being taken as the sightings had been looked at, and were judged to be of no defence significance.

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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.

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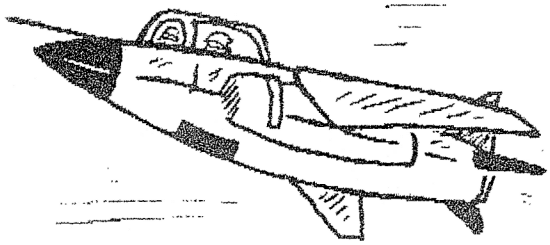

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OLD WAR OFFICE BUILDING
31 MAR 1993
RECEIVED BY DI55

FAX MESSAGE

FROM [redacted]
Sec (AS) 2[redacted]

TO [redacted]
DI55

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MESSAGE: Please see the attached. It might tie 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 ikc.

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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 Tee-side/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 prepaired 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 prepaired 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 frightend a great many people including children.If this is a secret air-craft that is being tested(as reported in some areas of the media) then surely by allowing such an air craft 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 greatful if you can shed any light on this,if 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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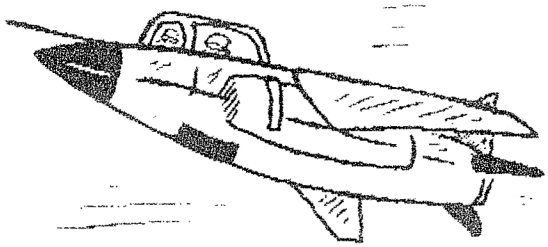

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FAX MESSAGE

FROM [redacted]

Sec (AS) 2[redacted]

TO [redacted]

DTSS[redacted]

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MESSAGE: As discussed, info in last nights sightings. The signals from RAF West Drayton are also beginning to arrive.

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RAF Police Flight
RAF Cosford
Wolverhampton
West Midlands
WV7 3EX

Mar 93

OC RAF Police Flt

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 [redacted] 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 [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 [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 [redacted] same.

6. At 0128 hours, I was informed by the [redacted] reporting 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 Constable from Staffordshire Police had visited Mr [redacted]

7. At 0130 hours, I informed West Mercia Police, [redacted] sightings.

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

9. At 0142 hours, I informed RAF West Drayton, [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, [redacted] were informed of the incident.

12. At 0250 hours, [redacted], RAF Shawbury Met Office, contacted [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. [redacted] stated that he had been a Met Officer for 8 years and had never seen anything like it before.

13. At 0300 hours, [redacted] contacted a [redacted] the Met Officer at Bristol Airport, who stated that similar lights had been seen there 0055 hours. He had initiallly put the llights down to adverse met activity but in the light of the subsequent reports recorded it 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.

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RAF POLICE SITUATION REPORT.30-31 MAR 93.

JOB NO	DATE / TIME	PERSON REPORTING	OCCURRENCE	ACTION TAKEN
702/1/93	31 Mar 93 0115 hrs	RAFP Patrol	**POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTING.** 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, Brize, Shawbury, Birmingham and West Drayton contacted and it was established that no Aircraft were flying. 2. All details passed to [illegible] Police and P&SS.
	0125 hrs	[redacted] Rugeley	Reports the same lights in the Rugley 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.	3. Mr [redacted] contacted Staffs Police, who attended the scene. 4. Ord Off and OC Police [illegible]
	0250 hrs	[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 [illegible] lights could not be Aircraft [illegible] known kind.
	0300 hrs	[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 [illegible] informed by Airport [illegible] 7. West Mercia Police [illegible] informed of the [illegible] and [illegible] 8. [illegible] [redacted]

[illegible]

31 MAR [illegible]

RAF [illegible]

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Wed 31st 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 [illegible]
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 [illegible] Hazel Slade, 45° [illegible]
G	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Object very low [illegible]
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Initially [illegible] erratic way [illegible] shot off [illegible]
I.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	[illegible]
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 [illegible] floodlights or high lighting)	[illegible]

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K.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Cosford - Flt Lt [redacted] Section 40 Section 40
L.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
M.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	See Q
N.	Other Witnesses	Section 40 [redacted] wife, daughter + her boyfriend
O.	Date, Time of Receipt	Wed 31st March, 0145
P.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
Q.	Remarks	Section 40 [redacted] had observer recognition trg with Army, RAF Cosford have received 10 reports witnesses included CP Section 40 from Cosford + colleague Section 40 from Bristol + someone at Shawbury met office, who saw something approx [illegible] away, moving erratically at approx 40 [illegible] Cosford checked with West Drayton - [illegible] trace. Birmingham airport also picked [illegible] nothing.

Signed reports to follow

witness [redacted]

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 [illegible] marked vapour trail [illegible]
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	outdoors from high ground - [illegible] brighter + larger than [illegible]
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 [illegible] [illegible]
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Object [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
G.	Distance (By reference to known landmark)	[illegible]
H.	Movements (Changes in D, E & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	[illegible]
I.	Net Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze [illegible])	[illegible]
J.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, [illegible], lake or dam, swamp or marsh [illegible], high building, tall chimney, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, [illegible], generating [illegible] [illegible]	

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1. 292002 JAN 95, 7 MINS
2. VERY BRIGHT LIGHT IN SKY
3. AT HOME NEAR KINGS LYNN DOCKS-OUTDOORS
4. NAKED EYE
5. FROM EAST
6. NOT KNOWN
7. 15 MILES
8. TRAVELLED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, DISAPPEARED THEN REAPPEARED A FEW MINUTES LATER THEN HEADED TOWARDS WEST WINCH AT HIGH SPEED.
9. SKY CLEAR GOOD VISIBILITY
10. KINGS LYNN DOCKS AND DOW CHEMICAL WORKS
11. D.O.O. RAF MARHAM Section 40 [redacted]
12. [redacted] KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK, [redacted]
13. NIL
14. SON OF INFORMANT
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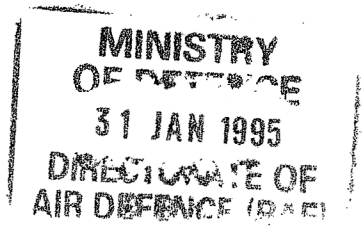
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Incident	292000z Jan 95.
2.	Description of Incident	Heard 8 to 10 bangs/booms on 202000z- but this morning, 30 Jan, went ourtside and found a piece of metal on his patio and became very concerned and thencalled the local Fire Brigade.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	He was inside
4.	How observed	-
5.	Direction in which noise first heard	From the sky
6.	Angle of Sight	-
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	-
8.	Movements	na
9.	Met conditions during observations	not known
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Not applicable
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Called Fire Brigade who took metal piece away and an Environmental Officer also visited.
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted] Oldswinford Road West Midlands [redacted]
13.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Used to be in Army, believes that the piece of metal comes from a satellite and that it may be contaminated with radioactivity and that he might now as as he had picked up the fragment.

This is not really a UFO matter but see AS 2 is aware & dealing with it.

Section 40 [redacted]



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14.	Other Witnesses	Wife - heard the bangs on Sunday evening Local Fire Brigade - has the piece of metal Local Environmental Officer - heard his story
15.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	302025z Jan 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil

17. Remarks. [redacted] was quite convinced that I was hiding something. He expressed GREAT concern that the piece of metal could be radioactive and from a satelliteand wished to be told that it was not. I assured him that I knew nothing about any satellite falling from the sky but he said that I had to say that with the Official Secrets Act!! Was not really prepared to believe that the pieceof metal was not dangerous. I told him that I would pass his account to you and I also gave him Section 40 tel no.

Date: 30 Jan 95

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Local management copy – yellow
Reporter's copy – blue

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NOTES: (i) [redacted] Instructions and Explanatory Notes on reverse.
(ii) When completed, please send white copy only to: Safety Data Analysis Unit 2W, Aviation House, Gatwick Airport South, Gatwick, West Sussex RH6 0YR.
(iii) Circle or fill in boxes 1–53 as required. Please use black ball-point pen.

CAA Occurrence Number: 95/00166B

CATEGORIES OF OCCURRENCE
1 ACCIDENT AIRMISS APHAZ (INCIDENT) ABANL (CA939 ACTION YES/NO) INFRINGEMENT

NB Signal Action is required for Accident, Airmiss and APHAZ as per MATS Pt 1 Section 6

2 Occurrence Position	3 ~~FL~~/Alt/~~Ht~~	4 Date	5 Time – UTC	6 ~~Day/Night~~
5NM NE OF DAYNE	4000	6/1/95	1855	NIGHT

OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C DISPLAYED	IFR/VFR SVFR
7 BRITISH AIRWAYS	8 BAW5061	9 B737	10 LFPO?	11 EGCC	12	13 YES/~~NO~~	14 IFR
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 YES/NO	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30

31 RTF Frequencies	32 Radar Equipment	33 Equipment Unserviceabilities	34 Runway in use
119.4 MHZ	WATCHMAN	NIL	24

35 CLASS & TYPE OF AIRSPACE	36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE	37 SID/STAR/ROUTE
(A) C E G / B D F — CTR/CTA/(TMA)/AWY/UAR/ADR/ATZ/UIR/FIR/Purple/Other	(Control)/~~Advisory~~ – Procedural/(Radar)/ADC/GMC/(Approach)/Area/RAS/RIS/FIS/ALR	—

38 Was prescribed separation lost	39 Min Sepn Horiz/Vert	40 Collision/Conflict Alert TCAS/STCA/SMF	41 Traffic info given by ATC	42 Avoiding action given by ATC
YES (NO)	—		YES (NO)	YES (NO)

43 NARRATIVE – use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report including local and regional QNH)

BAW5061 WAS BEING VECTORED FROM DAYNE TO THE ILS FOR RUNWAY 24. BAW5061 REPORTED A LIT OBJECT PASSING ABOVE, OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND VERY CLOSE.

THERE WAS NO KNOWN TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF BAW5061 AT THE TIME OF THE REPORT AND NO OTHER CONTACTS WERE OBSERVED BY ME AT ANY TIME.

Received
25 JAN 1995

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continue on a separate sheet if necessary

44 Name	45 On duty as	46 Location	47 Time since last break	48 Start time of shift	49 Radar recordings held
[redacted]	APPROACH	MANCHESTER	1HR 50MINS	1100	(YES)/NO

50 RTF Recordings held	51 Other Agencies Advised CA 1262 action	52 Sign/Date	53 Address/Telephone
(YES)/NO		[redacted] 14/1/95	MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE [redacted]

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	26 Jan 95 at 2030 3-4 minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Reddish triangular shaped object with lights flashing
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Northerly
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approx 60°
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not Known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Hovering at first then in the space of a second or two, moved some 2 miles away on the same horizontal.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Moderately cloudy but not adverse
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	MOD AFOR

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Sutton-in-Ashfield [redacted] (mobile)
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14.	Other Witnesses	None
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	28 1800Z Jan
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
17.	Remarks	The informant was reluctant to pass this information on to us for fear of ridicule. However after he saw the weekend's media coverage of the BA pilots who apparently saw the same object, [redacted] felt it was his duty to corroborate their story.

Date: 30 Jan 95

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 261515Z JAN 95

FROM CRC BUCHAN
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F/IAW
SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT.
1. 24 JAN 95 1715 HRS DURATION NOT KNOWN
2. 1 X OBJECT, FAINT WHITE LIGHT
3. MINTLAW AREA
4. NAKED EYE
5. WEST OF MINTLAW
6. NOT KNOWN
7. NOT KNOWN
8. HEADING NORTH WEST
9. NOT KNOWN
10. NOT KNOWN
11. ROYAL AIR FORCE BUCHAN
12. [redacted] MINTLAW, PETERHEAD. [redacted]
13. NIL

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14. NOT KNOWN
15. 26 JAN 95 1030Z
16. NIL
17. TWO AIRCRAFT HEADING NORTH WEST IN A POSITION WEST OF MINTLAW WERE SHADOWED BY A CONSTANT FAINT WHITE LIGHT CO-ALT AND SPEED WITH THE AIRCRAFT. THE LIGHT APPEARED TO CLIMB AND DESCENT AROUND THE LEAD AIRCRAFT BEFORE MAKING A STEEP CLIMB AND DIVE TO THE RIGHT OF THE LEAD AIRCRAFT. IT RETURNED TO WHAT APPEARED TO BE CO-ALT WITH THE AIRCRAFT AND THEN DISAPPEARED INTO CLOUD
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FOR INFO. REC'D VIA FROM ORDERLY OFFICER. REF OLD AF JPS ROOM SOP
NO 1/66. OBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.
A. 1715HRS JAN 68 FOR 2 SECONDS APPROX
B. ONE LARGE BRIGHT WHITE SPHERE WITH ORANGE TRACER BEHIND. MADE NO NOISE
C. INFORMER OUTSIDE A SHOPPING CENTRE STANDING STILL
D. NAKED EYE
E. OBSERVED SAW USUALLY COME OVER BUILDINGS TO NORTH. TRAVELLED OVER NEAR READING SOUTH AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND BUILDINGS
F. ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD
G. ABOVE CLOUD BASE - ESTIMATED AT 5,000 FT
H. STRAIGHT ACROSS SKY. TRAVELLING VERY FAST. FASTER THAN LOW FLYING JET. NO DESCENT OR CURVING OF FLIGHT
I. DRIZZLE BUT FAIRLY CLEAR. THIN LOW PATCHY CLOUD

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J. FLIGHT PATH FOR NORTHROW BUT CONVINCED NOT AN AIRCRAFT. SEEN FROM SHOPPING CENTRE DEVELOPMENT ON OLD GILLS BUYCE SITE CLOSE TO WHERE JAMES BOND FILM BEING MADE AT LEAVESDEN. POSSIBLE CONNECTION UNKNOWN
K. [redacted]
L. [redacted]
M. WORK ADDRESS OF INFORMER: [redacted] PULPITS LANE, WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE. [redacted] ABBOTS LANGLEY. WAS CONFIRMED STORY.
N. REPORTED AT LEAVESDEN JAN 68
P. NIL KNOWN
Q. INFORMER THOUGHT IT MAY BE A MISSILE, TOO LOW FOR A METEOR AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE FALLING. WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED IF EXPLANATION FOUND. SOUNDED VERY GENUINE
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	19 Jan 95 1830 - 1840 1 second
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	One. Like shooting star very bright green, white in the middle.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors/stationary
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)	Travelling N to SW
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Could not tell
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Difficult! Constant speed
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear but into cloud patch
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Difficult! Nil. Telephone mast, but of no use.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police passed him on to us.

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Thrupe Lane Masbury Nr Wells Somerset [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Nil
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	192130Z Jan 95
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Definitely not a shooting star. He would like a phone call or letter of explanation.

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1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	182030Z Jan 95 for approx 30 to 40 secs
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Round neon type blue light (lighter towards the centre)
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Driving in car (moving)
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	A40 between Leicester and Northampton. Object travelling East to Southwest
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	80 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Half to three quarters of mile
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Straight line
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear night
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	Northampton Police

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Malton, Northants
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14.	Other Witnesses	Other cars watched
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	182100Z Jan 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
17.	Remarks	Nil

Date: 18 Jan 95

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	17.1.95 2230 HRS
B	Description of Object	SQUARE WITH A STRIP OF WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS
C	Exact Position of Observer	REAR GARDEN OF Section 40 [redacted] FALKIRK
D	How Observed	VISUALLY WITHOUT AID
E	Direction in which Object was First Seen	NORTH
F	Angular Elevation of Object	SIDE ELEVATION
G	Distance of Object from Observer	TWO MILES
H	Movements of Object	VERY SLOW SPEED TRAVELLING IN A STRAIGHT LINE
J	Meteorological Conditions During Observations. Moving clouds, haze, mist etc	RAIN
K	Nearby Objects	NONE
L	To Whom Reported	FALKIRK POLICE [redacted] TEL 01324 634212
M	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] FALKIRK.
N	Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered	—
O	Other Witnesses	NONE
P	Date & Time of Receipt of Report	0005 HRS 18-1-1995

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[redacted]MODCIS (RAF10)

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting it as she phoned	10 Jan 95 for 1.5 hours since 2030, and still watching
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 central bright light surrounded by yellow, blue and occasional red lights circling
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Stationary outside
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye and binnocular
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	To the south
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approximatel;y 45 degrees up
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	No idea
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stationary with lights circulating
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Very clear but a bit off cloud for about 15 minutes with staerts clearly visible, indeed bright
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None known
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Tried Greenwich, no luck, came to MOD
12.	Name & Address of Informant	

[redacted]
Dalton
Lockerbie
[redacted]

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered Nil

14. Other Witnesses Husband

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) 102155z Jan 95

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions She particularly reported a very bright night

17. Remarks Seemed a thoroughly sensible person

Date: 10 Jan 95

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	Periodically for last 2 weeks
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	1 object flashing red, blue and green lights
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked Eye and binoculars
E.	Direction in which object first seen (a landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Different locations between Kings Lynn and Fakenham
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/K
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/K
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Movement between Kings Lynn and Fakenham
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Marham Ops

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Kings Lynn [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] Kings Lynn [redacted]
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	032320Z Jan 95
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Ops Officer at Marham suggests she could have been looking at Sirius

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	032000Z Jan 95 10 minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Very large white light
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	Lichfield
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	1000'
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	2 miles
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stationary
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear skies
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	No one else

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Leamose Walsall [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	032110Z Jan 95
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	

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1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14.	Other Witnesses	
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17.	Remarks	

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ATTN OF MR [redacted]

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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A Date, Time and Duration of Sighting

251820 3-4 mins

B Description of Object

BLUR WHITE CENTRE

C Exact Position of Observer

APPROX 1½ MLS SE GALSTON

D How Observed

EYE

E Direction in which Object was First Seen

NORTH

F Angular Elevation of Object

LOW

G Distance of Object from Observer

3 MILES

H Movements of Object FROM GALSTON DIRECTION FAST HEADING SOUTH-EAST AND STOPPED NEAR CUMNOCK

J Meteorological Conditions During Observations.
Moving clouds, haze, mist etc CLEAR

K Nearby Objects NIL

L To Whom Reported ATC TOWER PRESTWICK AIRPORT

M Name and Address of Informant

[redacted]

NEWMILNS

N Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered

NONE

O Other Witnesses

FIANCEE.

P Date & Time of Receipt of Report

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ROUTINE 012145Z JAN 95

FROM RAF HIGH WYCOMBE
TO MODUK AIR

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SUBJECT:AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 29/DEC/94 EVERY NIGHT SINCE
B. WHITE LIGHT TURNING GREEN
C. INDOORS AND OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE AND THROUGH CAMERA (NO FILM)
E. DUE SOUTH FROM UPAVON
F. 45 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. RECEEDS THEN COMES BACK TO ORIGINAL POSITION
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. RAF BOSCOMBE DOWN
M. [redacted] UPAVON, WILTS
N. EX MILITARY

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Q. NIL
R. NIL
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PRIORITY 011100Z JAN 95

FROM BROAD SHIELD
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: UFO REPORT
A. 310615Z DEC 94. 1 HOUR
B. ONE OBJECT, OUTDOOR, WHITE, EXTREMLY BRIGHT, SIMILAR TO LANDING LIGHT ON A HERCULES
C. OUTSIDE HOUSE IN SWINDON, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE, CAMCORDER
E. IN THE EASTERN SKY
F. UNKNOWN
G. VERY FAR AWAY
H. STATIONARY
I. CLEAR WITH OCCASIONAL DRIFTING CLOUD
J. NIL.
K. WILTSHIRE CIVILIAN POLICE CONTROL ROOM (0380 722341)
L. [redacted] ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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M. NIL
N. [redacted]
O. 011040Z JAN 95
P. NIL
Q. RAF LYNEHAM INFORMED BY CIVPOL, NO AIRCRAFT FLYING AT TIME. CIVPOL HAVE WITNESSED VIDEO AND SUGGEST OBJECT IS A BRIGHT STAR OR PLANET. [redacted] INTENDS TO PASS VIDEO TO THE MEDIA
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FROM RAF WADDINGTON
TO MOD[illegible] AIR

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AT[illegible] MOD SECSA. SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. [illegible]
B. SPHERICAL APPROX [illegible] NO NOTE[illegible] [illegible] LIGHT GENERATED
STATIONARY
C. [illegible] OPPOSITE THE [illegible] THROUGHOUT APPROX [illegible]
FROM [illegible] MARKED AT [illegible]
D. [illegible]
E. [illegible] OF LINCOLN [illegible] ABOVE FIELD
F. [illegible]
G. [illegible]
H. [illegible] MOVEMENT TO [illegible] [illegible] TWO
[illegible] APPEARED TO [illegible]
J. [illegible] OF MOVING CLOUDS. [illegible], BUT WINDY
K. LINCOLN CATHEDRAL SITED ONE MILE EAST OF THE OBJECT ALONG THE SAME

PAGE 2 [illegible] 0012 UNCLAS
[illegible] TERRACED HOUSES [illegible] 100M EAST OF THE OBJECT
L. OPERATIONS, RAF WADDINGTON, LINCOLN
M. [redacted] LINCOLN [redacted]
N. UNKNOWN. THE INFORMANTS SPEECH WAS SLOW, DELIBERATE AND
REPETITIVE, NOT EXCITABLE OR PART. POSSIBLE USED OF INTOXICANTS
O. [illegible]
P. [illegible] DEC 94
Q. NIL
R. [illegible]

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	17 Dec 94, 7pm "Quite a while"
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One "Bus sized, round shaped object with bright lights of many colours".
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoors, moving: Sighted at **Carmen, Manitoba, Canada.**
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye while "crop dusting". Object moved vertically up in front of pilot
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Not known
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	90° vertical upwards then down to ground and up again!
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Informants were very close to object.
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Vertical movements
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Cold, clear night, visibility some 20 miles!
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None specified
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	MOD Air Force Operations Room.

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] WINNIPEG, Manitoba CANADA [redacted]
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Pilots (Crop Dusters)
14.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] Same Address
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	180118Z Dec 94
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
17.	Remarks	This was an unusual call at such an early hour. The caller had been given AFOR tel no by the Canadian National Defence. No-one apparently believed them and were not willing to assist them in any form. This includes the USA authorities. The caller was very excited and had captured the event on video camcorder.

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Date: 18 December 1994

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	102157Z Dec 94 20 - 30 minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Covered large area - lots of lights going clockwise and anti clockwise
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outside his parents car on sea front at Eastbourne
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)	Towards sea SSE
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	-
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moved across sea front and up and down
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Cloudy
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	-
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	No one else

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Eastbourne East Sussex [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Says lots of other people saw it
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	111530Z Dec 94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Been in contact with Sec (AS)2a. Recently become interested in UFOs!!

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AF Ops

Date: 12 Dec 94

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A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	092035Z Dec 94
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	4 white blobs - shooting around misty - out in 4 circles - the meet together
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	Towards Coventry
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	25 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	-
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	All in same area - not moving from the area
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Stars about but not in the area of the lights
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Ryton on Dunsmore Nr Coventry [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Family (heard in background)
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	092035Z Dec 94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Seemed thoroughly sensible

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ROUTINE 080050Z DEC 94

FROM BROAD SHIELD
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 072000Z DURATION 10 TO 15 MIN
B. 4 TO 6 ROUND 4 WHITE FLASHING 1 RED LIGHTS
C. BETWEEN WILSTONE NR TRING AND ASTON CLINTON
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH EASTERLY
F. 35 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. HOVERING
J. CLEAR WITH CLOUDY PATCHES
K. OPEN RURAL GROUND. NEAR RESERVOIRS
L. BROADSHIELD
M. [redacted] TRING
N. NIL

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O. 2 OTHERS
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ENCL NO.

[redacted]PORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	012355Z Dec 94 5 minutes - ongoing
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Bright light - blue/green/white
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	West
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	35 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	High up but too big to be a star
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Hovering
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	No clouds/Clear sky.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Residential area
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AF Ops

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Upper Bangor Gwynedd
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	[redacted]
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	020001Z Dec 94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil.
R.	Remarks	

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Date: 2 Dec 94

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING (Local times to be quoted)

FRIDAY 4TH NOV. 1994 . 5.30 pm DURATION 1-2 MINS.

b. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

2 OBJECTS SIGHTED. 1ST: BRILLIANT STAR-LIKE IN APPEARANCE & SIZE, FOLLOWED BY SMALLER, DULL LIGHT. NO PERCEIVED NOISE; NO APPARENT SOLIDITY; NO STROBES VISIBLE.

c. EXACT POSITION OBSERVED (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).

IN A FIELD, NEAR OBSERVERS HOME ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BARNOLDSWICK. OBSERVER IN OPEN + STATIONARY.

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 may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

APPEARED TO BE MOVING EASTERLY BEFORE TURNING NORTH.

f. ANGLE OF SIGHT (Estimated heights are unreliable).

90° (DIRECTLY OVERHEAD)

g. DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

COULDN'T SPECIFY BUT INDICATED JUST BELOW LOCAL CLOUD LEVEL.

h. MOVEMENTS (Changes in E, P, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

1ST OBJECT FOLLOWED STEADY COURSE AND TURNS; 2ND OBJECT APPEARED TO BE FOLLOWING BEHIND IN A WEAVING, WIGGLING MANNER.

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i. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

BROKEN CLOUD (HIGH LEVEL). STARS VISIBLE NO SIGNIFICANT WEATHER. PRACTICALLY DARK.

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 other night lighting).

RADAR HEAD POSSIBLY LINKED TO MENWITH HILL.

k. TO WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

CAA + LOCAL UFO RESEARCHER ([redacted])

l. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[redacted], BARNOLDSWICK

m. ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

WELDER/FABRICATOR BY TRADE. HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN UFOLOGY FOR SOME TIME.

n. OTHER WITNESSES

NONE.

o. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT

7/11/94 10.20 AM.

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1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	141730 Z DEC 94
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	[illegible]
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	[illegible]
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	[illegible]
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	[illegible]
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	Sussex Police

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19 [illegible] 1994
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

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16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17.	Remarks	

See Attached LAX

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ICs I3F

MODUK AIR FOR AFDO. SUBJ UFO REPORT RECEIVED FROM [redacted] HEACHAM, KINGS LYNN. [redacted] TO DUTY OPS OFF AT RAF MARHAM. REPORT CONSISTS OF 3 SIGHTINGS. THE MOST RECENT OF WHICH PREEMPTED THIS REPORT. FIRST SIGHTING WAS ON A SATURDAY IN JUN 93 AT 2355HRS. THE OBJECT LANDED ON HER BUNGALOW AND MADE A TERRIBLE NOISE SIMILAR TO THE SOUND OF A VERY LARGE DRILL TRYING TO GET THROUGH THE ROOF. THE POLICE WERE CALLED AND MADE A REPORT. SECOND SIGHTING WAS A SATURDAY IN JUN 94 AT 2355 HRS. SHE SAW AN OVAL SHAPE WITH HUNDREDS OF WHITE SPARKLING LIGHTS ON THE CRAFT. IT APPROACHED FROM NORWICH AT A HT OF 150FT, CAME DOWN THE ROAD TO AN AREA OF TALL TREES AND DISAPPEARED INTO THE TREES WITH A LOUD TINKELING NOISE IT APPEARED TO GO THROUGH THE TREES. THIRD SIGHTING ON 142225 DEC 94 SHE SAW A SHAPE ABOVE HER HOUSE, STATIONARY EMITTING A HIGH PITCHED SOUND, HEARD ABOVE THE NOISE OF HER TELEVISION AND DOUBLE GLAZING. NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY DUTY OPS O AT RAF MARHAM

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4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	SEE ATTACHED SIGNAL
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
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14.	Other Witnesses	
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17.	Remarks	

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one : NOT A SUSSEX EXCHANGE
cation : HAYWARDS HEATH
igin :
xt :ON WED 14/12 AT 1730HRS,OVER THE NORTH EAST TO NORTH OF
HAYWARDS HEATH I SAW A STRANGE OBJECT IN THE SKY.IT WAS VERY
BRIGHT GOING 45 DEGREES,ABOUT 1-2 MILES UP IN THE SKY.IT WAS
BIGGER AND BRIGHTER THAN A FIREWORK AND WAS FLOURESENT GREEN
SURROUNDED BY ORANGE.IT LASTED 3-4 SECONDS.IT WAS DEFINETLY >
tle :4:LIGHT IN SKY
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54 TJK -G01 Incident confirmed
55 TJK -G01 AN OBJECT BURNING,ALTHOUGH JUST A BRIGHT LIGHT COULD BEEN SEEN.IT MOVED FASTER THAN A PLANE AND WAS BRIGHTER.
59 TJK -G01 CONTACT ATC WHO WERE NOT INTERESTED BY TOLD ME TO CONTACT THE ODM ON Section 40
00 TJK -G01 ODM SAID "WE DON'T DEAL WITH THAT,UFO'S" ARE DEALT WITH BY MOD"
09 TJK -G01 MOD CONTACTED ON Section 40 .COPY OF LOG FAXED TO THEM TO COMPILE A REPORT AND PASS ON TO ANOTHER AGENCY.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. **DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING** (Local times to be quoted)

9-11-94 1750ʰ 30 SECS

b. **DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

BRIGHT LIGHTS SPINNING IN SKY. 3 OR 4

c. **EXACT POSITION OBSERVED** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).

BAGLEY (NEAR TESCO ON ALTRINCHAM RD)

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 may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

SOUTH EAST OVER WITHENSHAW

f. **ANGLE OF SIGHT** (Estimated heights are unreliable)

60°

g. **DISTANCE** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

UP TO CLOUD COVER (APPROX 1500')

h. **MOVEMENTS** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

MOVING TO THE SIDE THEN DISAPPEARS, THEN SEEN AGAIN

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i. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

OVERCAST

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 other night lighting).

JUST MOUSES

k. TO WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

ONLY LAM MANCHESTER

l. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[redacted]

BROOKLANDS
MANCHESTER [redacted]

m. ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

STUDENT

n. OTHER WITNESSES

YES

o. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT

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a. **DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING** (Local times to be quoted)

11 Nov 2200 – 2300

STILL VISIBLE 2310

b. **DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

RING OF HAZY LIGHTS, PULSATING, SMOKEY

c. **EXACT POSITION OBSERVED** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).

NELSON LANCASHIRE OUTDOORS STATIONARY

[redacted] BRIARFIELD

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 may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

ABOVE HOUSE

f. **ANGLE OF SIGHT** (Estimated heights are unreliable).

200 ft

g. **DISTANCE** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

h. **MOVEMENTS** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

MOVING BACKWARDS & FORWARDS

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i. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

CLOUDY

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 other night lighting).

TV MAST ON ~~REDACTED~~ PENDLEHILL

k. TO WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

ATC MANCHESTER AIRPORT

l. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[redacted] BRIARFIELD NELSON LANCS

m. ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

HUSBAND A POLICE OFFICER

n. OTHER WITNESSES

HUSBAND + NEIGHBOURS

o. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT

11 NOV 2310

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 301950Z OCT 94

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MUDUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
ATTN MOD SEC(AS)2A.
1. 291805L - 1823L OCT 94.
2. SMALL BRIGHT WHITE LIGHTS - NO SHAPE NOTICED.
3. AT HOME.
4. NAKED EYE + BINOCULARS.
5. FROM HOUSE IN KIRKCALDY TO RAVENSCRAIG FLATS.
6. 45 DEGREES.
7. WITHIN 2 MILES.
8. STATIONARY AT FIRST - [illegible]
2 OBJECTS WITH GREENPEED [illegible]
9. DARK BUT CLEAR VISIBILITY.
10. RIVER FORTH, LOCAL FACTORIES, [illegible] FROM [illegible]
11. [redacted] OPB G. LEUZ [illegible]
12. [redacted] KIRKCALDY.

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14. NIL BUT PHONED MOTHER - FATHER AT 1930L AFTER SIGHTING.
15. 301945L OCT 94.
16. YES.
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. **DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING** (Local times to be quoted)

24/11/94 2211 15-30 MINS

b. **DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

NO SOUND LIKE SPINDLES OF A CARTWHEEL

4 BEAMS OF LIGHTS ACCROSS THE SKY

c. **EXACT POSITION OBSERVED** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving)

~~SOMERSETT~~ SOMERSET (BETWEEN BURY & RAMSBOTTOM)

INDOORS

MOVING ACCROSS THE SKY

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 may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

~~SOMERSETT~~

SOMERSET (NR. BURY)

f. **ANGLE OF SIGHT** (Estimated heights are unreliable).

30°

g. **DISTANCE** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

APPROX 20 MLS

h. **MOVEMENTS** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

ACCROSS SKY

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
28 NOV 1994
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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i. **METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS** (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

LITTLE CLOUD
NO HAZE GOOD VISIBILITY

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 other night lighting).

BUILT UP AREA OF HOUSES

k. **TO WHOM REPORTED** (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS
LIGHTS IN THE SKY 499 - 2323

l. **NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT**

[redacted]
RAINBOTTOM [redacted]

m. **ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED**

n. **OTHER WITNESSES**

HIS SON

o. **DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT**

24/11/94 2221

The above details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC on extensions 2153, 5343, or 5344

The completed form is to be despatched to:

Ministry of Defence (AFO)
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 020815Z NOV 94

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A 011930Z NOV 94
B 2 SMALL LIGHTS STROBEING AND FLASHING
C 4 MILES W OF TAY BRIDGE, INDOORS
D NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E WEST OF THE FORGAN ROUNDABOUT
F SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT OF OBSERVER
G 4 MILES
H VERY SLOW MOVEING
J VIS 60KM, SKY CLEAR
K TAY ESTUARY, RAILAND ROAD BRIDGES WITH NUMEROUS OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS
L [redacted]
M [redacted] DUNDEE
N NIL

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O WIFE AND 2 SONS
P 011945Z NOV 94
Q YES
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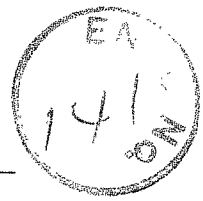
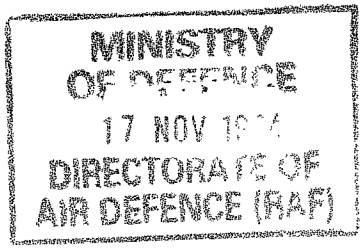


REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	162155Z94
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Rectangular with deep orange flashing white light at different intervals
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Indoors looking out of a window.
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)	North
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	40
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not Given
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stationary
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Slightly misty - cloudy
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil Known.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AFOPS



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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Fraser Street Chiswick
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Non given
O.	Other Witnesses	Her daughters
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	162200Z NOV94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil.
R.	Remarks	Seemed thoroughly sensible

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AF Ops

Date: 17 Nov 94

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	12 Nov 94 2200Z
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One bright, crown-shaped object with a pathway type entrance under the object.
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoor Moving (hovering)
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Heading north to north-west.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Very high, over 80°
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Very high in the sky
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Circular type movements, appeared to be searching for a place to land.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear sky, stratocumulous cloud.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	MOD AFOR

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Coulsden, Surrey [redacted] [redacted]
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] Section 40 [redacted] Coulsden [redacted]
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	122235Z Nov 94
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
17.	Remarks	A sizeable gathering were watching this strange apparition. All persons were serious, sober and were most perplexed.

Date: 12 Nov 94

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Air Force Operations
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ROUTINE 031622Z NOV 94

FROM RAF BRIZE NORTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
MODUK FOR AIR FORCE OPS SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 1 NOV 94 1900 10 SECONDS APPROX
B. ONE OBJECT, MUCH LARGER THAN AIRCRAFT, FLAT, TRIANGULAR LEADING EDGE, 4 DISCS PROTRUDING FROM UNDERNEATH, NO LIGHTS, NO SOUND
C. OUTSIDE STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH EAST TO SOUTH WEST (TOWARDS BRIZE NORTON)
F. INITIALLY SEEN AT ABOUT 70 DEGREES
G. UNABLE TO ESTIMATE
H. STRAIGHT LINE OF MOVEMENT CONSTANT SPEED VERY FAST
J. CLOUDY
K. TELEPHONE LINE BRIZE NORTON AIRFIELD FACTORIES
L. RAF BRIZE NORTON WILL ALSO CONTACT CONTACT INTERNATIONAL
M. [redacted] WITNEY [redacted]

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N. EDITOR FOR PUBLISHING COMPNAY
O. 3 OTHER WITNESSESS NAMES NOT GIVEN WITHOUT PERMISSION
P. 1500Z 03 NOV 94
Q. NONE
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FOR CXL

PRIORITY 171920Z OCT 94

FROM RAF LEEMING
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT
A. 172000 OCT 94 VISIBLE FOR 15 MIN.
B. TWO CIRCLES OF LIGHT CONSISTING OF TEN LIGHTS EACH, SMALLER CIRCLE INSIDE LARGER PULSATING AND MOVING IN AN ARC.
C. [redacted], NORTH YORKS, INSIDE, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE.
E. NORTH.
F. APPROX 3200 FT.
G. UNABLE TO JUDGE.
H. STATIONARY.
I. WIND 120 DEG 04 KTS, VIS 60 KM, CLOUD / AT 3200 FT, TEMP PS 07.
J. LARGE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF MIDDLESBOROUGH TO NORTH.
K. LEEMING OPS.
L. [redacted]

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M. [redacted] SUTTON KUGBY, NTH YORKS. Section 40
N. TWO SONS.
O. 171905Z OCT 94.
P. NONE.
Q. TELECON TEESIDE AIRPORT ATC-AC JUST LANDED FROM THAT DIRECTION. NO OTHER ACTIVITY OBSERVED FROM AIRCRAFT.
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CC Duty Officer ACTION copy 1 for AF DUTY OFFICER
IVE RAF LEEMING AFDO
ESSAGE at 171920Z OCT 94 PIN 136R

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TG 171920Z OCT 94
rom RAF LEEMING
o MODUK AIR
ICs Z6F

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT
A. 172000 OCT 94 VISIBLE FOR 15 MIN.
B. TWO CIRCLES OF LIGHT CONSISTING OF TEN LIGHTS EACH, SMALLER CIRCLE INSIDE LARGER PULSATING AND MOVING IN AN ARC.
C. [redacted] NORTH YORKS, INSIDE, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE.
E. NORTH.
F. APPROX 3200 FT.
G. UNABLE TO JUDGE.
H. STATIONARY.
I. WIND 120 DEG 04 KTS, VIS 60 KM, CLOUD 7 AT 3200 FT, TEMP PS 07.
J. LARGE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF MIDDLESBOROUGH TO NORTH.
K. LEEMING OPS.
L. [redacted]
M. [redacted] HUTTON RUGBY, NTH YORKS, [redacted]
N. TWO SONS.
O. 171905Z OCT 94.
P. NONE.
Q. TELECON TEESIDE AIRPORT ATC-AC JUST LANDED FROM THAT DIRECTION. NO OTHER ACTIVITY OBSERVED FROM AIRCRAFT.

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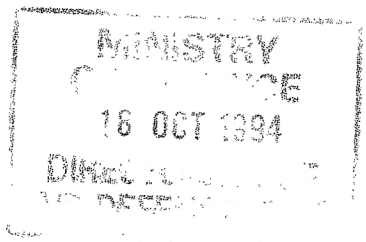

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1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	2359A hrs 15 Oct 94
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Un unspecified number of lights that just illuminated.
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked Eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Heading North East
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Above rooftop
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not Known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stationary at first, then veered sharply to the right. Then disappeared.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear night
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	Air Force Operations

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Holloway, N London
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14.	Other Witnesses	None
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	160900Z Oct 94
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
17.	Remarks	Nil

Date: 16 Oct 94

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Air Force Operations
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D/Sec(AS)/12/3

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GE3

UFOs - LETTER FROM [redacted]

1. Thank you for sight of the letter from [redacted] of 7 Sep 94 which was forwarded to you by RAF Bentley Priory.

2. Frankly [redacted] is "trying it on" and is attempting to circumvent the system by writing direct to RAF stations (thusfar two that we know of) and trying to obtain information which he has failed to obtain from this office in the past. It is not our policy to enter into any discussion on other branches within the MOD which are routinely consulted on UFO matters. Due to an administrative error it would appear that he has come by some information which should have been protected which is unfortunate.

3. I have written back to [redacted] (copy attached for your information) reiterating that Sec(AS)2a are the MOD and RAF focal point for UFO matters and he should direct any questions he has on the subject of UFOs to us.

[redacted]

MB8245 82140MB

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
From: [redacted]
Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) 071 218 2140
(Switchboard) 071 218 9000
(Fax)

[redacted]
Pelsall
Walsall
West Midlands
[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
28 September 1994

Dear [redacted]

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. I have recently been made aware that you have been writing to a number of RAF stations on the subject of UFOs. I am writing to inform that this office, Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, are the focal point for the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Air Force for all UFO matters.

2. I should therefore be grateful in future if you would contact this office direct on any matter you wish to discuss on the subject of MOD's policy towards UFO issues.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Silent Copy: GE3.

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From: [redacted]

Headquarters No 11 Group
Royal Air Force
Bentley Priory
Stanmore Middlesex HA7 3HH

Tel: 0181-950 4000 Ext 7338
(RAFTN: 97271)
Facsimile: Ext 7456

Please reply to The Air Officer Commanding
(Attn: GE Weapons)

[redacted]
Pelsall
Walsall
West Midlands
[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
11G/300/20/GE
Date
16 September 1994

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 1994, enquiring about the processes by which we receive Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) reports.

The subject of UFO reporting is dealt with by the Deputy Directorate of Ground Environment and Airborne Early Warning at the Ministry of Defence. However, if the Ministry considers it appropriate, they ask us, much as they do Royal Air Force Waddington, to comment on air activity at the time of the reported sighting and whether data recordings from radar sources highlight any unusual activity that has not already been investigated. You may already be aware that occasionally our radar stations are informed of UFO activity, but all reported sightings are passed directly to the Ministry; a decision on whether further action is necessary then rests with them.

We hope that this information is in some way of assistance to you but have in any case passed a copy of your letter to the Ministry for their comments and action as they deem appropriate.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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[redacted]

I have nothing to do with this subject. Would you care to action?

Section 40 [redacted]

[redacted]
Pelsall
Walsall
West Midlands
[redacted]

7 September 1994

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you hoping that you may be able to help me. For a number of years I have been interested in the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). For some time, I have been in contact with AS2, one of the departments within the Ministry of Defence tasked with examining UFO reports. From an examination of documentation released by the MOD, (copies enclosed) it is my understanding that AS2 circulates copies of reports to various departments. According to the distribution lists on the enclosed documents, this includes DI55, the Directorate os Scientific and Technical Intelligence (DSTI), AEW and GE.

I recently wrote to the AEW division at RAF Waddington who confirmed to me that they did scrutinize such reports to determine if there was a correlation between reported UFO sightings and known radar tracks from aircraft, (copy of letter of 23 May 1994 enclosed).

In a telephone conversation with a representative of Waddington (6 and 7 September 1994), I was informed that they also forward copies of such reports to yourselves at GE division.

My reason for writing is to enquire if you could advise me of the process by which you receive UFO reports from either Waddington or MOD and what investigations are undertaken by your department. Also could you advise me if you ever liaise with any of the other departments mentioned on the distribution lists on the enclosed papers, e.g. DSTI, DI55, AEW. One final point, do the reports that you study originate with members of the public, service sources, or a combination of the two?

Should you be able to help me on this matter it would be very much appreciated. Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter. I enclose a SAE, or can be contacted during the day on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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ROYAL AIR FORCE WADDINGTON
Lincoln LN5 9NB

Telephone Lincoln Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

Date
23 May 1994

Dear [redacted]

I am writing in reply to your letter concerning the procedure of investigating UFO sightings.

The reports are indeed scrutinized by us to try and correlate any relationships between reports and known radar tracks from aircraft.

Unfortunately I do not have any information on the incident you sent to us.

I hope I have answered your questions.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]
Flying Officer
for Officer Commanding

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ROUTINE 161400Z APR 81

FROM LATCCMIL
TO HODUK AIR

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FOR ZGF
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 15214WA 5 MINS
B. ONE SPHERICAL BRIGHT YELLOW LIGHT RADIATING WHITE LIGHT STREAKS
C. NONE.
D. IDLE CRICKET GROUND, BRADFORD. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
E. NAKED EYE
F. NORTH EAST
G. SIXTY TO SEVENTY DEGS
H. ONE MILE
I. ERRATIC
J. SKY CLEAR
K. NONE
L. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LEEDS-BRADFORD
M. [redacted] IDLE BRADFORD W. YORKS
N. NONE

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L.	To whom reportee (Police, military, press etc)	Not particularly reported.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	—
O.	Other Witnesses	None known.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	1245 15 July 1987
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Seemed a sober gentleman.

Date 15 July 1987

Section 40 [redacted]

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Squadron Leader
Duty Operations Officer
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ROUTINE [illegible] SEP 94

FROM BROAD SHIELD
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 150100L MAY 91 REPEAT [illegible] CONSCIENCE [illegible] THROUGH
B. 5 OR 6 BRIGHT LIGHTS
C. STATIONARY OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. FROM NORTH OVER OLDBURY [illegible]
F. 35 TO 40 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. MOVED IN QUICK SHORT [illegible]
J. CLEAR BRIGHT NIGHT
K. RIVER SEVERN
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] THE STREET, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
N. OCCUPATION - WHEELWRIGHT

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O. SON, [redacted]
P. 231510Z SEP 94
Q. NO
R. O/S MAP NO. 69/79, 1/25000 SCALE
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CAP 1 DI 55

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ENCL. No. 33

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	222100LSep94 3 Minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	1 Dome/round object Silver
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Indoors
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)	West
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Directly above
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not Given
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Hovered then moved up very high then back down again.
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	No clouds/Clear sky.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil Known.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	[redacted] rang MOD direct and was put through to Air Force Ops

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Walton Liverpool 9 [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	About 10 years ago saw what she thought was a UFO and reported it.
O.	Other Witnesses	Her son [redacted] (Aged 17)
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	222130LSep94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil.
R.	Remarks	The object was there for approx 3 min then vanished.

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AF Ops

Date: 22 Sep 94

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AEW/GE, Rm 4217, MB
DI 55, Rm 7/17, Metropole Bldg

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	7 Sep 94 2100 (can still be seen)
2.Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Oval glowing object with blue and red flashing lights
3.Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Seen from 2nd floor window (house on top of a hill.) Originally stationary, now moving
4.How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye then binoculars (attempting to take photographs)
5.Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Towards North London (NW).
6.Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Eye level(house on top of a hill).
7.Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/K
8.Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 maybe of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Gentle movement away from viewer
9.Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night.
10.Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None
11.To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Just AFOPS, but intends to report it to a UFO Society (If they can find one).

MINISTRY
OF DEFENCE
05 SEP 1994

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12.Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Putney [redacted]
13.Background of Informant that may be volunteered	None
14.Other Witnesses	Husband and three children age 14, 12 and 9
15.Date, Time of Receipt	7 Sep 94 2100hrs local
16.Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
17.Remarks	None

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7 Sep 94 Air Force Operations

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	012245 local Sep 94 30 Sec to 1 Min
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Very bright creamy coloured object, club shaped (as in a pack of cards club)
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors Stationary
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Seen going from Standens Barn School towards Billing Aquadrome.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	NK
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Straight
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Dark and cloudy.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nothing
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Northampton police._
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Prior Meadow, Northampton, [redacted]
13.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Not at home 3-10 Sep.

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14. Other Witnesses Daughter and friend.

15. Date, Time of Receipt 012310 local Sep 94

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions No

17. Remarks For the past few weeks a strange light blinking red, green and white has been seen and the reported object seemed to diminish and merge with the strange lights.

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To: [redacted]

My predecessor, Section 40 [redacted], thought you might be interested in the attached translation of an extract from a Belgian book about the wave of UFO sightings over Belgium.

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MOD Form 195 (Revised 6/89)

INVOLVEMENT OF THE BELGIAN AIR FORCE

I thought it would be worthwhile to describe briefly the social context before going on to discuss the involvement of the Air Force in the debate on UFOs.

When I was asked to attend the SOBEPS press conference on 18 December 1989, as Chief of Operations of the Air Staff, I was sceptical about the existence of UFOs. Having said that, I was determined to approach the problem without prejudice, as far as possible, and to examine it in an objective manner. Two factors became apparent to me during this press conference. Firstly, the evidence was remarkable. It was not frivolous and was presented in a natural and rather modest manner: no trace of sensationalism or exaggerated media "hype". Secondly, the approach of SOBEPS was sober, objective and based on scientific facts. Evidence which could be linked to natural phenomena was rejected immediately. Another important factor: certain journalists had the armed forces as their target, in particular the Air Force. The phenomena observed were alleged to have been experimental aircraft, the existence of which was to be concealed from the public.

Some saw a link with the F-117 and used the opportunity to criticise American "imperialism". The alleged servility of the Belgian authorities, who had, consciously or not, allowed such experiments, was also denounced. Moreover, there were rumours to the effect that observations of certain UFOs had been made by military radars, about which no information could be disclosed.

Initially, the Air Force was obliged to deny the hypothesis of experimental test flights. This was fairly simple, and the context is amply described in the previous chapters. The Air Force could put its cards on the table for the simple reason that there was nothing to hide, and that it was impossible from a technical point of view that an F-117 could have been involved.

In addition, the seriousness of the evidence and the professionalism of SOBEPS were factors which prompted the Air Force to decide on the need for a more in-depth study. This is why it had decided before the holding of the press conference to try to identify the nature and origin of certain observed phenomena. The big question was, however, with what means?

THE MEANS

Every flight in Belgian airspace carried out between the setting and rising of the sun by any aircraft whatsoever must be the subject of an official request and must receive clearance from the civil and/or military authorities. These two bodies are responsible for coordinating all air movements during the night so that the identity of all aircraft in flight is known, together with their intentions, the aim being, of course, to ensure the safety of air navigation. In the case of the UFO observations, it was therefore a case of checking whether any non-regulation flight had been carried out. If this were indeed found to be the case, it goes without saying that we would have to try to identify these aircraft.

One of the most obvious means of detecting intrusions is radar. In addition to the approach radars of the various airfields, the Air Force has two powerful detection radars integrated into the NATO defence system and operational round the clock. The detection range of these radars is in excess of 300 km. Aircraft can be detected up to an altitude of approximately 30 km, whilst the minimum altitude depends on their position and the distance between them and the station. This goes without saying when one realizes that radar waves cannot see round corners and that each target hidden behind the horizon line or behind an obstacle (a hill, for example) cannot generally be detected.

In normal circumstances, the radar controller sees only the aircraft which have already undergone a selection procedure. In fact, a computer analyses the reflected waves and will reject all echoes which do not meet the preprogrammed standards (for example, the flight envelope of an aircraft). The controller therefore sees only the synthesized image of the radar echoes which in all probability represent aircraft.

In this way, spurious signals are eliminated. The latter, better known to the controllers as "angels" (see contribution of Prof. Meessen), can be caused by atmospheric disturbance, for example a layer of atmospheric inversion which deflects radar waves which, in their turn, are reflected by, among other things, by moving objects on the ground.

The controller can switch off the computer filtering so that he can observe on the screen all the echoes, including the "angels" (so-called "raw video" mode). It should be added immediately that the radar operators have little experience of this way of working and there are many echoes of which the origin is unknown.

In the case of UFO observations, the radar controllers were asked to pay particular attention to the echoes (even on "raw video") which appeared in the region of the visual observations on the ground. Thus, a number of radar echoes were recorded where it was impossible to know whether they were "angels" or real aircraft in flight. Hence the rather cautious attitude of the Air Force, particularly at the beginning of the period of observation and the resulting criticism that certain information could not be disclosed.

Apart from these radar stations, the Air Force also has an Interception Wing equipped with F-16 combat aircraft at Beauvechain, approximately 30 km south-east of Brussels. Two of these F-16s are permanently ready to take off within five minutes, following an order given by a duty officer within the NATO defence system. The duty radar controller can, if necessary, obtain such authorization within a very short time. The condition is that a concrete radar observation of unknown origin occurs and that he requests visual identification, using the two F-16 ready for immediate take-off. This procedure is the subject of regular exercises: the pilots are from time to time sent up to identify presumed intrusions, simulated or not. The purpose is to rehearse all the procedures in depth so that, in case of need, an urgent intervention can take place without problems.

After the first wave of observations on 29 November 1989, the Air Force instructed the radar controllers and the combat pilots to be vigilant and if necessary to initiate an identification procedure. For this purpose, only the existing resources, i.e. two ground radars and the F-16s, were to be used. The aim was to check whether the UFOs were real or not. After confirmation, we would move to the second stage, identification and determining whether the safety of air traffic was threatened.

ACTIONS

Coordination between the ground observations and the radar control centre of Glons posed, in this context, the greatest problem.

The Gendarmerie is the organization one immediately thought of to carry out this task. To this end, the telephone number of the radar station of Glons was passed to the gendarmerie brigades concerned so that they could inform the controllers of the position of the geographical positions of certain objects observed.

The number of links in the chain of communication between the observers on the ground and the pilots whose task it is to identify any flying objects represented a major handicap (telephone call to the gendarmes, patrol in position, radio link with the brigade, call to the Glons centre, telephone call to the controller and radio link with the pilots in flight).

Like the Air Force, the Gendarmerie was unable to deploy any additional resources to carry out its mission. Quite logically, priority was given to the traditional tasks assigned to the few gendarmes on duty in the evening and at night, resulting in a not inconsiderable loss of time, since it was impossible to react promptly to specific calls at a specific time.

The Air Force carried out a number of concrete actions. In a first action on the evening of 2 December, two F-16s were sent to the Liège area where a possible sighting had taken place. A telephone call from the Gendarmerie informed the duty controller of a ground observation; the latter noted at the position indicated a radar echo (on raw video) which possibly confirmed the visual observation. The F-16s were dispatched to the position, saw nothing and returned to their base. According to the radar controller, the echo disappeared when the F-16s approached the area and reappeared after their return to base.

The mystery remains unresolved.

Two aircraft were sent on a second mission following innumerable telephone calls from the Hasselt area. The ground radars had seen nothing and the F-16s were able to identify the origin of the phenomenon as laser projections onto a cloud layer. Analysis of the facts has shown that these observations were completely different from those made earlier in the province of Liège.

After this incident, orders were given not to dispatch aircraft without previous radar observation and without formal

confirmation of the ground observations by the Gendarmerie.

Then there was the action of the night of 30 to 31 March 1990 described in this book.

In this case, the Air Force reacted only after telephone confirmation from the Gendarmerie of a number of observations in the Wavre region and after simultaneous observation by two ground radars. The F-16s carried out several interceptions with the aid of directions from the duty radar controller. Certain data were recorded by the airborne radars of the F-16s; their technical analysis is described in Prof. Meessen's contribution to this book.

The Air Force itself approached the affair with the greatest caution. Electromagnetic interference which can lead to false conclusions is not unusual both for airborne and ground radars. Interference on airborne radars is however generally caused by ground conditions whereas the recordings on 30/31 March were made at an altitude of approximately 3 km. Moreover, a correlation was noted at certain times between the data originating from the two airborne radars and at least one ground radar. The recording of identical data by three different systems at given times means that we cannot rule out the possibility that one or more unidentified aircraft were indeed operating in Belgian airspace.

It should be said immediately that this was the first time that an in-depth analysis had been carried out of data completely outside the area of known performance in the aeronautical field. Was it really a question of aircraft or of exceptional electromagnetic interference?

The pilots themselves had no concrete visual contacts, which are in fact very difficult to obtain in view of the incalculable number of points of light visible at night over Belgium with a cloudless sky and good visibility. However, when a pilot locks on his radar to a possible target, an indication of the place where it should be located is displayed on his screen. Nothing was recorded by the pilots during the various lock-ons carried out. If these targets had been illuminated, this would certainly have been the case. Is this proof that there was nothing in the air and that it was a matter of electromagnetic interference? Certainly not: eye-witnesses at Petit-Rosière stated that the bright spots they were observing lost their intensity as the F-16s approached or were even extinguished completely.

Why was no definite correlation found between the ground observations at Ramillies and the recordings of the airborne radars of the F-16s?

According to eyewitnesses, the luminous objects sometimes travelled in jerky movements, subsequently stabilizing at a determined geographical position.

But in its interception function, the radar of an F-16 cannot detect a static object, for the simple reason that the system rejects all echoes of objects moving at relative speeds of less than +/- 100 km.p.h.

This filtering was incorporated into the system to avoid the airborne radar detecting all the cars or other objects on the ground and therefore to prevent the screen from being cluttered by too large a number of echoes.

The pilot is interested only in aircraft and helicopters moving at higher speeds. These latter targets will be the only ones to be projected onto the screen, enabling the pilot to see the flight profile and, if necessary, to carry out an interception.

From a technical point of view, it was therefore impossible to detect luminous objects with the airborne radar if they remained immobile or moved at low speeds.

At all events, the Air Force has arrived at the conclusion that a number of abnormal phenomena have occurred in Belgian airspace.

The extensive evidence of ground observations collected in this book, reinforced by the recordings of the night of 30/31 March, have led us to consider the hypothesis that a number of unauthorized air activities have indeed taken place.

So far, no trace of aggression has been reported; military and civil air traffic has been neither disrupted nor threatened. It can therefore be advanced that the alleged air activities constituted no concrete threat.

Since the armed forces react only in the event of a potential threat, it was decided not to use additional resources or personnel beyond the existing and available air defence systems. I believe that as regards the ground observations, the Gendarmerie has arrived at an identical conclusion.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING (Local times to be quoted)

0225 local 15 August
about 10 seconds

b. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

Circle, with small wings on the side
Green/Orange Green towards edges

c. EXACT POSITION OBSERVED (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).

Outdoors fresh drive in Westbrook Warrington
Section 40 [redacted]

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 may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

N to South

f. ANGLE OF SIGHT (Estimated heights are unreliable).

Passed Directly Overhead

g. DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

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

Moving Very Fast Going towards you & then going away

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i. **METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS** (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

Mostly clear, one or two clouds - Object went behind a cloud

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 other night lighting).

None known

k. **TO WHOM REPORTED** (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

Liverpool Airport

l. **NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT**

[redacted]

Ct Sankey
Warrington Cheshire

m. **ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED**

n. **OTHER WITNESSES**

3 friends in Liga also saw it

o. **DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT**

0523 local 18th August

The above details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC on extensions 2153, 5343, or 5344

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING. 24 AUG 0215AM 3-4 SECONDS.

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number
Size
Shape
Colours
Brightness
Sound
Smell
BRILLIANT (ILLUMINOUS) GREEN BALL SHAPED OBJECT. YELLOW TAIL FOLLOWED OBJECT. NO SOUND.

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER. SALISBURY PLAIN.
Geographical Location
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving
MOBILE PATROL.

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

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN. WEST TO EAST.
(A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT. (Estimated heights are unreliable) ?

G. DISTANCE. (By reference to a known landmark if possible) ?

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing
Erratic
MOVED FAST PARALLEL TO GROUND.

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC. NONE.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. [redacted]
AIRFIELD CAMP, NETHERAVON, NR SALISBURY [redacted]

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

O. OTHER WITNESSES. COLLEAGUE ALSO IN PATROL VEHICLE MET MAN AT NETHERAVON ALSO.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.

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1655Z.

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[redacted]
Millbrook Road East
Southampton
Hants
[redacted]

17th August 1994

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REPORT OF U.F.O. SIGHTING

DATE: Sunday 14th August 1994
PLACE: Southampton City Centre
TIME: Approximately 11.15 pm
DURATION: 10 minutes
HEIGHT: Approximately 1000 feet
WEATHER: Clear and no wind

Dear [redacted]

At 11.15 pm, [redacted] and myself noticed two bright lights hovering over Southampton City Centre. They were extremely close together - without beam and like balls of light. Being an ex-RAF flier I thought it could only be a harrier or helicopter. The lights did not get nearer or larger, so hovering was deduced. I grabbed my camera and the flash took ages to warm up which was unusual as I had been using it okay whilst on holiday two days previously. About a minute later, at approximately 11.20 pm, leaning out of the window, the picture was taken and then the film jammed - shot 31 out of 36 which was strange. As soon as the flash went off, the craft rose smoothly and quickly upwards, paused and then flew at great speed towards and over the flats from where we were watching. As is passed overhead, and the camera was jammed, it appeared oblong in shape with a few red lights underneath. These lights were not flashing as per normal aircraft. The sound it made was of a jet-like quality, not a helicopter, but was more of a deep, resonating force.

Eastleigh airport was closed at 9pm and no night flights should have been passing over. Southampton City police reported that their spotter plane was not over the city and no air ambulances were about either. Bournemouth International was also closed at 9pm and Gatwick and Heathrow report that if there were any flights using Southampton airspace, it would not have been low. Only West Drayton have the facilities to monitor the airspace above Southampton when Eastleigh is closed. Before going to the press, we would like to know what West Drayton's radar report at that time concludes. Following is a diagram and the photo. We look forward to your call as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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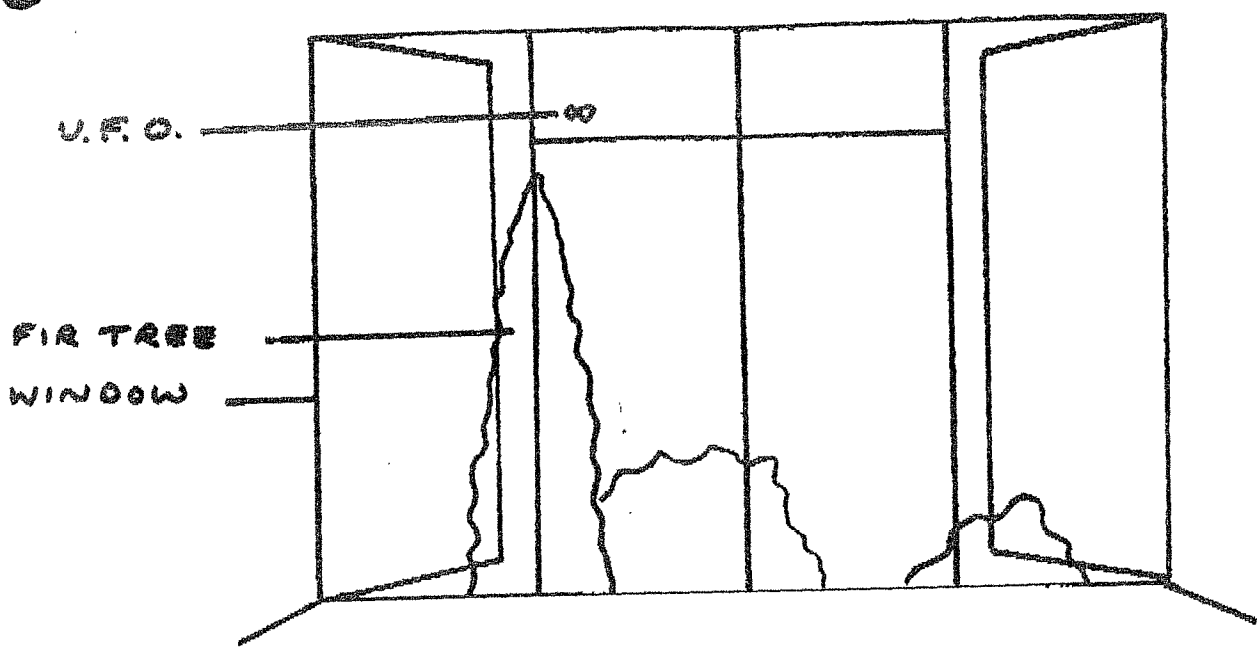

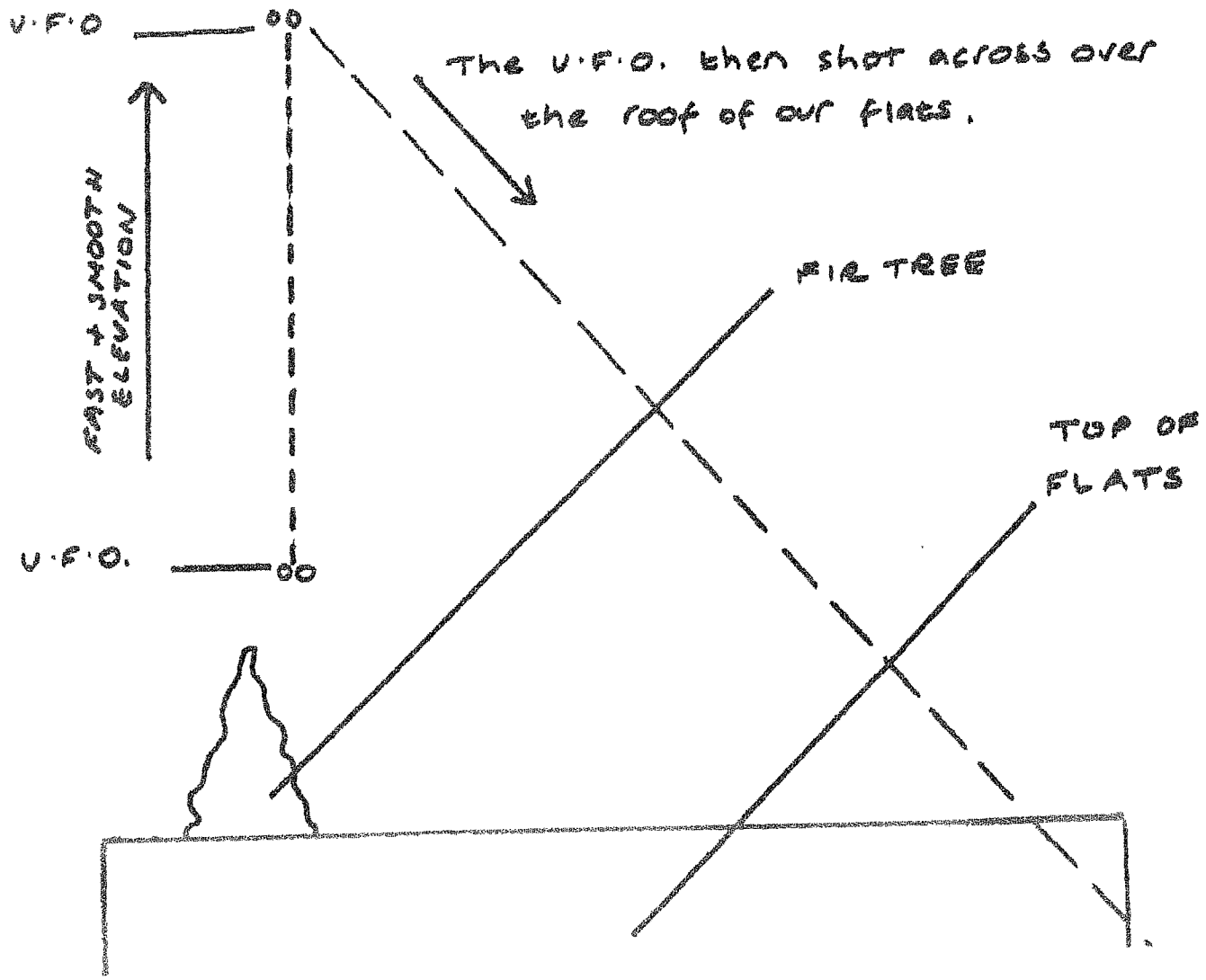

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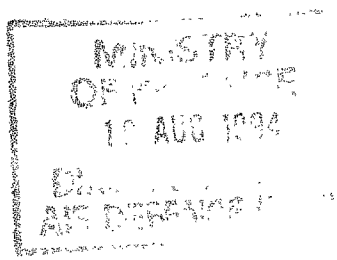
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	142135A Aug 94 - 1 Minute
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	1 Semi-circular disc Orange, very bright
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outside (In car)
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)	N/K
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/K
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/K
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Same direction, speed constant.
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Clear Sky
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Daventry Police



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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Guilsborough Hill Hollowell, Northants [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Friend
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	142155A Aug94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	Approx 10 minutes later [redacted] Northants made an independent call with a sightimg almost identical in description.

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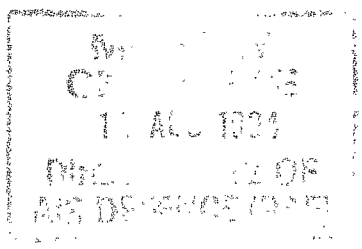
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	2100 -2110(A) 14 Aug 94 3 Minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	1 Cigar shaped (Large) bright buff colour with Blue/Green/Red flashing lights on top and underneath.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	In car sitting stationary.
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)	West
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Towards moon and adjacent to it.
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Very close.
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Nil
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	No clouds/Clear sky.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil Known.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police initially who directed [redacted] to MOD.



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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Kingsthorpe Nr Northampton [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Nil
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	151810Z Aug 94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil.
R.	Remarks	'Snow' obscured a television at destination, which disappeared when the object also disappeared.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	042137 local Aug 94
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Very bright object came towards them from the sky then stopped and climbed rapidly
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Initially sitting indoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye then binnoculars
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Approaching them
o.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	NK
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	NK
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Very fast when moving
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	very dark
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	NK
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	To Southend Police Station [redacted]
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Westcliffe on Sea [redacted]

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered NK

14. Other Witnesses Husband who watched through binnoculars

15. Date, Time of Receipt 042100z Aug 94

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions NK

17. Remarks Also, at 042141local, [redacted] Southend on Sea with a [redacted] reported something black with a light moving very fast, suddenly stoppng changing direction. Incident filed on Police report [redacted] 4 Aug along with the previous report.. She saw this object along with a number of her neighbours
Note. [redacted] took both reports seriously

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FLIGHT CREW REPORT [redacted]

BA OPS.

ORIGINATOR [redacted]	RANK: CAPT.	*REGN: G-BMRC	DATE: 5.8.94 (GMT)
FLIGHT NO: BA 941	*SECTOR: DUS - LHR	*STATION: LHR	CATEGORY: —
*CREW NAMES: CAPT: [redacted]	F/O [redacted]	E/O —	

* Information only required if relevant to report.

REPORT SUMMARY NEAR MISS WITH UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DETAILS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE TIME:

AT FL80 LEVEL, RADAR HDG 270°, IAS 210 KTS ARMS LNH EAST OF LAMBOURNE ON 119.72 LHR APPROACH, AN OBJECT PASSED CLOSE OVERHEAD ON REVERSE TRACK. TIME 1545 G. OBJECT INITIALLY APPEARED AS BLACK DOT RAPIDLY INCREASING IN SIZE TO ROUND BALL AND AS IT PASSED OVERHEAD IT OBVIOUSLY HAD SOME LENGTH, IE. BLACK CYLINDER. CAPTAIN SAW BLACK CYLINDER WITH LUMPS ON THE BACK.
ESTIMATE OF SIZE DIFFICULT BUT ABOUT 2-3' IN DIAMETER AND 8-12' LONG. TOTAL TIME OF SIGHTING 2-3 SECONDS.
OBJECT PASSED OVERHEAD PERHAPS 20' ABOVE IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION ALONG AIRCRAFT AXIS.
ESTIMATE OF SPEED DIFFICULT BUT CLOSING SPEED CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN OUR FLOW SPEED.
OBJECT ALSO SEEN BY BA 677 FLT 1ST DESCENDING TO FL80 BEHIND US.
FLIGHT CONDITIONS VMC 10+ GOOD.

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A. 5 AUG 1994 1550

B. ONE SMALL BLACK OBJECT VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS THREE TO FOUR FEET LONG AND TWELVE FEET LONG LOOKED LIKE A TOY ROCKET.

C. LAMBOURNE VOR
FL90

D. NAKED EYE

E. CROSSING R-L IN FRONT OF COCKPIT FL90 LAM
AND SEEN FROM FL100 SEVEN MILES BEHIND

F. DEAD AHEAD.

G. 90-100FT ABOVE A1C COCKPIT

H. FAST MOVING SOUTHBOUND

J. CAVOK ABOVE CLOUD.

K. NIL

L. LONDON ATCC
TERMINAL CONTROL
HEATHROW DIRECTOR

M. CREW OF BRITISH AIRWAYS A1C BAW941

N. COMMERCIAL PILOTS

O. CREW OF BRITISH AIRWAYS A1C BAW677 (AT FL100)

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ACL No 122

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Tuesday 2 Aug 2315L Several minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One object. Round. Bright.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor. Stationary.
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Westerly.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Angle not given. 400 feet high.
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Several miles.
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Remained still.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Muggy. Thundery.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Duty Officer Sunday AM
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted], North Petherton, Somerset. [redacted]

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Seems to have reported matters before and incensed at no action.

14. Other Witnesses

Also seen by wife. Also "sensed by dogs". (Two German shepherds).

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

08 August 1994 at 0005Z

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

Thundery, close weather.

17. Remarks

"Dogmatic" statements. Went on and on for 20 minutes. Really seemed to want someone to talk at. However, not drunk.



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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 012140Z AUG 94

FROM RAF WYTON
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
ADNC WEST DRAYTON

R E S T R I C T E D
SIC I3S/Z6F
FOR ATTN AFDR (RAF). SUBJECT? REPORT OF UFO. (AS PER 010930Z AUG 94)
1. 012110Z AUG 94 15 TO 20 MINS
2. SMALL FLAT OBJECT JUST LIKE GLITTERBALL, AS PER ABOVE SIGNAL
3. OVERHEAD HOME NR GODMANCHESTER, CAMBS
4. OBSERVED WITH NAKED EYE
5. SOUTH WESTERLY DIRECTION
6. ANGLE 45 DEGREES
7. NIL KNOWN
8. JERKS SLIGHTLY THEN GOES IN STRAIGHT LINE GRACEFULLY, HUMMING
9. CLEAR NIGHT CAVOK
11. [redacted] OPSERATIONS, RAF WYTON, Section 40
12. [redacted] AS PER 010930Z AUG 94
13. ONCE AGAIN SOUNDED VERY SINCERE - BUT TONIGHT FRIGHTENED BY EVENT. PHONED ONCE AGAIN AT 2145Z TO CONFIRM LIGHTS AGAIN
14. HER HUSBAND
15. 01 AUG 2120Z AND 2145Z
16. REQUEST REPLY IF POSSIBLE
BT

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DTG 012140Z AUG 94
From RAF WYTON
To MODUK AIR
Info HQSTC
ADNC WEST DRAYTON
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rom RAF WYTON
o MODUK AIR
nfo HQSTC
ADNC WEST DRAYTON
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FOR ATTN AFDR (RAF). SUBJECT: REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
1. 312315Z JUL - 010130Z AUG 94
2. 2 BY FLAT DISC WITH VERY BRIGHT AURA, ONE BEING SMALLER THAN THE OTHER
3. OVERHEAD GODMANCHESTER NR HUNTINGDON, CAMBS
4. OBSERVED WITH BOTH NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
5. OBJECTS MOVED FROM SOUTH WEST OVER GODMANCHESTER, RETURNING 20 MINS LATER ON RECIPROCAL TRACK, APPROX 7 TIMES
6. ANGLE OF SIGHT: 45 - 60 DEGREES
7. OBJECTS WERE CLOSE ENOUGH TO MAKE OUT SHAPE WITHOUT BINOCULARS
8. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AND NOT ERRATIC WITH A SLOW TURN COMPLETING EACH PASS
9. METEORLOGICAL CONDITIONS: 8KM VIS, HAZE, 2 OCTAS CLOUD 25000 FT
10. THERE WERE NO NEARBY MISTAKABLE OBJECTS
11. REPORTED TO [redacted], OPS WG, RAF WYTON Section 40
12. REPORTED BY [redacted], GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDON, CAMBS, [redacted]
13. [redacted] APPEARED VERY SINCERE AND BELIEVED SHE HAD SEEN A UFO WITHOUT ANY DOUBT
14. OTHER WITNESSES INCLUDED [redacted]
15. REPORTED TO WYTON PBX DURING THE NIGHT AND AGAIN TO WYTON OPS AT 010700Z AUG 94
16. A REPLY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY [redacted]

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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 010900Z AUG 94

FROM RAF WYTON
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
ADNC WEST DRAYTON

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FOR ATTN ATDD (RAF). SUBJECT: REPORT [illegible]
1. 312315Z JUL [illegible] 010130Z [illegible]
2. 2 BY FLAT DISC WITH VERY BRIGHT [illegible]
OTHER
3. OVERHEAD GODMANCHESTER [illegible]
4. OBSERVED WITH SOTH NAKED EYE [illegible]
5. OBJECTS MOVED FROM SOUTH WEST [illegible]
MINS LATER ON RECIPROCAL [illegible]
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EACH PASS
9. METEORLOGICAL CONDITIONS: 8KM VIS, HAZE, 2 OCTAS CLOUD 25000 FT
10. THERE WERE NO NEARBY MISTAKABLE OBJECTS
11. REPORTED TO [redacted] OPS WG, RAF WYTON Section 40 [redacted], GODMANCHESTER,
12. REPORTED BY [redacted]
HUNTINGDON, CAMBS, [redacted] APPEARED VERY SINCERE AND BELIEVED SHE HAD SEEN A
13. [redacted]
UFO WITHOUT ANY DOUBT
14. OTHER WITNESSES INCLUDED [redacted]
15. REPORTED TO WYTON PBX DURING THE NIGHT AND AGAIN TO WYTON [illegible]
AT 010700Z AUG 94
16. A REPLY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY [redacted]
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ROUTINE 291500Z JUL 94

FROM RAF BRIZE NORTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
MODUK FOR AIR FORCE OPS. SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A 28 JUL 94 MIDNIGHT ONE MINUTE APPROX
B TWO OBJECTS ONE WITH VERTICAL LINE OF LIGHTS OTHER WITH HORIZONTAL LINE OF LIGHTS. LIGHTS RED GREEN AND WHITE IN COLOUR SOME FLASHING SOME CONSTANT AT DISTANT A/C BRIGHTNESS
C IN MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE
D NAKED EYE THROUGH VEHICLE WINDOW BOTH OPEN AND CLOSED
E TOWARDS WEST
F FROM HEAD ONTO OVERHEAD
G APPROX 1 MILE AT FIRST SIGHTIN TO NOHIGHER THAN TALL CONIFER WHEN OVERHEAD
H STATIONARY
J CLEAR NIGHT
K RIVER WYE AND LARGE HOUSE

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L CIVILIAN POLICE AT HEREFORD WHO WITH PERMISSION REPORTED INCIDENT TO LOCAL MEDIA. WILL ALSO BE CONTACTING [redacted] OF BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
M [redacted], WHITCHURCH, ROSS ON WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE, [redacted]
N NIL
O [redacted] (HUSBAND) ALSO AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY ON RADIO WYVERN OTHER WITNESSES HAVE BEEN RINGING INTO RADIO STATION
P 29 JUL 94 1515(L)
Q NIL
R LOCATION OF SIGHTING WAS ON A40 BETWEEN ROSS ON WYE AND WITCHURCH NEAR TO TURN FOR VILLAGE OF GLEWSTONE
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1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	30 Jul 94 0315 hrs 8 to 10 secs
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Looked like the top half of a five pointed star, approx five feet long, surrounded by a white ball of light
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors but viewed from indoors (1st floor).
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Towards Stratford Railway Station
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Viewed from 1st floor - Approx 40 degree
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Approx 200 yds
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Erratic
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Nil clouds, clear and dry.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	NIL
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MOD only
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Custom House, London [redacted]

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3. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

See Remarks. REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

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14. Other Witnesses

Co-Worker [redacted]

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15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

310100Z Jul 94

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16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

Nil

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17. Remarks

[redacted]s a night shift worker at the Control Centre for Community Alarms, Waddington Street, Stratford E15.

Date: / Aug 94

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	211830Z Jul 94 (For 1 minute)
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	3 sets of objects (dark coloured) shapeless, moving South to North
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors Moving fast
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)	South of observer
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	1000 m high
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	-
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	-
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	No wind, small amount of cloud
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	QUEST notified first (QUEST appears to be a UFO "exchange" agency - AFDO)

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Camden [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Nil
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	212215Z Jul 94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
R.	Remarks:	Thought objects were birds initially, but then they passed over without any signs of wings flapping. Olbjects proceeded in dead straight line, with no variations or deviations in direction.

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Wg Cdr / RO2
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HQSTC FOR WG CDR GE, MODUK AIR FOR AFDO
SUBJECT REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A. 30 JUN 94. 2145Z SHORT DURATION
B. NOT KNOWN
C. OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. OVER AN OLD AIRFIELD
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. HOVERED AT FIRST THEN QUICKLY MOVED OFF
J. CLEAR
K. OLD AIRFIELD
L. GUARDROOM RAF WADDINGTON
M. [redacted] BROKENBY
N. NOT KNOWN
O. NONE
P. 3022007 JUN 94 FROM MAIN GUARDROOM

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PRIORITY 1313007 JUL 9[illegible]

FROM RAF CHIVENOR
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
FOR ATTN OF SECCAGOR
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
[illegible]
[illegible] SIZE OF SMALL FIELD [illegible]
[illegible] SHAPED [illegible] OF ORANGE [illegible] DARK CENTRE
SURROUNDED BY CRESCENT OF [illegible] PRIGHT TO LOOK
AT
SOUND: NIL, VIEWER INSIDE [illegible]
SMELL: NIL, VIEWER INSIDE [illegible]
C. 2 MILES SW OF BARNSTAPLE DEVON
POSITION 0654031[illegible]. OBSERVER INS [illegible] STATIONARY WHILST
UFO WAS OBSERVED
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH OF ABOVE GRID REF

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F. 80 DEGREES
G. APPROX 1/2 NM, TO WEST OF FARM
H. HOVERING
J. NO CLOUD OBSERVED. CLEAR AND COLD
K. NIL IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY
L. OPERATIONS RAF CHIVENOR
M. [redacted]
HORWOOD
BIDEFORD NTH DEVON
[redacted]
N. NIL
O. NIL
P. REPORTED TO CHIVENOR OPERATIONS 13 JUL 1200 LOCAL [redacted] HAD
THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A WEEK BUT FINALLY THOUGHT SHE SHOULD DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	010440A Jul 94 lasting for about 5 minutes.
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One pencil thin line of light
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Indoors. Object moved very slowly
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Heading South to North
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	30 degrees approx
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Approx 3 - 4 miles above ground
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Sedate straight line moving slowly
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MOD AFOR
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Finchley, London [redacted]

Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

[redacted] (Wife)

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

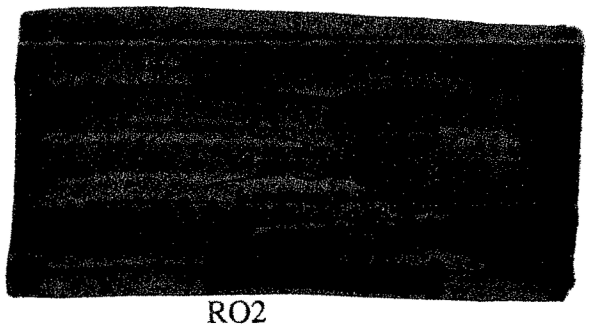
010445A Jul 94

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

None

17. Remarks

Nil



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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	301900A Jun 94
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One white/yellow/orange coloured football-shaped object
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	From Chadwell Heath moving in the London City direction.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	80 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not known, but very high up, possible 50,000ft
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Appeared, then disappeared then reappeared between clouds
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear blue sky with light strato-cumulous cloud.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MOD AFOR
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex

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Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

Nil

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

301930A Jun 94

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

None

17. Remarks

Nil

Date: 30 Jun 94

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	20 Jun 94 (30 mins duration) and 22 Jun 94 (30 mins)
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One "star-like" object
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Indoors/stationary
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Vicinity of Sywell Airport moving W/NW of Humber Gardens.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45 - 50 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Approx 2 - 5 miles above ground
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Negligible except for sighting on 20 Jun when object moved rapidly towards informant.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MOD AFOR
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted] Wellingborough, [redacted]

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3. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

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14. Other Witnesses

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15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

222145Z Jun 94

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

None

17. Remarks

Informant was afraid he was making a fool of himself however, he seemed quite genuine in his report and even though he thought at first the object was a night flying aircraft, it's movements did not take on the appearance of a normal machine, rotary or fixed wing.

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Date: 22 Jun 94

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	262110Z Jun 94
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Like a star. Point spot of light moving rapidly towards observer. White light
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Indoors
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)	West North West from Wellingbrough
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	High angle (Third of right angle)
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	10 miles approx
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Object stationary then moving alternate
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Moving cloud, thickening
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Reported similar to Police last week

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Wellingbrough Northants. [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	2 other witnesses present
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	262110z Jun 94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	Remarks:	Nil

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SECRETARY OF STATE

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

MO 9/18M

7 June 1994

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May concerning the UFO sightings that occurred over Belgium in March 1990.

I am grateful to you for alerting me to this problem, and I am aware that [redacted] may attempt to create a public fuss. However I am satisfied that correct procedures have been followed, that all relevant information has been passed to [redacted] and that no purpose would be served by continuing the correspondence with him.

You will know that our sole reason for examining reports of UFO sightings is to establish whether or not there is evidence of any threat to the United Kingdom. The Belgium authorities have indicated that they did not notify us of these sightings at the time because there was no evidence of any threat, and because they occurred over the central part of Belgium. I should add that notification of NADGE radar detections is at the discretion of the operators, and does not occur automatically.

[redacted]
Hyde
Fordingbridge
Hampshire [redacted]

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We subsequently became aware of these sightings through the UFO literature and through approaches from members of the public such as [redacted] On the basis of the information now available our own Air Defence experts have confirmed that they would not have been concerned with these UFO reports, and that they saw no reason why the Belgians should have notified any UK authorities. I am sure it goes without saying, however, that any unauthorised penetration of the UK Air Defence Region would be detected by our Air Defenders, and dealt with as appropriate.

It is clear to me from the papers I have seen that the position has been explained in great detail to [redacted] I am aware of one television programme on the subject, a Central TV production to be shown on 18 October. The MOD desk officer responsible for UFOs was interviewed for this programme and was able to set out the MOD's policy on UFOs.

I hope this has explained the situation satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Malcolm Rifkind

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ENCL No. 108

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/4

8 Jun 94

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DI[redacted] Section 40

LETTER FROM [redacted] ON UFOS

References:
A. MO 9/18 dated 23 May 94
B. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 10 May 94

1. At Reference A you asked for advice on the letter from Lord Hill-Norton concerning UFO sightings over Belgium, together with a draft reply.

2. [redacted] is raising concerns put to him by [redacted] a UFO researcher who is very well known to this division. [redacted] first approached us in January 1993, and my staff have now written ten letters to him. I have attached (NOTAL) copies of this correspondence, together with copies of the three Parliamentary Enquiries that have been generated by [redacted] approaches to Sir Keith Speed MP. I think it is clear that although we have done our best to answer all [redacted] questions, the correspondence had reached the point where nothing could usefully be added.

3. A detailed summary of the case is set out in D/MIN(AF)/94/94 dated 14 March 1994; essentially, a wave of UFO sightings was reported over Belgium on 30/31 March 1990. As well as visual sightings, some radar returns were noted, and as a result the Belgians decided to launch two of their aircraft to investigate. These aircraft did attain some radar lock-ons. As with the returns recorded by ground based radar, this does not necessarily mean that any structured craft was present, although we understand, informally, that the view of the Belgian Air Force is that a craft of some sort was involved and that they maintain an open mind on the sightings, which remain unexplained.

4. The key point in all this is that the MOD's only role as far as UFOs are concerned is to ascertain whether there is evidence of any threat to the defence of the UK. The Belgians have confirmed to us in writing that they found no evidence of any threat, and that as a result they saw no requirement to inform any other countries or agencies. Given this, and given that these sightings occurred outside the UK Air Defence Region, the whole question goes beyond our remit.

5. Notwithstanding [redacted]'s comments, it is not the case that the UK would necessarily be informed of unidentified

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returns picked up on NADGE radars in Belgium. Only if radar operators believed there was evidence that a unidentified craft was moving towards the UK would such action be taken.

6. [redacted] has a long-standing interest in UFOs, and has approached the Department on this subject before, in 1985, when he wrote to the then S of S about a well-known UFO sighting. He was a member of the (now defunct) House of Lords All-Party UFO Study Group, and has written forewords for two books on the subject.

7. [redacted] is writing a book on these Belgian UFO sightings, and is doubtless keen to build up a large file of correspondence to be used as part of this enterprise.

8. We believe that [redacted]'s comments about a public uproar seriously overstate any likely reaction. The Belgian sightings are well-known among UFO researchers, and while they are likely to be mentioned in any documentary on UFOs, they are, effectively, old news. [redacted] mentioned the demonstration against perceived government secrecy about UFOs, held outside Main Building and Parliament on 23 May (notified to Ministers at Reference B). This was a low key affair; there appeared to be only around a dozen protesters, and there was little media coverage of the event. Although every MP was given a document, which among other points mentioned the Belgian sightings, we have only received one Parliamentary Enquiry since then, and it is not clear whether this was prompted by the lobbying. I should add that in informal contacts with my staff a number of UFO groups and researchers have disassociated themselves from the group which arranged the demonstration.

9. [redacted] also mentions two television programmes on the subject. One of these is a Central TV production, due to be shown on ITV on 18 October. The desk officer responsible for UFO matters was interviewed for this programme, and was able to set out the MOD's policy with regard to UFOs. The Belgian sightings were briefly raised during the interview. We understand that Lord Hill-Norton has also given an interview. We cannot positively identify the second programme, but it may be either the James Whale show (whose recent request for an MOD representative to appear in an item on UFOs was declined), or a programme in LWT's Strange but True series.

10. The attached draft reply is self-explanatory, and has been cleared with D Air Def's staff. Given [redacted]'s familiarity with our policy on UFOs and with the specifics of this particular exchange of correspondence, I have kept the draft reply short, and avoided going into detail over points which have already been explained in previous letters.

[redacted]

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

DRAFT REPLY TO [redacted]

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We subsequently became aware of these sightings through the UFO literature and through approaches from members of the public such as [redacted] On the basis of the information now available our own Air Defence experts have confirmed that they would not have been concerned with these UFO reports, and that they saw no reason why the Belgians should have notified any UK authorities. I am sure it goes without saying, however, that any unauthorised penetration of the UK Air Defence Region would be detected by our Air Defenders, and dealt with as appropriate.

It is clear to me from the papers I have seen that the position has been explained in great detail to [redacted] and I share the view that there is nothing further to be said on the subject.

I hope that this has explained the position.

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/4

2 Jun 94

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UFOS - CORRESPONDENCE FROM [redacted]

1. I have attached a copy of a letter that Secretary of State has received from [redacted], who has raised questions about the 1990 Belgian UFO sightings, following an approach from a member of the public.

2. I have also attached a draft response, and I would be grateful for any comments you may have on this.

[redacted]

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Previous papers please

[redacted]

[redacted]

HYDE,
FORDINGBRIDGE,
HAMPSHIRE. [redacted]

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PERSONAL

The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP
Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SW14 2HB

[redacted]

y 1994

Dear Secretary of State,

I have been approached by a [redacted] of Cranbrook, Kent, who has asked me to help him to obtain a satisfactory response from your Ministry to an enquiry he initiated a year or more ago. I enclose a copy of his letter to me dated 16 March 1994, which sets out his request and his complaint. This is a small part of a quite lengthy correspondence.

He had earlier approached his Member, Sir Keith Speed, and I have seen several letters which have been exchanged between Sir Keith and [redacted] and also your officials. These letters do not answer [redacted] enquiries, and he finds them unsatisfactory. I am bound to say that I share that view, in the light of all the circumstances.

There is no need for me to rehearse all that has already been written in these exchanges. In short, detections were made by three NADGE radars in Germany and Belgium in March 1990, air defence aircraft of the Belgian Air Force were scrambled to intercept but although the objects were detected and held on the radar of these aircraft as well, no identification, or visual contact was made. There is no dispute about these facts, which have been confirmed by the Belgian Minister of Defence in public statements, repeated in writing to [redacted] I have advised [redacted] that, unless the procedure has been changed since I was Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, it is inconceivable that the UK would not be informed (probably automatically) of a possibly hostile, certain unidentified, detection by NADGE radars.

[redacted] has been brushed off with the standard MOD response to all reports (of which I have seen a great many) of UFO activity, which briefly put amount to *"..... no threat was perceived to the UK so no notice was taken or record made of the incident ....."*. In this instance this has, in separate letters, been complicated by written statements by your Ministry that no report of the Belgian detections was ever received in the UK.

[redacted] asks, reasonably enough, *"If, as Ministers assert, they had no knowledge of the Belgian events how could their Air Defence experts possibly conclude that the phenomenon did not constitute a threat, as they had no knowledge of it?"*

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I fear that [redacted] may well make a damaging public uproar about all this. He has already had a petition to the European Parliament upheld, and his dossier has been formally remitted to the relevant Euro Committee. A public demarche, so he tells me, is planned for the MOD, the House of Commons, and simultaneously at the Pentagon on 23 May. At least two television programmes in this country will carry his story within the next few months, and this may well not be the end of it.

I strongly recommend that you should take a personal interest in having the whole matter re-examined, so that a more satisfactory and convincing reply may be given to [redacted] question, before the matter gets out of hand.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[redacted]
Rolvenden
Cranbrook
Kent. [redacted]

16th March 1994.

Dear [redacted]

I have been informed of the following facts in a letter dated 26th May 1993 from Leo Delcroix the Belgian Minister of Defence.

That on the 15th and 16th December 1989, radar detections were made by Semmerzeke(Belgium) and Vedem(Germany) of flying objects over Eupen in Eastern Belgium.
On the night of 30/31st March 1990, detections were made by Semmerzeke and Glons CRC(NADGE) radars of the Belgian Air Force, and Vedem in Germany, of an apparent airbourne intruder in the vicinity of Brussels in Belgium. Aircraft of QRA J Wing of the Belgian Air Force were involved. These detections followed visual observations by many thousands of witnesses, of whom 75 were members of the Belgian Gendermerie.
A report was received dated 15th August 1993. It was made by [redacted] VS/3 Ctl-Met 1 of the Belgian Air Force. It states that the Belgian Air Force scrambled two F-16 interceptors (Nos AL 17 and AL 23) from the base at Bevekom.
These fighters were vectored to their targets by Glons CRC NADGE radar. This incident caused a major security alert. It lasted for over 1 hour. At 22h 39m an interception occurred during which radar 'lock-on' was acheived by both aircraft. This lasted for 45.9 secs.
At this time the target was travelling on a Westerly heading towards UK airspace at speeds in excess of 1000 knots.

The Belgian Minister of Defence at that time Guy Coeme, stated in the Belgian Parliament on the 21st December 1989 that;- 'All hypotheses can be excluded, the Minister could not tell what these flying objects were.'

A report has been submitted to the European Parliament for an enquiry into these incidents. It is No 990/93. It has been accepted for consideration by the Petitions Committee.

NATO and the Belgian agencies have provided conclusive proof of these detections. How is it that I was informed by [redacted] of the Ministry of Defence in a Letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 13th October 1993, that there is no record in the UK of this incident and, despite the track having come to within six minutes of Kent, it could not therefore have been considered a threat to the security of the UK?

Your comments would be appreciated

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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LETTER FROM [redacted] ON UFOS

References:
A. MO 9/18 dated 23 May 94
B. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 10 May 94

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2. [redacted] is raising concerns put to him by [redacted], a UFO researcher who is very well known to this section. [redacted] first approached us in January 1993, and my staff have now written ten letters to [redacted] I have attached copies of this correspondence, together with copies of the three Parliamentary Enquiries that have been generated by [redacted] approaches to Sir Keith Speed MP. I think it is clear that although we have done our best to answer all [redacted] questions, the correspondence had reached the point where nothing could usefully be added.

3. A detailed summary of the case is set out in D/MIN(AF)/94/94 dated 14 March 1994 (attached); essentially, a wave of UFO sightings was reported over Belgium on 30/31 March 1990. As well as visual sightings, some radar returns were noted, and as a result it was decided to launch two aircraft to investigate. These aircraft did attain some brief radar lock-ons, but as with the returns recorded by ground based radar, this does not mean that any structured craft was present; the point has frequently been made in this correspondence that spurious radar returns can be caused by a number of factors.

4. The key point in all this is that the MOD's only role as far as UFOs are concerned is to ascertain whether there is evidence of any threat to the defence of the UK. Given that these sightings occurred outside the UK Air Defence Region, and given that the Belgians found no evidence of a threat and did not inform any UK authorities of these sightings, the whole question goes beyond our remit.

5. [redacted] has a long-standing interest in UFOs, and has approached the Department on this subject before, in 1985, when he wrote to the then S of S about a well-known UFO sighting. He was a member of the (now defunct) House of Lords UFO Study Group, and has written forewords for two books on the subject. He has also given at least two television interviews on the subject.

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6. [redacted] is understood to be writing a book on these Belgian UFO sightings, and is doubtless keen to build up a large file of correspondence to be used as part of this enterprise.

7. Notwithstanding [redacted]'s comments about a public uproar, we do not anticipate any difficulties. The Belgian UFO sightings are well-known among UFO researchers, and while they are likely to be mentioned in any documentary on UFOs, they are, effectively, old news. Lord Hill-Norton also mentioned the demonstration against perceived government secrecy about UFOs, held outside Main Building and Parliament on 23 May (notified to Ministers at Reference B). This was a low key affair; there appeared to be only around a dozen protesters, and there was little media coverage of the event. Each MP was given a document, which among other points mentioned the Belgian sightings; we have yet to receive a single Parliamentary Enquiry as a result of this lobbying.

8. The attached draft reply is self-explanatory, and has been cleared with D Air Def's staff. Given [redacted]'s familiarity with our policy on UFOs and with the specifics of this particular exchange of correspondence, I have kept the draft reply short, and avoided going into detail over points which have already been explained in previous letters.

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DRAFT REPLY TO [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May concerning the UFO sightings that occurred over Belgium in March 1990.

These UFO sightings, while clearly very interesting, are not a matter of concern to the Ministry of Defence. You will know that our only reason for examining reports of UFO sightings at all is check whether or not there is evidence of any threat to the United Kingdom. The Belgian authorities have confirmed to us that there was no evidence of any threat; given this, and given that the sightings occurred outside the UK Air Defence Region, the Belgians saw no requirement to notify any UK authorities. Our own Air Defence experts have confirmed that they would not be concerned with reports of UFOs in the area in question. I am sure it goes without saying, however, that any unauthorised penetration of the UK Air Defence Region would be detected by our Air Defenders, and dealt with as appropriate.

It is clear to me from the papers I have seen that the position has been explained in great detail to [redacted], and I share the view that there is nothing new to be said on the subject.

I hope this has explained the position.

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Reference: Your D/Sec (AS) 12/3 dated 12 November 1993

Dear Sir,

Your letter in reference concerning unusual sightings over Belgium was received, through the office of Section 40 [redacted], *on 25 January 1994.*

Relating to your questions I can confirm that 2 F-16 have been scrambled on 30 March 1990, as a reaction to both visual and radar observations. The scramble was co-ordinated with and authorised by the Sector Commander of the NATO Air Defence System.

Reports to other agencies or adjacent countries have not been made since the events took place in the central part of Belgium and no presumed activities of any hostile or aggressive nature were registred.

A press conference on the findings of the radar observations has been given in July 1990. At a later stage, since no more additional military interventions took place and with the intend to contain the growing aggressiveness of the media, the Minister of Defence and the Chief of the General Staff decided on an information stop on the subject.

I hope that the above information will be helpful to answer the question on the non-involvement of the UK Air Defence System.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
12 November 1993

[redacted]

I understand that during 1989 and 1990 there was a wave of sightings of unusual objects in the sky over Belgium. I have also been told that as a result of a wave of sightings on 30/31 March 1990, F-16 aircraft were scrambled and vectored towards the area concerned. Apparently there were a number of strange radar returns, involving ground-based radar and radar systems on the F-16s.

We have received a number of letters about this, and although our basic position is that this is a matter for the Belgian authorities, we have been drawn into a debate about whether there was a potential threat to the UK, and whether or not the Belgians would have notified UK Air Defenders about what was happening in their airspace.

I would be grateful if you could give me some indication of the official Belgian position on this matter, together with any other background information that you may have.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR
THE ARMED FORCES
D/MIN(AF)/94/94

14th March 1994

Copy to [redacted]

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your letter of 1 March, in which you requested a synopsis of the correspondence between my Department and your constituent [redacted] of [redacted] Regent Street, Rolvenden.

[redacted] first letter was forwarded to us in January 1993. He asked what we knew about a wave of UFO sightings that had occurred over Belgium in late 1989 and early 1990. My official explained that our involvement with the subject of UFOs is very limited, our only interest being to ensure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK. They also pointed out that this was, of course, a matter for the Belgians and not for us. In an attempt to be as helpful as possible, it was suggested that [redacted] contact the Belgian Embassy, together with a number of UFO societies who were actively researching these UFO sightings.

Over the next few months [redacted] wrote a steady stream of letters asking about our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon, and again, my officials provided him with full and helpful answers to all his questions. [redacted] continued to focus on the Belgian sightings, and asked a number of questions about radar systems in an attempt to prove that because some of the UFO sightings coincided with some radar returns there must have been some sort of solid object present. My officials explained that there are a number of circumstances such as unusual meteorological conditions or interference between different radar systems, where this is note necessarily so. [redacted] expressed concern that these sightings were sufficiently close to the UK to pose some sort of threat, but was assured that this was not the case, and was reminded of the effective way in which the RAF detected and intercepted Soviet aircraft probing our defences during the Cold War. [redacted] asked whither the Belgians informed us about these UFO sightings, and if not, why not. The fact is that the Belgians did not regard these UFO sightings as posing any sort of threat, and for this reason did not notify any other countries.

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I can assure you that every effort was made to be as helpful as possible to [redacted]. However, by the time he wrote his tenth letter in December 1993 it was clear that no new points were being raised, and he was duly informed that there was nothing that could usefully be added to the very comprehensive answers that he had already received.

Clearly these sightings were very interesting for UFO researchers. However, given that there was no evidence of any threat, and given that the sightings occurred outside the UK this is not a matter for the Ministry of Defence.

I hope this is helpful, and has explained the situation.

Section 40 [redacted]

JEREMY HANLEY MP

Sir Keith Speed RD MP

ENCL No 18

ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting:	290145Z May, 25 minutes
2.	Description of Object: (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bright light (Star like) glowing spot; white/brilliant.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving.	Indoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	West of home address
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable).	Slightly higher than the observer
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark).	1 - 2 miles
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).	Small movements around a spot (hovering).
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).	Clear night, no cloud.
10.	Nearby objects (telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or night lighting).	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc).	MOD AFOR

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12. Name and Address of Informant: [redacted], Low Road
Wenhaston,
Suffolk [redacted]

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13. Background of informant that may be volunteered:

Birdwatcher and keen photographer.

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14. Other Witnesses: [redacted] (Same Address)

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15. Date, Time of Receipt: 291110Z May 94.

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16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditons: Nil

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17. Remarks (if any): Nil

Date: 30 May 94

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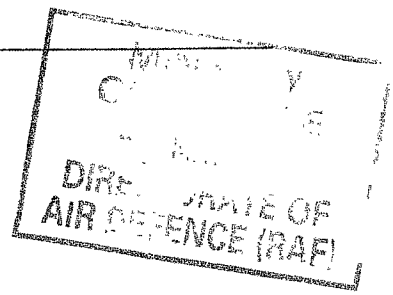
ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

ENCL No. 104

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	292210 Apr (Local) 1 minute
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	5 Feet away, size tennis ball. Perfectly round and shiny. (Colourless reflection)
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoor
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)	?
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	6' off the ground
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	5 feet
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Stationary
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Buildings and the car park were illuminated by integral lamps.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Rudloe Manor & MODUKAIR



DIRECTORATE OF
AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Victoria Road South Woodford [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	May be contacted on mobile phone [redacted] at any time - woild be interested in outcome of enquiry.
O.	Other Witnesses	Nil
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	292140ZAPR94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
R.	Remarks:	Nil

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Yours ever,

[redacted]

JEREMY HANLEY MP

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APS/Minister(AF)

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7 April 1994

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D/MIN(AF)/PE 94/94

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Reference: Your D/Sec (AS) 12/3 dated 12 November 1993

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
12 November 1993

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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From Sir Keith Speed R.D. M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

2nd April, 1994

Dear Jeremy,

I enclose a further letter from [redacted] regarding the UFO sightings declared over Belgium some 4½ years ago. Could you please answer the question in his last paragraph.

Yours sincerely,
dictated by Sir Keith and signed in his absence

Section 40 [redacted]

Keith Speed

Jeremy Hanley, Esq., MP,
Minister of State for the Armed Forces,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
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Acknowledged 6/4.

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Sec (AS) 2

Please reply to: Strood House, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4JJ.

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HCW 2-4-94

[redacted]
Regent Street
Rolvenden
Cranbrook
Kent. [redacted]

23rd March 1994.

Dear Sir Keith

Thank you for your prompt reply and the enclosed letter D/MIF(AF)/94/94 from the Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

The Minister makes an itemised reply of the 9 letters sent to his Department. He does not comment that his ministry were evasive on the issue of radar detection. Five letters were written before his Department would admit that radar would only positively detect a radar wavelength or an object of opacity and substance. I would suggest that for your interest, you request copies of replies sent to me by the Ministry and form your own conclusions. On the question of false radar signals, the Ministers Department confirmed (D/Sec(AS)13/3 29th September 1993) that skilled radar operatives could easily distinguish between true radar signals and false ones.

Taking both of these facts into account, it would seem that detections by skilled UADGE radar operatives at Semmerzake (Belgium), Glons CRC (Belgium), and Uedem (Germany) were definate detections of objects of opacity and substance

The Minister states that the Belgians did not consider these sightings as posing any sort of a threat. This is not commensurate with the facts. The Belgian Minister of Defence confirmed Belgian Air Force radar detections, by admitting the presence of flying objects over Liege (Leo Delcroix 9/IM/RT/16 26th May 1993) and stating that 'all hypotheses could be excluded, the Minister could not tell what these flying objects were.' The ground rules for the Belgian Air Force are quite clear. Visual sightings by individuals, of intrusions into Belgian air space must be confirmed by the State Police. These must be confirmed and coordinated by

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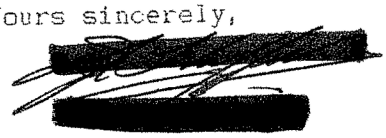
Belgian radar. If positive radar detections are not identified, the detection is classified as hostile. The Belgian Air Force is alerted. I can assure the Minister, that two fully armed F-16 interceptor aircraft, vectored to their targets by positive detections of three main NADGE radar stations, achieving radar 'lock-on' on fifteen occasions over a period of an hour, did indeed constitute a major security threat. It was considered so by the Belgian armed forces.

The Ministers comment that the Belgians did not notify any other countries of these detections would again appear to be wrong. Apart from the fact that German radar at Vedem had also registered these phenomenon, I understand from a NATO source that under the NADGE defensive system, it would have been inconceivable that UK radar would not have been advised of these detections.

Bearing in mind the discrepencies in the Ministers comments, I would once again, for the third time, reiterate the simple question that the Minister and his Department still continue to evade:- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATO AND BELGIAN DETECTIONS OF THIS PHENOMENA, IF NADGE CONSIDERED THE RADAR DETECTIONS ABOVE BELGIUM ON MARCH 30/31st 1990 TO BE CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF OBJECTS OF OPACITY AND SUBSTANCE AND A THREAT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE BELGIAN STATE, WHY, AT 22h 39m ON THE 30TH MARCH 1990, WITH THIS PHENOMENON ONLY SIX MINUTES FROM UK AIR SPACE, DID YOUR AIR DEFENCE EXPERTS CONCLUDE THAT THERE WAS NO THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UK?

Yours sincerely,



*Note. I wrote to the Belgian Embassy one year ago. On their advice I contacted the Belgian Air Force. They supplied me with all the information that I have.

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR
THE ARMED FORCES

D/MIN(AF)/94/94 COPY TO: SEC(AS)2

14th March 1994

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your letter of 1 March, in which you requested a synopsis of the correspondence between my Department and your constituent [redacted] of [redacted] Regent Street, Rolvenden.

[redacted] first letter was forwarded to us in January 1993. He asked what we knew about a wave of UFO sightings that had occurred over Belgium in late 1989 and early 1990. My official explained that our involvement with the subject of UFOs is very limited, our only interest being to ensure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK. They also pointed out that this was, of course, a matter for the Belgians and not for us. In an attempt to be as helpful as possible, it was suggested that [redacted] contact the Belgian Embassy, together with a number of UFO societies who were actively researching these UFO sightings.

Over the next few months [redacted] wrote a steady stream of letters asking about our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon, and again, my officials provided him with full and helpful answers to all his questions. [redacted] continued to focus on the Belgian sightings, and asked a number of questions about radar systems in an attempt to prove that because some of the UFO sightings coincided with some radar returns there must have been some sort of solid object present. My officials explained that there are a number of circumstances such as unusual meteorological conditions or interference between different radar systems, where this is note necessarily so. [redacted] expressed concern that these sightings were sufficiently close to the UK to pose some sort of threat, but was assured that this was not the case, and was reminded of the effective way in which the RAF detected and intercepted Soviet aircraft probing our defences during the Cold War. [redacted] asked whither the Belgians informed us about these UFO sightings, and if not, why not. The fact is that the Belgians did not regard these UFO sightings as posing any sort of threat, and for this reason did not notify any other countries.

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I can assure you that every effort was made to be as helpful as possible to [redacted]. However, by the time he wrote his tenth letter in December 1993 it was clear that no new points were being raised, and he was duly informed that there was nothing that could usefully be added to the very comprehensive answers that he had already received.

Clearly these sightings were very interesting for UFO researchers. However, given that there was no evidence of any threat, and given that the sightings occurred outside the UK this is not a matter for the Ministry of Defence.

I hope this is helpful, and has explained the situation.

Yours ever,

Section 40 [redacted]

JEREMY HANLEY MP

Sir Keith Speed RD MP

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From Sir Keith Speed R.D. M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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1st March, 1994

Your Ref: D/MIN(AF)/94/94

Dear Jeremy,

Thank you for your letter of 20th February about my constituent [redacted], and his query on UFO sightings over Belgium. While I appreciate your Department's patience may have run out after 9 letters, I myself would appreciate a synopsis of the replies, since I have no idea, apart from your letter, what your Department's view about this matter is. Perhaps you could let me have such a synopsis as soon as possible, so that I may reply fully to my constituent.

You refer to my letter of 31st January, this was of course a follow up to my original letter of 16th November, which apparently went astray in your Department.

Yours sincerely,
dictated by Sir Keith and signed in his absence

Section 40 [redacted]

Keith Speed

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	10 Mar 94 1930-1940 10 Mins
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Round, rotating lights (red/clear) Large
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Through glass doors
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)	Looking North (object then moved to the East)
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	1/2 mile high (3000ft)
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	-
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	-
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Clear night - no cloud
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	-
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	local Police (Northampton)

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] East Hunsbury Northampton [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	-
O.	Other Witnesses	Wife,daughter,brother brothers wife.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	102015ZMar94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	-
R.	Remarks:	-

Date: 10 Mar 94

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	092005Z Mar 94 5 - 6 minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One object exact duplicate of space ship in "ET" movie, but lit all over with dome on top.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye, then binoculars.
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Due West of Marlow
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	5-6000 feet
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	5-6 miles
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Heading N/NW
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	PWHQ High Wycombe
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Bourne End, Bucks

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10 MAR 1994
DIRECTORATE OF UK DEFENCE (RAF)

kground of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

[redacted] Bourne End

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

022040Z Mar 94

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

17. Remarks

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Date: 9 Mar 94

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LIVE RAF WITTERING
MESSAGE at 071300Z MAR 94

Prec Act ROUTINE Info: ROUTINE
DTG 071300Z MAR 94
From RAF WITTERING
To MODUK AIR
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SUBJECT: UFO REPORT
A. 040415Z MAR 94. 5 MINUTES
B. 4 OR 5 BRIGHT LIGHTS IN CIRCLE
C. INDOORS LOOKING THROUGH WINDOW
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. MOVING SLOWLY LOW-LEVEL TOWARDS EAST
F. UNKNOWN
G. HALF TO ONE MILE
H. MOVED SLOWLY EASTERLY DIRECTION. VERY SLOW. CURVING PATH
J. 30KM VISIBILITY, 8 OKTAS CLOUD COVER AT 18000 FT
K. UNKNOWN
L. AIR OPERATIONS RAF WITTERING
M. [redacted] HARRINGWORTH, NORTHANTS
N. [redacted] WAS AT HOME AND HAPPENED TO LOOK OUT OF WINDOW AT THIS TIME
O. NIL
P. 041500Z MAR 94

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A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	252320z Feb 94
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Several lights circling, then crossing Like group of wartimg searchlights
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	North east looking over Northumberland Heath
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	slightly off overhead
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Circling
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Cloudy but lights shining through
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Bexleyheath Polcie Stn - AF Ops

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Bexley Heath Kent
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	[redacted] works for a Recruitment firm.
O.	Other Witnesses	Mother. called her out of house to prove she herself was not going mad
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	252355z Feb 94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	Remarks:	Second report of these lights. This one almost S of previous and viewer on opposite side of river.

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AF Ops

Date: 5 Nov 93

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	252315z Feb 94
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	6 lights circling, then linking up in middle and breaking away again
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	Nearly directly above.
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Almost 90 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Circling
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Cloudy but lights shining through
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M. Name and Address of Informant [redacted]
Rainham
Essex

N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

O. Other Witnesses

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R. Remarks:

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To MODUK AIR
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SUBJECT: UFO REPORT
A. 040355Z - 0412Z MAR 94
B. 3 BRIGHT LIGHTS
C. IN LORRY MOVING ALONG A47 BETWEEN UPPINGHAM AND WARDLEY
D. NAKED EYE
E. UNKNOWN
F. LOW-LEVEL
G. UNKNOWN
H. LIGHTS IN TRIANGULAR FORMATION MOVING SLOWLY
J. 30 KM VISIBILITY, 8 OKTAS CLOUD COVER AT 18000 FT
K. RUTLAND WATER, EYEBROOK RESERVOIR, RAF COTTESMORE, RAF WITTERING
L. AIR OPS, RAF WITTERING
M. [redacted] WISBECH
N. LORRY DRIVER, PULLED INTO LAYBY TO OBSERVE LIGHTS
O. NIL
P. 041545Z MAR 94

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Your reference

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Date
12 November 1993

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Reference: Your D/Sec (AS) 12/3 dated 12 November

Dear Sir,

Your letter in reference concerning unusual sightings over Belgium was received, through the office of Group Captain [redacted] *on 25 January 1994.*

Relating to your questions I can confirm that 2 F-16 have been scrambled on 30 March 1990, as a reaction to both visual and radar observations. The scramble was co-ordinated with and authorised by the Sector Commander of the NATO Air Defence System.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Chief Public Affairs

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8 Feb 94

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Sat 23rd Oct
or
Sat 16th Oct

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DPO(RAF) -

Copy to:
DI55c -

UFO VIDEO - MAIL ON SUNDAY REQUEST FOR COMMENT

1. You will wish to be aware that the Mail on Sunday has obtained a video recording of a UFO, which was allegedly taken over the Norfolk Broads last year.

2. We had already been given a copy of this video by a member of the public, and been asked for any comments.

3. It is my understanding that the Mail on Sunday intend to print a number of stills from the video, and feature the story in the near future - probably this weekend. They may well get in touch and formally ask us to comment. In this case, the following lines should be used:

- We are aware of this video.

- We have had an initial look, and no obvious explana

- We are having a more detailed look, but are not yet

We should avoid getting into the details of whether we analysis, who is doing this, and with what equipment. we can say:

- All sighting reports (including on occasion photographs and videos) are referred to those staff responsible for air defence of the UK, who examine them as part of their normal duties.

Additional material from your existing standard lines on UFOs can also be deployed as necessary.

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at 081443Z FEB 94

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MODUK FOR AFDO, GP FOR WG CDR GD OPS.
SUBJECT: UNDIENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT.
A. 01 FEB 94, 1936 LOCAL - SHORT DURATION.
B. 1 (ONE) LONG OBJECT WITH 3 MAIN (BRIGHT) LIGHTS, MANY DIMMER LIGHTS SITUATED BETWEEN THE 3 MAIN LIGHTS. NO VISIBLE MARKINGS. SIDE VIEW SIMILAR TO REAR VIEW. SPEED NOT DETERMINED. LOW ALTITUDE.
C. OBSERVERS WERE IN A CAR, STOPPED, GOT OUT TO LOOK.
D. NAKED EYE.
E. OBSERVERS WERE AT LAKEBOURNG (NR LOUTH).
F. UNK.
G. UNK
H. EAST TO WEST.
J. NIGHT, WINDY AND DRI22LY.
K. N/A.
L. PBX AT RAF CONINGSBY THEN TO RAF NEATISHEAD.
M. [redacted] DAY: [redacted] EVE: [redacted]
N. UNK.
C. TEENAGE GIRL.
P. 012100 FEB 94 LOCAL.
Q. YES, REPLY REQUESTED

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	041810Z Feb 94 10 mins
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	A round "Hole Shaped" object; blue/silver in colour with surrounding flourescent lights.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor moving slowly
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Sighted from Hazelmere (Bucks) towards A40 onto M40 direction of London Heathrow Airport.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Overhead approx 45 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Approx 1 mile
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Slow movements at approx aircraft height
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MOD AFOR
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Whitebushes, REDHILL, Surrey, [redacted] [redacted]

Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Aged 52 years; professional chauffeur. REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

14. Other Witnesses

Passenger in car; [redacted]

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

042115Z Feb 94

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

Nil

17. Remarks

[redacted] was unable to determine the height under para 8.

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ANNEX A TO
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	1530 - 1540 29 Jan 94
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	15' Gold/Silver One
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outside on Beach Hovering
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Eye & Camcorder
E.	Direction in which object first seen (a landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Hovering above beach
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	None given
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	None Given
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Hovering for about 10 mins and then departed.
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Weather good, dry.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	On beach . Sea to one side shore to the other.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	HQ P&SS, Rudloe Manor

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Only a phone number given after some effort. [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	None, but he stated that he had taken film by using his Camcorder which lasted 4 Mins Approx. Note [redacted] stated that he had passed the video film to GMTV.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	300215ZJAN94
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	

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A. 250858 JAN 94
B. CRAB LIKE MECHANICAL DEVICE-SNOWY TRANSPARENT APPEARANCE CROSSING M18
C. CROSSING M18 AS REPORTER JOINED M18 AT HESSLE
D. NAKED EYE
E. CROSSING ROAD
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. NOT KNOWN
J. 7 OKTAS AT 2700 FEET
K. A MOTORWAY BRIDGE
L. HUMBERSIDE POLICE
M. [redacted] HESSLE, HULL. [redacted]
N. NIL
O. 250935 JAN 94

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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 210800Z JAN 94

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
INFO HQSTC
BROAD SHIELD

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
FOR ATTN: AFOR(RAF). SUBJ: REPORT ON A UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A. 201805Z JAN 94, 15 SECONDS
B. ONE, BRIGHT, WHITE LIGHT
C. BROUGHTY FERRY, IN A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH, TOWARDS LEUCHARS
F. 30 DEGREES FROM HORIZON
G. UKNOWN
H. STRAIGHT, HEADING NORTH, DECENDING
J. CLOUDY, STILL
K. OPEN COUNTRY, 2 MILES FROM RIVER TAY
L. DUTY OPS OFFICER, [redacted]

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M. [redacted] BROUGHTY
FERRY, TAYSIDE
N. NIL, SOUNDED SOBER AND CALM
O. [redacted] BROUGHTY FERRY
P. 201815Z JAN 94
Q. NO
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CXL [redacted] 1 DD GE/AEW
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1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	261945Z Dec 93 30 seconds
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One "aeroplane-size" object, green, quite bright.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Indoor/stationary
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	North/North-West, (near LBC Radio Station)
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Overhead
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Approx 2 miles
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	No changes in speed/height/direction.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MOD AFOR
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] London [redacted]

[redacted]

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

14. Other Witnesses

Nil

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

280245Z Dec 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

17. Remarks

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Date: 28 Dec 93

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Station: Rochford

Officer: [redacted] Front Office Clerk,

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object.

Date: 8 December 1993 **Ref:**

Duty Sergeant,

As per standing orders I submit report of U.F.O. reported to me by [redacted], Rochford on 7.12.93.

A) Monday 6th December, 1993, at 16.10 hrs. Duration of sighting between 5 and 10 seconds.

B) Described as a sphere, cut in half, flat side uppermost (like a bowl), solid, white in colour, almost fluorescent. Size, as large as a single storey house. No sound or smell, but had 2 vapour trails behind, one on top of the other. Vapour did not linger but dispersed in seconds.

C) Observed from rear garden of [redacted] Rochford by occupant.

D) Observed with naked eye only.

E) First noticed to east of observer, over King Edmunds School, Vaughan Close, Rochford.

F) Viewed from the ground approx 200 ft up.

G) When first sighted seemed to be approx 1/4 mile away, but passed within 200 ft of observer.

H) Moved in a perfectly straight line, from east to west. Disappeared over railway line at rear of Banyard Way, in Hawkwell.

J) Dry, very clear sky, but light failing as dusk approached. Fierce fire several miles away in Eastwood and thick black smoke blowing north eastwards, but not over location of sighting.

K) Housing area. Railway line close to location. Airport approx 1 mile away.

L) Reported by observer to Southend Airport and Ministry of Defence, Foulness 6.12.93, shortly after the sighting. Reported to Rochford Police Station 1530 hrs 7.12.93.

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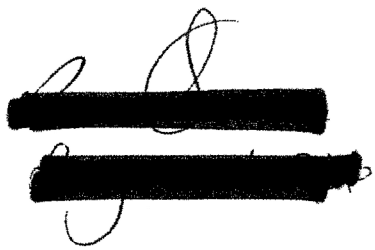
M) [redacted] Rochford, Essex.

N) None.

O) None.

P) 1530 hrs 7.12.93

Signed: [redacted]
[redacted] Front Office Clerk)



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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	061625z Dec, 2 seconds
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	single bright white light, no shape, split into 3, no noise
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Guard duty, RAF Lyneham main guardroom
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Nearly overhead. SE to NW over airfield
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	400 metres to airfield
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Faster than a tornado????Mach 4?????!!!
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Intermittent cloud/clear skies
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	RAF Lyneham
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Lyneham ATC.
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] RAF Lyneham [redacted] RAF Lyneham

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7 DEC 93
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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

14. Other Witnesses

Possible [redacted] Lyneham ATC. Lyneham mobile patrol

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

061820z Dec 93.

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

No.

17. Remarks

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1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	061625z Dec, 2 seconds
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	single bright white light, no shape, split into 3, no noise
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Guard duty, RAF Lyneham main guardroom
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Nearly overhead. SE to NW over airfield 1st tracked 5/6 miles SW, then 3/4 East
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	400 metres to airfield
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Faster than a tornado????Mach 4?????!!!
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Intermittent cloud/clear skies
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	RAF Lyneham
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Lyneham ATC.
12.	Name & Address of Informant	Spoke to [redacted] at RAF Lyneham, on Section 40 (Guardroom). Insistent that laser / searchlight not responsible. Said that [redacted] in ATC was tracking something at the time.

[redacted] RAF Lyneham

[redacted] RAF Lyneham

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

Spkr to [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] who saw object split on radar.

Possible [redacted] Lyneham ATC. Lyneham mobile patrol

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

061820z Dec 93.

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

No.

17. Remarks

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ROUTINE [illegible] NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO [illegible]

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC 26F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. [illegible] NOV 93
B. TWO, MESSANG TYPE CONSTRUCTION [illegible] LEGS [illegible]
DOWN, EACH WITH A LIGHT [illegible]
C. TAMAR VALLEY, INDOORS AND [illegible]
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. SOUTH SOUTH EAST
F. [illegible] A MILE
G. [illegible]
H. [illegible]
I. [illegible] AND [illegible]
K. [redacted] [illegible]
CALLINGTON, CORNWALL
M. [redacted] 15 84 YRS OLD ANT [illegible] TO GO THROUGH [redacted]

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F. [illegible] NOV 93
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ROUTINE [illegible]

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MUDUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC ZEF
SUBJECT: [illegible]
A. 1421302 TWO MINUTES
B. ONE SMALL [illegible]
SMELL
C. ALDRIDGE, WEST [illegible]
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH EAST
F. 45 DEGREES
G. N/K
H. CHANGING
J. VERY CLEAR
K. NIL
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] WALSALL [illegible] ALDRIDGE, J. MILLAN [redacted]

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O. SISTER
P. 142245Z NOVEMBER
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ROUTINE 120610Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 112340Z NOV 93. ELEVEN MINS
B. ONE, ROUND BALL, RED AND GREEN IN COLOUR WITH RED AND GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS
C. ST THOMAS, EXETER
D. NAKED EYE
E. TOWARDS WHITSTONE/CREDDINGTON AREA
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STATIC FOR TEN MINUTES THEN MOVED IN A SLOW ARC BEHIND CLOUD AND REAPPEARED STATIC AGAIN BUT HIGHER
J. N/K
K. N/K
L. LOCAL POLICE, WHO CHECKED WITH EXETER AIRPORT BUT WHO HAD NOTHING IN AREA OR ON RADAR
M. [redacted]
N. N/K
O. N/K
P. 110010Z NOV 93
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ROUTINE 120930Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 120150Z NOV 93
B. FIVE OR SIX DIFFUSED LIGHTS IN A DIAMOND/KITE SHAPE. NO SOUND OR SMELL AND VERY FAST MOVING
C. BACK GARDEN OF ADDRESS AT N
OUTDOORS AND STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NW TO SE
F. STRAIGHT UP
G. NOT KNOWN
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. N/K
L. BRIZE NORTON, LOCAL RADIO, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT

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M. [redacted] SMIRLEY SOLIHULL [redacted]
O. NIL
P. 122010Z NOV 93
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ROUTINE 120810Z NOV 93

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TO MODUK AIR

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SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 112340Z NOV 93. ELEVEN MINS
B. ONE, ROUND BALL, RED AND GREEN IN COLOUR WITH RED AND GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS
C. ST THOMAS, EXETER
D. NAKED EYE
E. TOWARDS WHITSTONE/CREDDING(OM AREA
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STATIC FOR TEN MINUYES THEN MOVED IN A SLOW ARC BEHIND CLOUD AND REAPPEARED STATIC AGAIN BUT HIGHER
J. N/K
K. N/K
L. LOCAL POLICE, WHO CHECKED WITH EXETER IRPORT BUT WHO HAD NOTHING

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IN AREA OR ON RADAR
M. [redacted]
N. N/K
O. N/K
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ROUTINE 120830Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 120150Z NOVEMBER 1993. HALF A SECOND
B. DIAMOND FORMATION OF WHITE LIGHTS (APPROX SEVEN LIGHTS). NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. N/K
D. N/K
E. SOUTHERLY
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STEADY AND FAST
J. N/K
K. N/K
L. BRIZE NORTON ATC
M. [redacted] SHIRLY, SOLIHULL. BIRMINGHAM

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N. [redacted] IS A STAR WATCHER OF 20 YEARS AND HAS NOT SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE. HE WAS SOBER AND EXPECTS A REPLY TO THIS INCIDENT.
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CXL194 11/2100 315C2341

FOR CXL

ROUTINE 111430Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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

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N.
O. TWO OTHERS
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1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	8 Nov 93 1640Z
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bright spherical object with a drumming/throbbing sound.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor; moving
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Object departed East with a whoosh(!) after a few seconds.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	200ft above "Ken Simpson School" Werrington
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Hovering at first.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Met conditions poor, 4000m visability, 1500ft cloud
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Wyton Operations
12.	Name & Address of Informant	

[redacted]

Werrington, Peterborough, [redacted]

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

Nil

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

Notified by signal message I3S 121500Z Nov 93 from RAF Wyton (attached)

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

17. Remarks

A reply is requested.

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From RAF WYTON
To MODUK AIR
Info HQSTC
ADNC WEST DRAYTON
ITCs I3S

ATTN AFDR (RAF) SUBJECT REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
1. 08 NOV 93 1640Z
2. BRIGHT SPHERICAL OBJECT WITH A DRUMMING/THROBBING SOUND
3. IN THE HOVER 200 FT ABOVE KEN SIMPSON SCHOOL, WERRINGTON
4. NAKED EYE
5. FIRST SEEN ABOVE SCHOOL
6.
8. OBJECT DEPARTED EAST WITH A WHOOSH AFTER A FEW SECONDS
9. METEORLOGICAL CONDITIONS WERE POOR, 4000M VISIBILITY, 1500 FT CLOUD BASE
10. NO NEARBY OBJECTS TO EFFECT
11. REPORTED TO WYTON OPS
12. [redacted] WERRINGTON, PETERBOROUGH, [redacted]
13. NIL
14. NIL
15. 12 NOV 1420Z
16. A REPLY IS REQUESTED

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

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

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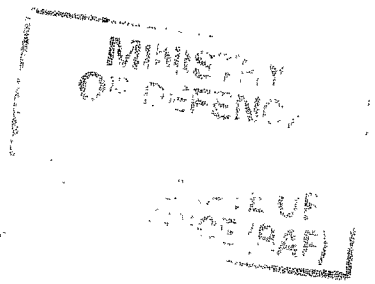
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	282245 Oct 93 (Few Minutes)
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Large Flourescent Light with lights below
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	South
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	_
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	5 - 10 miles
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Floating then disappeared
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Cloudy
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	—
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AF Ops



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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Chalfont St Peters Gerrards Cross Bucks [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	—
O.	Other Witnesses	—
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	282315 Oct 93
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	—
R.	Remarks:	—

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SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	21 Oct 0300 local & 21 Oct midnight
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Very wide at front, narrow towards rear. White and very bright.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Indoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Southwest
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approx 30 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Fairly close
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	East to West
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
12.	Name & Address of Informant	

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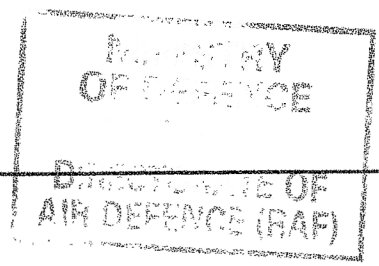

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

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14. Other Witnesses

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

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16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

17. Remarks

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	18 Oct 93; 1930-1945Z
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Very bright light, Green/Red in colour, static
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Sighted North of Werrington
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye at first, then with binoculars
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	North
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	35-40 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Far Away
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Object remained static throughout.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky, temperature 3C, visibility very good
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF Wyton Operations
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Werrington, PETERBOROUGH

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

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14. Other Witnesses

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15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

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16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

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17. Remarks

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1 18 OCT 93 1930Z-1945Z
2 VERY BRIGHT LIGHT GREEN/RED, STATIC
3 NORTH OF WERRINGTON
4 OBSERVED WITH NAKED EYE THEN WITH BINOCULARS
5 OBJECT WAS SEEN TO THE NORTH ONLY
6 ANGLE OF SIGHT 35-40 DEGREES
7 DISTANCE FAR AWAY
8 MOVEMENT STATIC
9 SKY WAS CLEAR TEMP 3 CELCIUS GOOD VIS
10 NO NEARBY OBJECTS TO EFFECTS
11 REPORTED TO WYTON OPS
12 [redacted] WERRINGTON PETERBOROUGH
13 INFORMANT JUST CURIOUS
14 NIL
15 18 OCT 2000Z
16 NOT REQUIRED

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2. ROUND LIKE STAR/PLANET [illegible]
3. PERTH, STANDING [illegible]
4. NAKED EYE
5. OBJECT WAS [illegible]
6. 15 DEGREES ABOVE [illegible]
7. UNABLE TO ESTIMATE
8. FLEW ROUGHLY HORIZONTAL [illegible]
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9. WX CLEAR

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10. SEEN OVER THE TOPS OF [illegible]
11. [redacted] LEUCHARS [illegible]
12. [redacted] [illegible]
13. NIL
14. NIL
15. 15:32[illegible]
16. INFORMANT ASSUMED THAT OTHERS WOULD HAVE SEEN THE OBJECT, BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTS IN THE LOCAL PRESS. HE THOUGHT IT COULD HAVE BEEN A COMET OR METEORITE BUT HAS NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE. HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE A REPLY WITH SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN
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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 021700 (U 1750(L) OCT 93
B. ONE RECTANGULAR BLACK [illegible]
C. INDOORS STATIONARY
D. NIL
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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. 172120L SEP 93 THREE TO FOUR SECONDS
B. CYLINDRICAL, 90FT IN LENGTH, ROUNDED AT BOTH ENDS 18 FT IN DIAMETER BROWN WITH SOOTY BURN MARKS ON THE UNDERSIDE TRAVELLING AT APPROX 600MPH
C. OUTSIDE, [redacted] BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH WEST, 2-3000FT IN ALTITUDE
F. 45 DEGREES
G. 100 YARDS
H. VERY FAST AND STRAIGHT
J. VERY CLEAR/LOTS OF STARS
K. SURROUNDING AREA IS OF SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES
L. SUSSEX POLICE

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M. [redacted]
M. [redacted] IS 36 AND A BUS DRIVER
O. NONE
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Weston Super Mare.
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11.9.93

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We have been advised by our local Police Station of your address, a they felt you might be interested in the experience we had this evenin between 8.45 and 9.00 PM, in Weston Super Mare at the Bleadon Level Salt water on the River Axe, a member of our local Sporting Club an myself were walking away from the sea wall towards our vehicles, when ball of light the size of a football (a dim not a bright light) cam straight towards us, with a rush of air traveling at a great speed, no more than 30 yards high, just to our left, it went straight towards th sea wall and without seeming to stop, just came straight back towards u again from the other way, and disappeared across the level with the sam rush of speed, another member of our club was following behind and whe we said to him, 'you will never believe what we have just seen' h described exactly the same experience.

I hope this will be of some interest,

[redacted]

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	111755ZSep93 5-10 Secs
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Large Red and Black 'mass'
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Indoors Moving
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)	Overhead
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Overhead
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Overhead
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Passed over house in direction of A20
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Overcast and Drizzle
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil reported
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Bexley Heath Police Station

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] SIDCUP Kent [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Wife
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	111810ZSep93
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
R.	Remarks:	Called Virgin Lightships Section 40 [redacted] who operate advertising airships. No reply

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Date: 11 Sep 93

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m RAF FYLINGDALES
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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)
1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF POSS UFO IS REPORTED
A. BETWEEN 1530-1600 LOCAL, 5 SEP 93
B. APPEARED SPACE SHUTTLE SHAPE, WHITE WITH CONICAL ENDS, ROTATING
C. BACK GARDEN OF [redacted] HARROW, MIDDLESEX, [redacted]
D. NAKED EYE AND HIGH POWER BINOCULARS
E. APPROACHED FROM NW
F. THROUGH OVERHEAD
G. ESTIMATED AT APPROX 70 THOUSAND FEET OR GREATER (SEE SUBPARA N)
H. SMOOTH MOVEMENT TAKING 20-30 MINS TO PASS OVERHEAD
J. CLEAR SKY WITH LESS THAN ONE EIGTH CLOUD COVER
K. NIL
L. REPORTED TO QUOTE: (1) [redacted] ROYAL OBSERVATORY (MARITIME MUSEUM) LONDON (2) [redacted] OF EITHER ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (3) AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS UNQUOTE
M. [redacted] ADDRESS AS AT SUBPARA C ABOVE
N. REPORTER IS AN EX-PILOT
O. ALSO SEEN BY 4 OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND 4 NEIGHBOURS
P. REPORTED TO CREW COMMANDER AT RAF FYLINGDALES 061230A SEP 93
NB. THERE IS POSSIBLY A [redacted] AT ROYAL GREENWICH OBSERVATORY SATELLITE LASER RANGER AT CAMBRIDGE. THIS MAY BE PERSON TO WHOM REPORT WAS MADE

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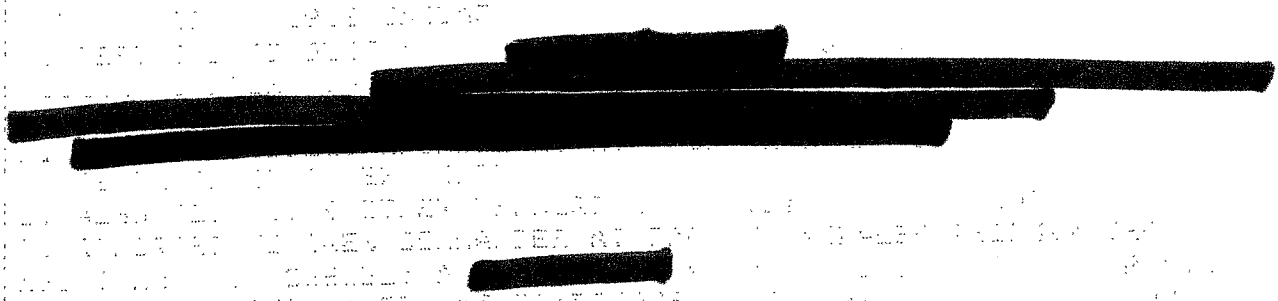

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration	051415Z Sep 93 - 15 mins and continuing
2.	Description of Object	Long, cylindrical with bumps to one end. White and bright
3.	Location, Indoor/outdoor Stationary/moving	Outdoors, stationary
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device,	Binoculars
5.	Direction in which first seen	Overhead
6.	Angle of sight	Vertical then 45 degrees ascending. Height not known but above flight path into Heathrow Airport
7.	Distance	Overhead
8.	Movements	Twisting, moving to north then to south east and to the west
9.	Met conditions	Clear with broken cloud at 4000 feet
10.	Nearby objects	None
11.	To whom reported	Air Force Ops
12.	Name & Address	[redacted] Harrow Middx [redacted]
13.	Background	Ex RAF
14.	Other Witness	Wife and neighbour at No 3
15.	Date, time of receipt in AF Ops	051430Z Sep 93

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16.	Any unusual meterological conditions	None
17	Remarks	Object was visible during telephone conversation and was moving and climbing erratically. Suspected break away balloon from Bolton area Tuesday 31 Aug 93 at 0945 hrs.

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5 Sep 93

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration	0200 11 Sep 93 Local
2.	Description of Object	Triangular shape with very bright light at front. Took off from a field and passed overhead. Larger than a military aircraft. Noise similar to Concorde.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor Stationary/moving	Indoors but then outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device,	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which first seen	
6.	Angle of sight	
7.	Distance	500 metres
8.	Movements	Very steep climb heading towards Brighton
9.	Met conditions	Clear skies
10.	Nearby objects	
11.	To whom reported	
12.	Name & Address	[redacted] Luxford Lane Forest Row East Grinstead
13.	Background	
14.	Other Witness	
15.	Date, time of receipt in AF Ops	132300A Sep.
16.	Any unusual meterological conditions	

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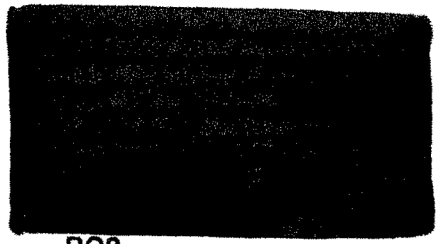
17 Remarks



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ROUTINE 101245Z AUG 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. 081745Z SEPTEMBER 93
B. ONE EGG SHAPED, SILVER OBJECT, WITH A RED GLOW ROUND IT
C. OUTDOORS AND STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. CUTTESLOWE PARK, N OXFORD
F. N/A
G. HALF A MILE AWAY
H. MOVED VERTICAL THEN WEST, VERY FAST
J. CLEAR
K. NO
L. POLICE
M. [redacted], N OXFORD
N. RELIABLE MIDDLE AGED GENTLEMAN

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P. 101230Z SEPTEMBER 1993
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CXL 1 DD GE/AEW
CAP 1 DI 55

Station: [illegible]

Officer: 7390 [redacted].

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Subject; U.F.O

Date: 03.09.93 Ref: InC 1101. 03.09.93

PARA 81. SO Re U.F.O.

A. 03. SEPT. 1993. Reported sighting 2345hrs. OCCURED JUST BEFORE REPORTED.

B. 1 OBJECT SEEN, NO REAL DESCRIPTION, EXCEPT IT WAS VERY BRIGHT GREEN IN COLOUR.

C. INF WAS TRAVELLING IN A CAR TO HOME ADDRESS IN WHITE NOTLEY.

D OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE.

E. NOT KNOWN

F. INF STATED THE OBJECT WAS VISABLE, JUST ABOVE TREE HIEGHT LEVEL.

G. NOT KNOWN, BUT INF DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT FAR AW

H. THE OBJECT MOVED AT VERY HIGH SPEED, LOST SIGHT OF IT IN A MATTER OF SECONDS.

J. WEATHER CONDITIONS DRY. TIME OF DAY, ALMOST MIDNIGHT.

K. NOT KNOWN

L. REPORTED TO POLICE. OPERATOR [redacted]

M. INF. [redacted] WITHAM Rd
WHITE NOTLEY
BRAINTREE [redacted]

N. —

O. NO OTHER WITNESSES APART FROM DRIVER OF CAR.

P. Reported 03 SEPT. 93 AT 23.45hrs.

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INCID NO 1101 SOURCE 999 CALL DATE 03-09-93 TIME 2345 OP 7390
LOCATION NO MATCH,GREAT BARDFIELD
See text of message below
SECTN C21 BEAT A SUB-DIV C2 MAP REF NOMATCH UHF 31/02
MESSAGE STRANGE OBJECT SEEN IN THE SKY ABOVE GREAT BARDFILED HEADING TOWARD S PANFIELD..THE OBJECT WAS A VERY BRIGHT GREEN AND WAS TRAVELLING AT EXCESS SPEED AND THEN JUST DISSAPPEARED.
INFORMANT [redacted] CALLING FROM [redacted] WHITE NOTLEY, BRAINTREE.
VIEWING RATING PRIORITY R DATE AND TIME OCCURRED
ACTION ENTRIES FOR 03-09-93

2349	*** ROUTINE ***	OP 7390
2359	Message amended - was STANGE OBJECT SEEN	OP 7390
	ACTION ENTRIES FOR 04-09-93	
0000	CHECKED WITH CN, NO FURTHER REPS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.	OP 7390
0011	UFO REPORT SUBMITTED AND FORWARDED TO MOD,WHITEHALL.	OP 7390
0024	HAVE TRIED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH STANSTED AIRPORT, NO REPLY.	OP 7390
0030	WEST DRAYTON AIR TRAFFIC CONTACTED...COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN AN AIRCRAFT NAVIGATION LIGHT OR EVEN AN METEOR SHOWER. WEST DRAYTON HAVE RECEIVED NO REPS. VISIBILITY IS CLEAR OVER MOST OF THE COUNTRY.	OP 7390
0030	NO FURTHER ACTION ..	OP 7390

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END OF MESSAGE HQIR00001 TO HQIR FROM VDU009 04-09-93 0031

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. [illegible] AUG 93

B. [illegible]

C. [illegible]

D. [illegible]

E. N/K

F. N/K

G. N/K

H. STEADY

I. CLEAR

K. NIL

L. POLICE

M. [redacted] CHESTER [redacted]

N. NIL [illegible]

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O. [redacted]

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 270715Z AUG 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. 270030L AUG 93
B. THREE ROUND OBJECTS. LARGER THAN STARS ALL COLOURS OF THE SPECTRUM
C. CROXTON WAY, EASTBOURNE OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. TWO TO NORTH, ONE TO SOUTH
F. 100
G. -
H. CHANGING
J. CLEAR
K. -
L. POLICE AND MILITARY ORGANISATION
M. [redacted] WIND AND TREES HAMDEN PARK,

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EASTBOURNE
N. FIRST SEEN LAST TUESDAY, THINKS ITS THE LOST SATELLITE
P. 270230Z AUG 93
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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 262330Z AUG 93

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR
INFO BROAD SHIELD
HQ 11 GP BENTLEY PRIORY

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F/I3F/IBJ
SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)
A. 262221(L) AUG 93 ONE POINT FIVE TO TWO SECONDS
B. 3MM SPHERICAL. WHITE HOT (INCANDESCENT) NO SOUND
C. [redacted] MERSEYSIDE, Section 40
D. NAKED EYE
E. ABOVE LIVERPOOL BAY (APPROX) TRAVELLING TOWARDS ISLE OF MAN
F. SEEN AT APPROX 080 DEGREES, DISAPPEARED APPROX 040 DEGREES
G. UNABLE TO DETERMINE
H. SMOOTH WITH PIECES BREAKING OFF IN TRAIL
J. CLEAR CALM NIGHT, STARS VISIBLE
K. NEARBY HOUSES
L. COASTGUARD. RECEIVED FURTHER REPORTS

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M. [redacted]
N. GENERAL MANAGER OF HOSPITAL IN AREA
O. NIL
P. 262340(L) AUG 93
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EPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	Thursday 26th August, 3·40 pm, object seen for a few seconds.
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	One white oval shaped object, like an egg, but more flat at ends. No noise. V approx size of penny held at arms length. O
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	Outdoors on beach at Cemaes Bay, Anglesey
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	Naked eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	Over bay, and shot off to left. Witness estimated that object shot off in North-westerly direction.
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Thought object was large but high
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	V close to beach, although high up
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Initially hovered, then shot off at "8 or 10 times speed of fast jet". "Across the sky and out of sight in a flash".
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear day + Sunny
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Beach etc, although nobody else appeared to have seen object

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11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police, Hdqrs Sec (AS) 2a
12. Name & address of informant	[redacted] Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	Witness was on holiday with family
14. Other witnesses	[redacted] wife and two young children
15. Date and time of receipt	Fri 27 Aug, c 10·30 am
16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	No
17. Remarks	Witness amazed by what he'd seen, but did not once mention the word "UFO". Gave him the details of Ufo groups.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	1845Z 25 AUG 93 5 Minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 Object. Blackish. Egg shaped. Band across it .
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor. Moving towards SE.
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye and telescope.
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Over roof of houses.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Height judged by church spire. 140 ft.
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Close. Two streets away.
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Towards east.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Overcast. 2000ft cloudbase.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None.
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police.
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]

[redacted],Higham Ferrers[redacted]

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

Several.

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

1915Z 25 Aug 93.

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

No.

17. Remarks

Silent, no noise.

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Date: 25 Aug 93

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UNUSUAL AERIAL ACTIVITY - SATURDAY 28 AUGUST

1. Addressees may wish to be aware that one of the most spectacular displays of lasers, searchlights and fireworks ever put on in this country is due to take place on Saturday 28 August.

2. This activity is associated with a concert by Jean Michel Jarre, at Wembley Stadium.

3. Addressees may wish to bear this information in mind when dealing with any UFO reports that may be received at this time.

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 190700Z AUG 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. 190110Z AUG 93 APPROX 3 MINS
B. VERY LOW FAST MOVING OBJECT WITH A VAPOUR TRAIL
C. OUTDOORS AND MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/A
F. N/A
G. N/A
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. N/A
L. GLASGOW AIRPORT AND SCOTTISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE
M. [redacted] AIRDRIE [redacted]
N. N/A

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O. N/A
P 190700Z AUG 93
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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 180800Z AUG 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. 162300Z AUG 93
B. ONE HEXAGONAL DULL ORANGE SHAPE
C. OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. FAST STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted] LOCKSHEATH, SOUTHAMPTON HAMPSHIRE [redacted]
N. NIL

O. NIL
P. 171500Z AUG 93
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	16 Aug 93 2214Z
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One bright object changing from Red to Green to White. Static.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor, observed from Fire Section garage RAF Portreath.
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Possibly North East
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not Known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not Known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Static
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky. Occasional Shooting stars!
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Duty NCO, [redacted]
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] RAF Police Section, RAF Portreath

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

N/A

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14. Other Witnesses

[redacted] both of Fire Section

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

162220Z Aug 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

None

17. Remarks

Nil

Date: 17 Aug 93

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12 Aug 93

Directorate of Air Defence (Attn: [redacted]

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)
TO HARROGATE DUTY OFFICER

1. On the evening of 2 Aug 93, the MOD Harrogate Duty Officer, [redacted] received a report of a UFO in the Harrogate area.

2. I have enclosed the relevant extract from the Duty Log for your information.

3. Please contact the undersigned if any further details are required.

[redacted]
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Extracted from Harrogate Duty Log - 2 Aug 93

1913 [redacted]
Midgeley Lane, Goldsborough [redacted]
rang to report sighting an UFO over
Goldsborough on the A59 towards York.
Details as follows:

- Egg-shaped about the size of a man.

- Orange in colour.

- Sighting at 1725 hrs for 3-4 mins.

- Altitude 150 ft approx.

- Low speed.

- Witnessed by Mrs [redacted] in the car with him.

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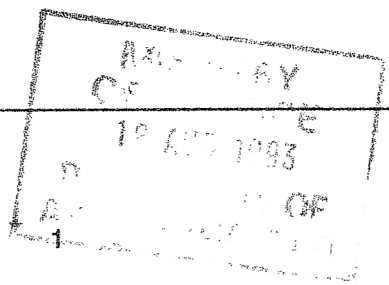
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration	2200 12 Aug 93 Local
2.	Description of Object	Very bright yellow light low in sky
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor Stationary/moving	Outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device,	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which first seen	
6.	Angle of sight	
7.	Distance	
8.	Movements	West to East moving very slowly
9.	Met conditions	Clear
10.	Nearby objects	Small village with very little street lighting
11.	To whom reported	Police
12.	Name & Address	[redacted] Poulton Cirencester Tel Section 40
13.	Background	
14.	Other Witness	Mother
15.	Date, time of receipt in AF Ops	130955Z Aug 93
16.	Any unusual meterological conditions	



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17 Remarks

Reported by [redacted]cirencester police

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MESSAGE at 092240Z AUG 93

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DTG 092240Z AUG 93
From BROAD SHIELD
To MODUK AIR
Info HQ 11 GP BENTLEY PRIORY
OICs I3F IBJ

MODUK AIR FOR AFDO. HQ 11 GP FOR WG CDR GRD OPS
SUBJECT: UFO REPORT
A. 092215L AUG 93 SIGHTED FOR 2 MINS
B. ONE OBJECT, LARGE, SAUCER SHAPE WITH DOME IN MIDDLE, VERY WELL LIT UP
C. IN MOTOR CAR TRAVELLING FROM HANDY CROSS HIGH WYCOMBE TO MARLOW BUCKS
D. SEEN WITH NAKED EYE
E. NOT APPLC
F. VERY LOW
G. 4 TO 5 MILES
H. NIL, STATIONARY
J. NO CLOUD, VISIBILITY CLEAR
K. NIL
L. JUST RAF HIGH WYCOMBE
M. [redacted] MARLOW [redacted]
N. NOTHING TO REPORT
O. NOT KNOWN
P. 092235L AUG 93

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	8 Aug 93; 0400-0430; 8 - 10 minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	3 glowing objects (ball-like in shape ie, 'a tiny luminous moon") soft green in colour
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor; moving
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Nikon Binoculars (range 9x25)
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	E - W bearing
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	70 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	half mile plus
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving at a steady course
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	A cold, clear night with a few clouds.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	BT Operator then RAF St Athan
12.	Name & Address of Informant	

[redacted]
Newport, Gwent. [redacted]

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

None

14. Other Witnesses

[redacted] (friend)

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

080915Z Aug 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

No

17. Remarks

[redacted] thought the object(s) may be satellite(s). What he thought was interesting was that this event preceded by 10 minutes, approximately 3 "jet" aircraft (he is not too good on aircraft recognition) displaying blue and red flashing lights. 2 aircraft flew quite low, the other a little higher.

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UNUSUAL AERIAL ACTIVITY - 11/12 AUGUST

1. Addressees may wish to be aware that there is going to be a meteor shower on 11/12 August. Although this is an annual phenomenon, some astronomers are predicting that this year's display is likely to be much more noticeable than usual.

2. Depending upon meteorological conditions, meteors may be visible at any time on the night of 11/12 August, although the best viewing is expected to be at approx. 0200 local on 12 August. Most of the meteors are expected to be seen low in the North East sky.

3. Addressees may wish to bear this information in mind when dealing with any UFO reports that may be received at this time.

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PRIORITY 041100Z AUG 73

FROM RAF CHIVENOR
TO [illegible] AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 032245-2300(L) AUG 73
B. 1 INNER AND OUTER CIRCLE OF [illegible] [illegible],
QUITE BRIGHT, INITIALLY A [illegible]
C. LANGPORT SOMERSET, OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH
F. 60 DEGREES-70 DEGREE
G. NOT KNOWN
H. STEADY
J. QUITE CLEAR
K. NIL
L. RAF CHIVENOR
M. [redacted] FITNEY HI[illegible] [illegible]GPORT, SOMERSET

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N. NIL
O. [redacted]
P. 041055(L) AUG 73. TEL NO OF [redacted]
[redacted]
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ROUTINE 030730Z AUG 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. 022250Z AUG 93. TEN MINUTES
B. ONE, VERY BRIGHT, WHITE LIGHT WITH A VAPOUR TRAIL
C. NEAR BRIDGEND (NW CARDIFF BY 12NMS) OUTDOORS/STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. HEADING SOUTH TOWARDS ILFRACOMBE
F. OVERHEAD
G. N/A
H. VERY HIGH SPEED, STRAIGHT(NOT A HIGH LEVEL AIRLINER ETC. CARDIFF HAD NOTHING ON RADAR)
J. CLEAR
K. N/A
L. CARDIFF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
M. [redacted] NR BRIDGEND (EX MOD EMPLOYER)

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N. IS USED TO WATCHING HIGH SPEED AIRCRAFT. THIS WAS TEN TIMES FASTER
O. N/A
P. 022315Z AUG 93
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ROUTINE 220725Z JUL 93

GE3

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. 27 JULY 93, 2030Z.
B. ONE OBJECT, CIGAR SHAPED, SILVER IN COLOUR, VERY BRIGHT
C. MILLBUIES COUNTRY PARK, OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE,
E. UNKNOWN
F. UNKNOWN
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY
J. NIGHT
K. NPL
L. LOSSIEMOUTH OPERATIONS
M. [redacted] LONGMORN, MORAYSHIRE, SCOTLAND.
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 20 JUL 93 0720Z.
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ROUTINE 260945Z JUL 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 260840Z JUL 93
B. 1 SQUARE SHAPED FLUORESCENT OBJECT
C. DRIVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. OVERCAST
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted] Section 40 WEST LOTHIAN
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 260920Z JUL 93
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CXL 1 DD GE/AEW
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ROUTINE 261135Z JUL 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. 26 JUL 93. 0215-0345.
B. 3. 1 LARGE. 2 SMALL.
C. INDOORS.
D. NAKED EYE.
E. UNKNOWN.
F. UNKNOWN.
G. UNKNOWN.
H. STEADY.
J. NIGHT.
K. NIL.
L. NIL.
M. [redacted]. CAMBRIDGE [redacted]
N. NIL.

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O. NIL.
P. 261045Z JUL 93.
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CXL 1 DD GE/AEW
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ROUTINE 251200Z JUL 93

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
HQSTC
BROAD SHIELD

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

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MOD ATTN AFOR (RAF).
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.
A. [illegible] JUL 93, 2230, 30 MINS.
B. LARGE BLACK OBJECT IN NIGHT SKY WITH 1 WHITE, 1 RED AND 1 GREEN STEADY LIGHTS.
C. FROM CAR. OBJECT STATIONARY.
D. NAKED EYE.
E. SEEN IN DIRECTION OF DABDCOSH VILLAGE.
F. OBLIQUE ANGLE. INFORMANTS DROVE TO ALMOST UNDERNEATH OBJECT.
G. ENSURE OF DISTANCE TO OBJECT.
H. OBJECT REMAINED STATIONARY UNTIL INFORMANTS STOPPED CAR VIRTUALLY UNDERNEATH, THEN IT DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY.

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J. NIL WEATHER, BROKEN CLOUD.
K. NO SIGNIFICANT NEARBY OBJECTS.
L. REPORTED TO [redacted] LEUCHARS OPERATIONS.
M. REPORTED BY [redacted] DARVEL, AYRESHIRE.
N. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON INFORMANT.
O. [redacted] ALSO OBSERVED OBJECT.
P. REPORT RECEIVED [illegible] JUL 93
Q. REQUEST REPLY TO INFORMANT.
R.

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ROUTINE 201325Z JUL 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT:AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 19TH JUL 93 1140 LOCAL 2MINS
B. 4 BLUE LIGHTS SHINING VERY BRIGHT IN SKY. VERY CLEAR. ROUND IN SHAPE. NO SOUND OR SMELL.
C. HANFIELD COMMON. INDOORS.
D. NAKED EYE.
E. SOUTH WEST OF BRISTOL BY 3 MILES.
F. UNKNOWN
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY.
J. STILL WIND. NO CLOUDS
K. NIL.
L. BRISTOL CENTRAL POLICE STATION.
M. [redacted] BRISTOL, [redacted]

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N. NIL.
O. NIL.
P. 21ST JULY 1993 1300Z
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ROUTINE 151635Z JUL 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
S/C Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 3 JULY 93, 2215 TO 2230 LOCAL, 5 MINS.
B. ONE OBJECT, OVAL, VERY BRIGHT, LIGHT ON TOP AND BOTTOM.
C. GROVE ROAD, OUTDOORS, STATIONARY.
D. NAKED EYE.
E. TOWARDS CITY TRAVELLING NORTH TOWARDS HACKNEY.
F. UNKNOWN
G. UNKNOWN
H. MOVING SLOWLY
J. GOOD VISIBILITY, NO WIND, FULL MOON.
K. NONE
L. NO-ONE.
M. [redacted]
N. NONE

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P. 151700 LOCAL JULY 93
[illegible]

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ROUTINE 060850Z JUL 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. 052220Z JULY 93 FOR TWO MINUTES
B. ONE OBJECT ROUND VERY BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT SIZE OF A STAR
C. INDOORS AND OUTDOORS PENRYN FALMOUTH
D. NAKED EYE
E. FROM NORTH TO SOUTH EAST
F. VERY HIGH
G. COUPLE OF MILES
H. STEADY SPEED STOPPED ZIG ZAG MOVED OFF DISAPPEARED QUICKLY UPWARDS
J. CLEAR VERY LITTLE CLOUD
K. NONE
L. FALMOUTH COAST GUARD
M. [redacted] PACKSADDLE PENRYN FALMOUTH [redacted]

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N. NONE
O. TWO WITNESSES SAME ADDRESS
P. 052226Z JUL 93
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ROUTINE 0512007 JUL 93

FROM: RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO: MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC 26F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 2210 LOCAL, SAT 03 JULY, 20 MINUTES
B. ONE OBJECT, CROWN SHAPED WITH RIM, BRIGHT LIGHT BUT NOT ROUNDING
NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. CORPORATION AVENUE - MOUNDSLOW. OUTDOORS IN STREET
D. NAKED EYE, OTHER WITNESS TOOK PHOTOS
E. OVER SCHOOL ROOF TO WEST
F. HIGHER THAN INCOMING AIRCRAFT
G. UNKNOWN
H. STEADY BUT HOVERING
J. BRIGHT NIGHT (FULL MOON)
K. HOUSES
L. AIR(M)
M. [redacted] MOUNDSLOW [redacted]

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N. NONE
O. ABOUT A DOZEN
P. 3 JUL 93, 1300 LOCAL
ST

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ROUTINE 041130Z JUL 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MOBOK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIG 76F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 032300L JUL 93 AND MINUTES
B. ONE DISC SHARED OBJECT CONTAINING VARIOUS COLOURED SPARKLING LIGHTS
C. OUTDOORS MOVING (CAR)
D. NAKED EYE
E. ON THE M40 HEADING TOWARDS THE M25
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. STEADY, THEN MOVING GRADUALLY
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. SEALONFIELD POLICE
M. [redacted] HOUNSLOW WEST MIDDLESEX [redacted]

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N. RETURNED 10 MINUTES LATER, OBJECT HAD DISAPPEARED
O. WIFE, MOTHER, FATHER, AUNT
P. 041012Z JUL 93
BT

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HEADQUARTERS STRIKE COMMAND

FACSIMILE MESSAGE

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LOCATION: PWHQ

ENCL No 55

To: AFOPS

Tel No.

FAX No Section 40 [redacted]

Your Ref

From: DCON, EAS
PWHQ

Tel No. Section 40 [redacted]

FAX No. [redacted]

Our Ref

Date 4 JUL 93

Time 1930Z

SUBJECT UFO REPORTS FRM RAF LYNEHAM

ATTN
AIR FORCE OPS DUTY OFFICER.

SIR
PLEASE FIND ATTACHED
THE TWO REPORTS.
REF MY TELCON. EARLIER
THIS EVENING

Signature [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Rank Sqn Ldr

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
06 JUL 1993
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

REPORT NO 1

IA 31

UFO REPORTS

REF: S.O.P. 704

Information to be passed to AFOR. REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

A. Date. Local Time and duration of sighting. 03 JULY 93, CALLED AT 0008 LOCAL ON 4TH ON RETURN HOME.

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. Number of objects. Size Shape. Colour. Brightness. 2x ORANGE LIGHTS CLOSE BY, FOLLOWED BY APPEARED = 7x ORANGE LIGHTS IN ODD SHAPED PATTERN, QUITE LARGE & IRREGULAR IN SHAPE

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER. Location, indoor, outdoor. Stationary. Moving. OUTDOORS

D. HOW OBSERVED. Naked eye. Binoculars. Optical devices. still, movie. NAKED EYE — ONE MINUTE SAW IT — NEXT GONE (LIKE CLOAKING DEVICE)

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN. Landmark more useful than poor bearing. AT WOOTON BASSETT VIA BROADTOWN HILL TOWARD BROAD HINTON

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT Estimated heights are unreliable. CAME UP ON R/H SIDE TO WEST

G. DISTANCE. By reference to known landmark. DISTANCE FOLLOWED 1½ miles

H. MOVEMENTS. Changes in E, F, G more use than estimates of speed and course. HOVERING TOGETHER STATIONARY ALL SAME INTENSITY.

J. MET CONDITIONS OF OBSERVATION. Clouds, Haze, Mist, etc. NOT KNOWN.

K. NEARBY OBJECTS Phone lines. Voltage lines. Reservoir, Lake, Dam, Swamp, Marsh, River, High Building, Chimney, Steeple, Spire, TV or Radio Mast, Airfields, Power Plant or Factories with Floodlighting at night MILDENHALL A/F.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED Police, Military, Press. RAF LYNEHAM OPS [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] TO.

M. INFORMANT
Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted], MALBORO', [redacted]

N. BACKROUND INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED. NO NOISE/NOTHING HEARD. NOT FLARES (TOO STATIONARY) LIKE STREETLIGHT. NO TRAILS (LIKE FLARES)

[redacted]

MILDENHALL

(CALL AT 2308Z ON HIS ARRIVING HOME).

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AT
WENDS AT WOOTTON BASSETT
SAW THIS ENROUTE HOME
VIA BROADTOWN HILL TOWARD BROADHINTON
MEUP ON RIGHT HAND SIDE (TO WEST). S? S?
SAW TWO LIGHTS ORANGE IN COLOUR
LOST SIGHT OF IT - WHEN REAPPEARED THERE WHERE XT.
IN ODD SHAPED PATTERN.

QUITE LARGE IN SHAPE - IRREGULAR SHAPE
HOVERING - STATIONERY.
DISTANCE FOLLOWED FOR 1½ MILES NO NOISE QUIET.
NOTHING HEARD.

(LIKE CLOAKING DEVICE)
ONE MINUTE SAW IT NEXT IT GONE.

NOT FLARES TOO STATIONARY
LIKE STREET LIGHT
HOVERING TOGETHER - ALL SAME INTENSITY.
NO TRAILS. LIKE FLARES.

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REPORT NO 2.

IA 31

UFO REPORTS

REF: S.O.P. 704

Information to be passed to AFDR.

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A. Date. Local Time and duration of sighting. 03 JULY 93 2330L

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. Number of objects. Size Shape. Colour. Brightness. SODIUM LIGHT COLOURED. 5 x LIGHTS INITIALLY JOINED BY 2 x OTHERS.

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER. Location, indoor, outdoor. Stationary. Moving. WHOLE FORMATION MOVING UP & DOWN. IN CIRCULAR FORMATION, BUT SLIGHTLY ANGLED - SOME LOWER.

D. HOW OBSERVED. Naked eye. Binoculars. Optical devices. still, movie. NAKED EYE - WATCHED APPROX 10 MINUTES.

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN. Landmark more useful than poor bearing. ~

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT Estimated heights are unreliable. SET OFF TOWARDS DEVIZES DISAPPEARING BEHIND HILLS

G. DISTANCE. By reference to known landmark. ~

H. MOVEMENTS. Changes in E, F, G more use than estimates of speed and course. NO SPEED MENTIONED.

J. MET CONDITIONS OF OBSERVATION. Clouds, Haze, Mist, etc. NOT KNOWN.

K. NEARBY OBJECTS Phone lines. Voltage lines. Reservoir, Lake, Dam, Swamp, Marsh, River, High Building, Chimney, Steeple, Spire, TV or Radio Mast, Airfields, Power Plant or Factories with Floodlighting at night NOT KNOWN.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED Police, Military, Press. RAF LYNEHAM OPS. Section 40 [redacted]

M. INFORMANT
Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] BLACK DOG, CALNE, NR DEVIZES [redacted]

N. BACKROUND INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED. NO ENGINE NOISE

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

VIA GUARDROOM

[redacted]

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BLACK DOG
CALNE

SIGHTED AT 2330L. WATCHED APPROX 10MINS.
SODIUM LIGHT COLOURED X 5 LIGHTS INITIALLY
JOINED BY 2Y OTHERS

IN CIRCULAR FORMATION, BUT SLIGHTLY ANGLED, SOME LOWER THAN OTHERS.
WHOLE FORMATION MOVING UP AND DOWN

SET OFF TOWARDS DEVIZES, DISAPPEARING BEHIND HILLS.
(NO SPEED MENTIONED).

NO ENGINE NOISE

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	032130Z Jul 93, for 1 minute
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 saucer, glowing white, very bright
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outside, stationary
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Towards Richmond(from Kingston upon Thames)
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	30 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Over 2 miles
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Changed direction and height, speed constant
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nothing of note
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MOD only
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted] Kingston upon Thames Surrey

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

Wife and others

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

032240Z Jul 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

Nil

17. Remarks

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SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	032130z Jul 93
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Saucer shaped, domed top, brilliant white light, with flashing light top and bottom
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors, stationary
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Nottinghill then to northwest london?
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	NK
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	NK
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Continued in same direction, going very slowly
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear night
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Just MOD
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted], Nottinghill, W11 [redacted]

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

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14. Other Witnesses

Nil

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

041130z Jul 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

Nil

17. Remarks

I suggested an advertising airship. She did not think so. Spoke Thames Radar but they could only confirm the airship was airborne last night (2300 Z/L?) - rather later than [redacted] timing. West Drayton also had a UFO sighting at about the same time and will report seperately.

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Date: 4 Jul 93

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Section 40

ROUTINE 290620Z JUN 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. 28 JUN 93, 0300-0330, 29 JUN 93, 0300 ONWARDS
B. ONE MAIN OBJECT, HUGE, ROUND, RED LIGHTS ON TOP/GREEN AND ORANGE LIGHTS ALL OVER, VERY BRIGHT, NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. AS B
D. NAKED EYE AND VIDEO CAMERA
E. EAST-NORTH EAST
F. DIRE/TLY ABOVE HOUSE
G. DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE, A LONG WAY
H. SLOWLY SPINNING AND TURNING
J. CLOUD AND VIS GOOD, WIND 100/06, TEMP PLUS 7
K. BUILT UP AREA, HIGH RISE FLATS, 2 RADIO MAST WITH RED OBSTUCTION LIGHTS, ON DUNDRY HILL APPROX 2 MILES SOUTH OF REPORTERS RESIDENCE
L. WESTERN DAILY PRESS AND BRISTOL AIRPORT ATC

PAGE 2 RADUKL 0602 UNCLAS
M. [redacted] HARTCLIFFE, BRISTOL [redacted]
N. NIL
O. SIXTEEN OTHERS IN HOUSE
P. 29 JUN 93 0255Z BY BRISTOL ATC
Q.

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CXL [illegible]
CAF [illegible]

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ROUTINE 290630Z JUN 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
RIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 28 JUN 93. 19052. 5 MINS
B. ONE OBJECT. SIZE UNKNOWN. OVAL SHAPED. DARK UNDERSIDE. METALLIC
CROSSES DOWN MIDDLE
C. WESTERN SIDE OF INVERNESS. 7 MILES FROM INVERNESS AIRPORT.
OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. NOT KNOWN
F. UNKNOWN BUT OBJECT CLIMBED TO 2000FT THE DISAPPEARED TO WEST
G. APPROX 3 MILES FROM OBSERVERS POSITION
H. UNKNOWN
J. FINE WEATHER. 50KM VIS. CLOUD 1/3500
K. UNKNOWN
L. INVERNESS POLICE 4A

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M. [redacted] HILTON. INVERNESS
N. NIL
O. NIL
P. 28 JUN 93. 2100Z. INFO RECEIVED FROM [redacted] LATCC CIVIL
SUPERVISORS DESK

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ANNEX A-1
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration	272100L
2.	Description of Object	One Brown Cigar shape, 2 sections moving up and down amber lights growing in intensity.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor Stationary/moving	Outdoor Stationary
4.	How observed	Binoculars
5.	Direction in which first seen	North of Uxbridge road West Ealing Tall building in line of sight
6.	Angle of sight	Eye Level (1000ft)
7.	Distance	Overhead Office Block 150ft away
8.	Movements	10 mins Stationary,slight movement up and down, 10 minutes stationary then flew off at high speed Northwards
9.	Met conditions	Clear skies
10.	Nearby Objects	Tall office block 150 feet away
11.	To whom reported	AF OPs through civil operator
12.	Name & Address	[redacted] Ealing W5
13.	Background	[redacted] Rep BHS
14.	Other Witness	Neighbour [redacted]
15.	Date time receipt	272130L
16		N/A
17	Remarks	N/A

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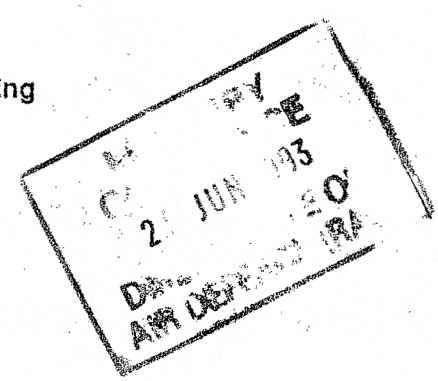

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	23 Jun, 2352Z for 1 minute
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bigger than any star, very bright, whitish
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	In west, travelling east north east
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Came right overhead
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	No estimate
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Almost from horizon to horizon in one minute
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Many stars to be seen, some cloud
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Near sea, nothing else special
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Only to MOD
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted] Brighton, East Sussex [redacted]

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24 JUN 1993
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nothing else

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14. Other Witnesses

One other, with her

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

240015Z Jun 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

Nil

17. Remarks

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	082230Z Jun 93 15 min
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Star-like object jumping in the sky
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Southwest
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45/50 degrees
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving west very fast for approx 10 secs, then jumping around in one position.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] Southborough Tunbridge Wells

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
9 JUN 1993
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

14. Other Witnesses

Wife

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

082250Z Jun 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

17. Remarks

[redacted]

Date: 8 Jun 93

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 071100Z JUN 93

FROM RAF BRIZE NORTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 7 JUN 93 0145A 10 MINS
B. ROUND (CYLINDRICAL) OBJECT 3 RECTANGULAR WHITE LIGHTS FLOURESCENT TRIAL WHEN OVERHEAD NO NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS BUT HAD RED STROBE LIGHT IN MIDDLE AND ORANGE LIGHT AT TAIL
C. INDOORS THROUGH BEDROOM WINDOW
D. NAKED EYE AND TELESCOPE
E. COMING FROM WEST FROM DIRECTION BRIZE NORTON OR FAIRFORD
F. HEAD ON TO OVERHEAD
G. 15 MILES TO OVERHEAD TO 15 MILES TO EAST
H. SLOW RATE OF CLIMB DIRECTION OF FLIGHT WEST TO EAST
J. VERY CLEAR
K. STREET LIGHTS ONLY
L. RAF BRIZE NORTON AND [redacted] BRITISH UFO RESEARCH

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ASSOCIATION
M. [redacted] KIDDLINGTON OXON [redacted]
N. NIL
O. [redacted] OF SAME ADDRESS (WIFE)
P. 07 JUN 93 1100(L)
Q. NIL
R. NIL
BT

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 2406302 MAY 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. 210200HRS MAY 93. HALF AN HOUR
B. MASSIVE OBJECT, CIRCULAR IN SHAPE WITH NO SOUND. LIGHTS WHICH CONNECTED TOGETHER THEN SEPARATED TO BE INDIVIDUAL. LIGHTS AROUND SIDE AND MIDDLE OF OBJECT
C. INDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
F. ABOVE HOUSES
G. OVERHEAD
H. LIGHTS MOVED
J. CLOUDY
K. HOUSES
L. LOCAL POLICE
M. [redacted] VALLEY PARK, HENNESFORD.

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STAFFS
O. HUSBAND, DAUGHTER AND BOYFRIEND, OTHER COUPLE
P. 2209002 MAY 93
BT

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ROUTINE 202055Z MAY 93

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
HQSTC
BROAD SHIELD

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
MOD ATTN AFOR(RAF). SUBJECT REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A. 20 MAY 1959 LOCAL FOR APPROX ONE MINUTE
B. ONE ORANGE COLOURED OBJECT IN SKY, SMOKE COMING FROM REAR, LOUD NOISE
C. TORPHIN CRESCENT, GLASGOW, OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH WEST - NORTH EAST
J. OVERCAST
K. BUILDINGS/HOUSES
L. CONSTABLE [redacted] STRATHCLYDE POLICE HEADQUARTERS TEL [redacted] Section 40
M. [redacted] RAF LEUCHARS OPS [redacted] GLASGOW [redacted]

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N. POLICE BELIEVE INFORMANT TO BE TELLING TRUTH
O. [redacted] GLASGOW [redacted]
AND [redacted] GLASGOW
P. 20 MAY 2025 LOCAL
Q. NO, POLICE CONTACTED LOCAL AIRFIELDS AND NO REPORTS OF AIRCRAFT FLYING IN AREA AT THAT TIME.
BT

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CAR 1 SEC(AS) ACTION (CXV 1 AFDO)
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JOSE MINUTE

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7 May 1993

DI55c - [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 [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] 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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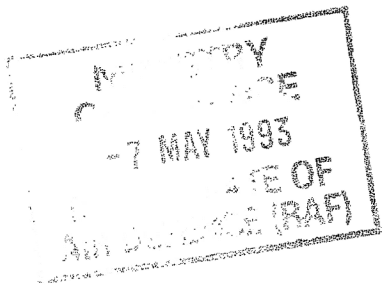

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ROUTINE 271300Z APR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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SIC 76F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 271221Z APR 93
B. SINGLE SILVER COLOURED, OVAL SHAPED OBJECT MOVING VERY FAST FROM EAST TO WEST. NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. WESTERLEY
F. APPROXIMATELY 2000 TO 3000 FEET
G. NOT KNOWN
H. STEADY, VERY FAST
J. CLEAR
K. CLOSE TO GATWICK AIRPORT
L. EAST SUSSEX COLLEGE AND GATWICK AIRPORT
M. [redacted] CROWBOROUGH, EAST SUSSEX [redacted]

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N. NIL
O. NOT KNOWN
P. 271235Z APR 93
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	262050 Local Apr 93 several minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Like a puff of cloud, then circular, very light with a red light flashing (note - crossing from right to left)
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outside
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Going from Wimbledon towards Roehampton
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	None estimated
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Seemed to be about the speed of an aircraft
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nothing of note
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AFDO
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted] just off Wimbledon Common

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13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Sensible, was partially mollified by the Airship Ford Mondeo

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14. Other Witnesses

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15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

261955Z Apr 93

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16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

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17. Remarks

Would have believed the Airship Ford Mondeo but for the fact that we were told it was operating in the Ilford/Romford area. **May we have a Telephone No for the operators of the airship so that we may check its operating area? That would be very helpful.**

[redacted]

Date: 26 Apr 93

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ROUTINE 260813Z 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. 24[illegible]-0010L APR FOR 10 MINUTES
B. THREE STAR SHAPED [illegible] [illegible]
C. OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR NIGHT
K. N/K
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] DERRIFYD, PLYMOUTH
N. NIL

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U. [redacted]
F. 251303Z APR 93
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	242125 A Apr 93
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	1 large object; approx 3 times larger than an Airship - covered in flashing lights.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor, hovering, moving
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Binoculars
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Not Known
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not Known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not Known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Hovering
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear Weather
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None Stated
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Ord Sgt RAF Cosford
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted] WOLVERHAMPTON [redacted]

Background of Informant that may be volunteered

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14. Other Witnesses

Wife and neighbours

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

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16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

None

17. Remarks

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	242100 A Apr 93 several minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Large Golden object. Appeared to change shape, form and size.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoor, moving. WOMBOURNE, Nr Wolverhampton
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked Eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Unknown
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not Known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not Known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	None given
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear weather.
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None given.
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Ord Sgt RAF Cosford
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]

13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered

Nil

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14. Other Witnesses

Girlfriend

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)

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16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

None

17. Remarks

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	211950Z Apr 93
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Brilliant light, another brilliant light around. Seems bigger than an airliner going into Heathrow.
3.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outside moving slowly, sometimes stopping then moving
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye - no binnoculars
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing	Near overhead, then moved away, then came back to overhead again moved to East
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	seemed quite low
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	not known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Very slow
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear sky some brilliant stars
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	N/A
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	RAF
12.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted] [redacted] Duchess of Bedford Walk, London W8
13.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	

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14. Other Witnesses [redacted] REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

15. Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR) 21 1950 Apr 93

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions

17. Remarks

The object was in view throughout the telephone call, was sure that it was NOT the airship which is advertising the Ford Mondeo? ((I'm not convinced.))

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16 Apr 93

Head of Sec(AS) - [redacted]

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 a selection of the 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-entered the atmosphere at 12.10am, but this time does not match the majority of the sightings. 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, [redacted] 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 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.

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

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6. 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.

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ROUTINE 010850Z APR 93

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FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON

TO MODUK AIR

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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. BAICO MIDDLE WALLOP

M. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] GREATLY HAMPSHIRE

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

O. [redacted]

P. 010845Z APR 93

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ROUTINE 311050Z 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. 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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UFO SIGHTINGS OVER LONDON

1. Addressees are probably aware that there has been a spate of recent UFO sightings in and around London, most notably in the Ilford and Romford areas.

2. Witnesses have reported a bright cigar-shaped object, moving very slowly, and making little or no sound.

3. The object almost certainly responsible for these sightings is a brightly illuminated airship; this craft is operated by Virgin Lightships, and is advertising the new Ford Mondeo. The CAA have confirmed that this airship has been operating over London and the surrounding area for the last week or so. Addressees may wish to offer this information as a potential explanation should they receive any more such reports.

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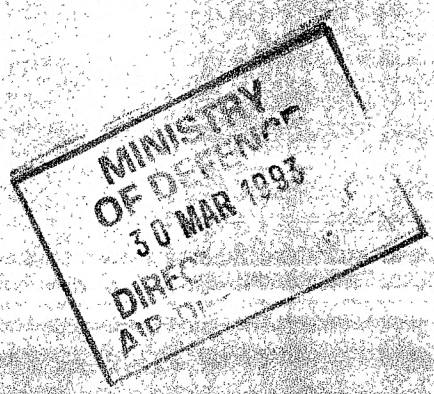

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ROUTINE 290705Z MAR 93

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. 261926Z MAR 93
B. LOOKS LIKE TWO INVERTED SAUCERS JOINED WITH LIGHTS WHICH WERE VERY BRIGHT AND FLASHING NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. INDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. APROXIMATELY HALF A MILE
H. MOVING STEADLY BETWEEN TO FIXED POINTS ALMOST CIRCLING
J. CLEAR NO CLOUD
K. NOT KNOWN
L. FELTHAM POLICE
M. [redacted] FELTHAM MIDDLESEX [redacted]

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ROUTINE 290705Z 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. 251900 TO 1930Z MAR 93
B. NARROW CIGAR SHAPE. APPEARED TO HAVE HOUSING BELOW AND WAS LUMINOUS NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. WITHIN CONFINES OF EUSTON STATION
D. NAKED EYE
E. SOUTH WESTERLEY
F. N/K
G. APPROX HALF A MILE definitely a train (
H. STEADY DISAPPOEARED SLOWLY BEHIND BUILDINGS
J. CLEAR OBJECT BELOW CLOUD BASE
K. SEEN ABOVE THE WELCOME BUILDING NEAR EUSTON BR STATION
L. AIS(M)
M. [redacted] BRADWELL VILLAGE MILTON KEYNES [redacted]

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N. WORKING AS BR GUARD AT TIME OF SIGHTING
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ROUTINE 251130Z MAR 93

FROM: RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO: MODUK AIR

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SIC ZAF
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 2423450 MAR 93
B. GREEN LIGHT DISAPPEARING OVER BUILDINGS
C. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. EAST TO WEST
F. N/A
G. N/A
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. BUILDINGS
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] ABERDEEN
N. N/A

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ROUTINE 241200Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 232050Z MAR 93
B. SAUSAGE SHAPED, 3 TIMES SIZE OF PLANE. WHITE, MISTY COLOUR WITH ONE FLASHING WHITE LIGHT ON TOP
C. OUTDOORS AND STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
F. N/A
G. N/A
H. SLOWLY
J. MOVING CLOUD
K. N/A
L. CHIGWELL POLICE
M. [redacted] BARKINSIDE, [redacted]

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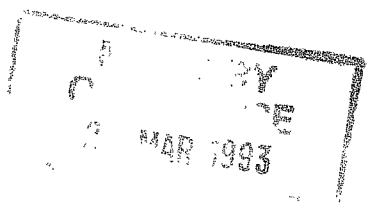
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	23 Mar 93
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Round and large with lights around the edge. Hovering
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	To right of house
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Almost overhead
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not possible
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moved off and appeared to descend
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	1930Z Drizzle
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Clear view
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AF Ops



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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Essex [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	Husband
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	232310Z Mar 93
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	Other neighbours also witnessed the sighting.

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ROUTINE 230805Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
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SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 221920Z OVER THREE WEEK PERIOD
B. SINGLE CROSS, DELTA SHAPE, VERY BRIGHT, NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. BRAMHALL (NEAR MANCHESTER AIRPORT)
D. NAKED EYE
E. TO THE WEST OF BRAMHALL
F. 30 DEGREES
G. 10 MILES
H. STATIONARY FOR LONG PERIODS, THEN SLOW PROGRESS ACROSS THE SKY
J. CLEAR FINE NIGHT
K. NIL
L. MANCHESTER ATC
M. [redacted] BRAMHALL
N. N/A

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P. 221955Z MAR 93
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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 222302Z MAR, 20 TO 25 SECONDS
B. THREE SETS OF DOUBLE, VERY BRIGHT WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS.
NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY, BANCHORY DEVENICK, ABERDEEN
D. NAKED EYE
E. IN DIRECTION OF THE CASSEIPEIA CONSTILLATION (TO NORTH WEST)
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. CHANGING
J. MOVING CLOUDS
K. N/A
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] ABERDEEN

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N. THE INFORMANT SEEMED EDUCATED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE
O. NIL
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ROUTINE [illegible] MAR 97

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TO [illegible] MOUNT AIR

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[illegible]

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. [illegible] MAR [illegible] 2 MINUTES

B. ONE VERY LARGE AND VERY BRIGHT ROUND ORANGE OBJECT WITH A DROWNING NOISE

C. [illegible]

D. [illegible]

E. [illegible]

F. [illegible]

G. [illegible]

H. STEADY

I. DARK

J. [illegible]

K. [illegible]

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ROUTINE [illegible]

FROM MOD ISLEY REFIL
TO [illegible]

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FROM [illegible] OWENT CONSTABULARY

SUBJECT [illegible] UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

PLEASE QUOTE [illegible]

1. DATE AND TIME OF SIGHTING:
TIME: 18:[illegible] DATE: [illegible]

2. DURATION OF SIGHTING:
[illegible] MINS, UNTIL [illegible]
PLEASE NOTE, ALSO A SIGHTING OF OBJECT IN SAME POSITION
08-03-93, FROM [illegible] - 2130.

— Stet

3. DESCRIPTIONS, NUMBER OF OBJECTS ETC.:
ONE, BASICALLY CIRCULAR.
SIGHTING OF 9-3-93, DESCRIBED AS DULL INITIALLY, LATER
VERY VERY BRIGHT. AT END OF SIGHTING, STARTED PULSATING
BEFORE MOVING OFF AT APPARENTLY SLOW SPEED.
DARK SPOTS VISIBLE ON SURFACE. NOT FIXED BUT MOVING
RANDOMLY ACROSS SURFACE. THESE SPOTS ONLY VISIBLE THROUGH
VIEWFINDER OF CAMCORDER, MAGNIFICATION FACTOR [illegible].

SIGHTING OF 8-3-93, AGAIN CIRCULAR, BUT WITH VERY CLEAR
SECTIONS MISSING, TOP AND BOTTOM.

4. POSITION OF OBSERVER:
PATIO AT REAR OF [redacted] CROESYCEILIOG.

5. HOW OBSERVED (NAKED EYE, BINOCULARS ETC.):
NAKED EYE, THEN BINOCULARS, THEN VIEWFINDER OF CAMCORDER.
MAGNIFIED ELECTRONICALLY BY FACTOR OF 36
VIDEO RECORDINGS OF SIGHTINGS ON 8TH AND 9TH OF MARCH
TAKEN AND AVAILABLE FOR SCRUTINY BY INTERESTED PERSONS

6. DIRECTION WHEN OBJECT FIRST SEEN (NORTH, SOUTH ETC.):
WEST OWMBRAN, BASICALLY OVER THORNHILL / PONTNEWYDD

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7. ANGLE OF ELEVATION:
APPROX 70 DEGREES

8. DISTANCE OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVER:
NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE

9. MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:
STATIONARY INITIALLY, THEN MOVED NORTH, SLOWLY.

10. WEATHER CONDITIONS:
DRY, LIGHT CLOUD COVER, SLIGHT WIND.

11. NEARBY OBJECTS:
NONE

12. TO WHOM REPORTED:
CWMBRAN POLICE STATION, [redacted].

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT:
[redacted] CWMBRAN. [redacted]

14. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON INFORMANT:
RETIRED FITTER, Section 40 [redacted]

15. OTHER WITNESSES:
1. [redacted] CURRENTLY MANAGER OF Section 40 [redacted]
CWMBRAN TOWN CENTRE.
(VIDEO RECORDING OBTAINED INDEPENDANTLY [redacted]
2. [redacted] AUXILLIARY NURSE, 71,
BRYNHYFFRYDD.
3. [redacted] 44 YRS, OF [redacted]

16. DATE/TIME OF REPORT OF REPORT:
TIME: [illegible] DATE: 09 / [illegible]

17. [illegible] WITNESS FOLLOW VISITING REGARDING THE INCIDENT?:
YES.

SUGGESTED CIRCULATION:

FORCE CONTROL ROOM

TOP

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ROUTINE 011000Z MAR 93

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 272000Z FEB 93 2 HRS
B. BLUE, FLASHING OBJECT WITH NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. BEDFORD, INDOORS AND OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. BINOCULARS
E. SOUTH OF BEDFORD
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. 35 KM VIS, 3/4000
K. NONE
L. LUTON ATC
M. [redacted] BEDFORD TEL BEDFORD [redacted]
N. NONE

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P. 272200Z FEB 93
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ROUTINE 220730Z FEB 93

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TO MODUK AIR

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 2115, 19 FEB 93
B. ONE ROUND TENNIS BALL SIZE, YELLOW, SCARLET AND ORANGE IN COLOUR.
NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. MOVING OUTDOORS
D. NAKED EYE
E. NIL
F. NIL
G. NIL
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. NIL
L. RAF CHIVENOR ORDERLY OFFICER
M. [redacted] NEW ST. TORRINGTON [redacted]

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ROUTINE 070852Z FEB 95

FROM RAF MOD(A) MA LONDON

TO MODUK ACK

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

SIC ZAF

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 311216Z MAR 76, 20-30 MINUTES

B. 1) HALF EGG SHAPED, BLUE AND DULL

C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY

D. NAKED EYE

E. N/K

F. N/K

G. N/K

H. STEADY

J. CLEAR

K. N/K

L. POLICE

M. [redacted] WOODLAND ROAD, HILLEPLAND, GLOS. [redacted]

N. NIL

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ROUTINE 260810Z JAN 93

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FROM [redacted] WEST DRAYTON
TO [redacted] MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC ZEF
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 2519002 JAN 93 ONGOING
B. SINGLE VERY BRIGHT LIGHT ABOVE GATWICK AIRPORT, NOT A STAR
C. INDOORS AND OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. TO THE SOUTH WEST
F. APPROX 10000 FEET (HEIGHT)
G. SEVEN MILES
H. STILL
J. CLEAR
K. NOT KNOWN
L. GATWICK AIRPORT
M. [redacted] BLINDLY HEATH LINGFIELD SURREY [redacted]

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N. WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION
O. BAUGHIER
R. 2519002 JAN 93
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ROUTINE 210800Z JAN 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHONEMENA.
A. 180001Z JAN 93 60 MINS
B. ONE VERY BRIGHT LIGHT WHICH OCCASIONALLY FADED AND THEN REAPPEARED
C. CARLTON MOOR, OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. NORTHERLY DIRECTION
F. N/K
G. APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR, THEN MISTY, THEN SNOW
K. NIL
L. NIL
M. [redacted] FARNLEY, LEEDS 12
N. OUT ON A SKYWATCH, WHICH WAS ABANDONED DUE TO SNOW

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O. [redacted]
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ROUTINE 141040Z JAN 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. 130140Z JAN 93. FIVE MINUTES
B. ONE BLUE FLASHING LIGHT WHEN AIRBORNE. VERY BRIGHT FLOODLIGHT WHEN LANDED. NO SOUND OR SMELL
C. INDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NOT KNOWN
F. FROM BEDROOM WINDOW
G. 200 YDS
H. STEADY, HOVERED WHILST AIRBORNE
J. VERY WINDY
K. NOT KNOWN
L. RAF VALLEY, [redacted] COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER
M. [redacted] PONTARDULAIS,

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SWANSEA [redacted]
N. JUST WOKEN UP - NOT DRUNK EXCLAM
O. HUSBAND
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ROUTINE 110600Z JAN 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

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SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 8 JAN 93, 1800
B. ONE ROUND BRIGHT LIGHT
C. MOVING IN CAR VERY SLOWLY
D. NAKED EYE
E. HEADING SOUTH WESTERLY
F. N/K
G. 3 MILES
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. HOUSES, TREES
L. POLICE
M. [redacted] BIELOFIDE, ABERDEEN
N. NIL

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O. [redacted]
P. 081800 JAN 93
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ROUTINE 041030Z JAN 93

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U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 122050Z DEC 92, 30-60 SECONDS
B. LARGE BRIGHT LIGHT WITH ORANGE TAIL - TAIL APPEARED TO HAVE PULSATING EFFECT. (FIRST THOUGHT TO BE PLANE ON FIRE) NO NOISE
C. STANDING IN KNAB ROAD, LERWICK, OBSERVED TO NORTH WEST (LINGWALL DIRECTION), THEN LOST SIGHT IN SOUTH EAST
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH WEST
F. CONSISTENT HEIGHT DISAPPEARING ABOVE CLOUD LEVEL
G. RELATIVELY CLOSE AS IT PASSED OVER LERWICK
H. CONSISTENT SPEED, MOVING FAIRLY FAST BUT NOT WHIZZING THROUGH THE SKY
J. PART OF SKY CLEAR AND STARRY BUT SOME CLOUD
K. NIL

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L. POLICE
M. [redacted], NORTHERN CONSTABULARY, POLICE STATION, LERWICK
N. POLICE OFFICER
O. [redacted] LERWICK, SHETLAND (DAUGHTER)
P. 122100Z DEC 92
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ROUTINE 041020Z JAN 93

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TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 202352Z DEC 92
B. LARGER THAN NORMAL AIRCRAFT, ORANGE AND GREEN IN COLOUR
C. A22 CROXTED, EAST SUSSEX, OUTDOORS AND MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
F. 60/70 DEGREES
H. CHANGING
J. MOVING CLOUDS
K. NIL
L. SUSSEX POLICE
M. [redacted]
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Date 4 August 82

Tel [redacted] Section 40

Our ref

Your ref

Subject OSEAP JOURNAL (ATTACHED)

1. You may be interested to read the attached journal which the editor has kindly sent me in return for my telling him a couple of months ago that a strange thing he saw in the sky was not a Chinook.

2. When you have read it, can you please return it so that it may go in the DS8 UFO library along with 'Close Encounters of a Third Kind', 'The Crack in the Universe' etc.

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DD Sy AW (PE)
Room 610
Fleetbank House
2-6 Salisbury Square
LONDON EC4Y 8AT

Dear John,

[redacted]

Dr [redacted], former Chief of Nuclear Research at AWRE, who retired several years ago, telephoned today to ask for advice on behalf of his friend Dr [redacted], Anthropologist, of [redacted] St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

He said that Dr [redacted] was worried about the extent of the extra-sensory-perception investigations, in the USA and the USSR, linked with UFOs, on which a lot of fraudulent work has been done, and on which the USA is known to have spent large sums of money.

Dr [redacted] who was an authority on the subject, and no doubt had a lot to offer, even though he is in his late eighties, was offering his services in case similar investigations were being made in the UK.

Dr [redacted] asked me to bring this to official notice and I can't think of any other way of starting the process than asking you to push it into an appropriate channel. Perhaps your 'friends' might be interested.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
Chief Security Officer

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FROM [illegible] AIR
TO [illegible] AIR WASHINGTON

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.
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UFOS CONDUCTED BY UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.
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ROUTINE 171900Z OCT 95

FROM: RAF FYLINGDALES
TO: MODUK MIN

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON
1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS REPORTED:
A. 17 OCT 95 1630 TO 1632Z
B. BALLOON SHAPED OBJECT WITH WINGS PROJECTED UPWARDS
C. FROM LOOKOUT-SITTING ROOM-STATIONARY
D. BINOCULARS/NAKED EYES/USED CAMCORDER NEGATIVE
RESULTS
E. NORTH WEST
F. 45 DEGREES
G. APPROX 1 MILE
H. SLOW DRIFTING-SPEED LIKE SINGLE ENGINE A/C
J. CLEAR SKY AT TIME OF SIGHTING
K. NIL

Passed to Action
No Action
In Case
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E. RAF FYLINGDALES ONLY

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TO NODUK AIR

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SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 0123[illegible]Z SEP 95
B. RED BALL WITH WHITE BEAM
C. OUTDOORS BACK GARDEN
D. WAKELIERE
E. NONE
F. 100FT
G. THREE QUARTER MILE FROM BACK GARDEN
H. ALONG HAZELMERE TO AMERSHAM ROAD, W TO E. 50-60 MPH
J. CLEAR
K. NONE- CLEAR SIGHT OVER HEDGE INTO FIELD
L. RAF HIGH [illegible] [redacted]
M. [redacted] AMERSHAM, BUCKS TEL [redacted]

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N. NON DRINKER
O. GIRLFRIEND OF [redacted]
P. 020030Z SEP 95
R. NO SOUND. HORSES [illegible] IN NEARBY FIELD
S. [illegible]

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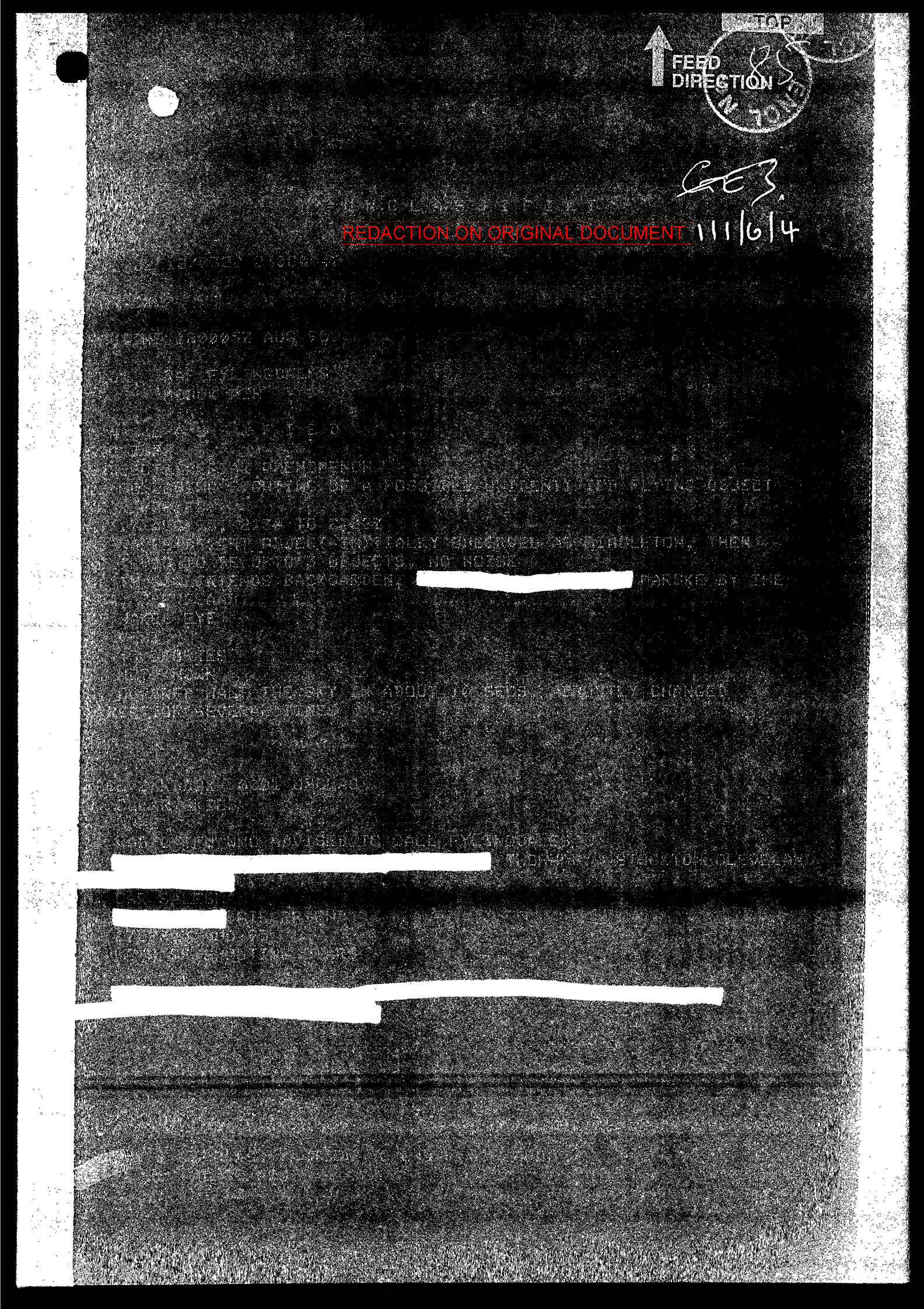
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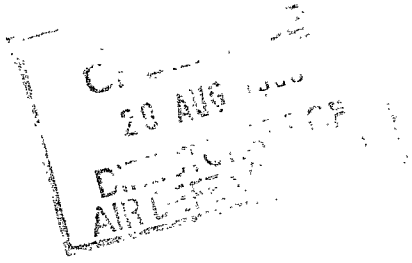
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	26 AUG 95
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Ball shaped object with tail. Very brightly lit
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Indoors
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)	East to West
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	NK
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Low and visible
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Straight line and constant speed
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Clear
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None Given
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Air Force Ops



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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Western General Hospital Carmarthen
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] (Same Address)
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	260407LAUG95
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Seemed thoroughly genuine.

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ROUTINE 310855Z AUG 95

FROM BROAD SHIELD
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT. UFO REPORT
A. 310035Z AUG 95 TO 310040Z AUG 95
B. TWO FLASHING LIGHTS, WHITE AND BLUE, VERY CLOSE TOGETHER
C. STANDING ALONGSIDE A4 MAIN ROAD
D. NAKED EYE
E. NOT KNOWN. HOVERING
F. NONE
G. 150 FT
H. HOVERED FOR ONE MINUTE THEN SLOWLY APPROACHED OBSERVER
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NONE. COUNTRYSIDE
L. RAF LYNEHAM
M. [redacted] MELKSHAM, WILKSHIRE. [redacted]
N. NONE

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O. NONE
P. 310750Z AUG 95
Q. NONE
R. NONE
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	170030A Aug 95 Approx 10 secs
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	White light, which then glowed red and appeared to break up (no sound heard)
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoor, stationary
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	East to north east towards Newtown
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not sure
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Nil reference seen, at night within Welsh hills.
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	It appeared then accelerated very quickly, glowed red, then disappeared
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear night
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Hills only
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	RAF Brawdy

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Section 40 [redacted] Ystrad Meurig Dyfed [redacted]
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14.	Other Witnesses	Miss [redacted]
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	170130A Aug 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	[redacted] said that there had been a lot of meteorites that night
17.	Remarks	Nil

Date: 17 Aug 95

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	062130Z Aug 95 Approx 5 mins
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Round silver ball football size - very bright
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Indoors then out
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Evington
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approx 30°
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Hanging then dropped
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	No

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Scraptoft Leicester
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14.	Other Witnesses	
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	071710Z Aug 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
17.	Remarks	

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ROUTINE 241635Z JUL 95

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR

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SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON
1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS REPORTED:
A. 230115 (PROB LOCAL) JUL FOR A FEW MINUTES. AGAIN AT 230243
B. WHITE STAR-SHAPED OBJECTS (8 OFF) WITH WHITE TRAILS
C. ON INGLEBY MOOR (54 DEG 26 NORTH ONE DEG 04 WEST)
D. NAKED EYE
E. ON A LINE FROM RISING MOON TO BAYSDALE ABBEY (APPROX NNE)
F. NOT DETERMINED
G. NOT DETERMINED
H. MOVED STEADILY FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (OBVIOUSLY LOOKING TO EAST)
J. CLEAR SKY
K. BAYSDALE ABBEY IN VALLEY WELL BELOW. PROB NOTHING IN EYELINE
L. REPORTED TO KIRKBYMOORSIDE POLICE 231130L JUL 95

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M. [redacted] DRIFFIELD [redacted]
N/P NIL
Q. 241320Z JUL 95
R. NO UNUSUAL CONDITIONS
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ROUTINE 151700Z JUL 95

FROM RAF HIGH WYCOMBE
TO MODUK AIR

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SIC Z6F
A. 112100Z JUL 95 20 SECONDS
B. UNSURE OF SIZE. SILVER. SPACE LIKE. NO NOISE
C. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. WEST
F. 30 DEGREES
G. 150-200FEET
H. LEFT TO RIGHT. SMOOTH AND STEADY MOVEMENT
J. DUSK. CLEAR. BREEZE 180 DEGREES - 360 DEGREES
K. HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES TO THE REAR AT SAVAY LAKE
L. STC IN FIRST INSTANCE
M. [redacted] LANGLEY, SLOUGH, BERKS, [redacted]
[redacted]
N. UNEMPLOYED

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O. [redacted]
P. 151640Z JUL 95
Q. NONE
R. ALTHOUGH DIRECTION OF BREEZE WAS 180 DEGREES-360 DEGREES, THE OBJECT MOVED FROM 270 DEGREES-090 DEGREES AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AFFECTED BY BREEZE. SAVAY LAKE IN [redacted]
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ROUTINE [illegible]

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJ: AERIAL PHENOMENON
1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING [illegible] REPORTED:
A. 23 JUL 95, 0007 LOCAL
B. 3 GROUPS OF LIGHTS, 4 TO 5 SEPERATE DOTS, 12 [illegible] 16 LIGHTS IN FORM OF CHEVRON WITH POINT LEADING, YELLOWEY TO ORANGE COLOUR
C. OUTSIDE HOME BELOW
D. NAKEN EYE
E. 360 DEG TRUE HEADING
F. 30 DEG ANGLE OF SIGHT
G. MOVING RELATIVELY SLOWLY, IN LINE [illegible] FLICKER OF LIGHTS, NO SOUND AT ALL
H. STEADY, STRAIGHT
J. CLEAR SKY STARS VERY CLEAR

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K. NIL
L. HEATHROW AIRPORT THEN FYLINGDALES
M. [redacted] SOUNDHORPE [illegible]
N. EX RAF AIRFRAME FITTER ENDING AT SCAMPTON AS BLUE STEEL [illegible]
P. NIL NO OTHER WITNESSES
Q. 230010Z JUL 95
R. NIL
S. NIL
2. POC [redacted]
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IMMEDIATE 061040Z JUL 95

FROM RAF WITTERING
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
FOR SECAS(A). UFO REPORT
A 301100A JUN 95/10 SECONDS
B BRIGHT/SILVER/OVAL/ONE ABOVE TWO HARRIERS
C COATES TRACTORS, COATES PETERBOROUCH, POS TL 3097.
OUTDOORS/STATIONARY
D NAKED EYE.
E DIRECTLY OVERHEAD COMPANY YARD
F OVERHEAD
G EXTREMELY HIGH ABOVE HARRIERS
H EAST, VERY FAST
J BRIGHT SUNLIGHT/CLEAR SKY/DRY
K NONE
L RAF WITTERING OPS 061020A JUL 95
M [redacted]

PAGE 2 RBDOXV 0010 UNCLAS
N MANAGER, COATES TRACTORS, PETERBOROUGH. AVID AIRCRAFT SPOTTER,
THOUGHT OBJECT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN SHUTTLE ON RE-ENTRY OR MAYBE,
BLACKBIRD AIRCRAFT ON RETURN
O [redacted], FOREMAN AT FACTORY
P 6 JUL 95 1020A
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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 030150Z JUN 95

FROM RAF NEATISHEAD
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON
1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS REPORTED
A/ 022332Z JUN 95
B/LIGHTS IN V SHAPE, COLOUR WHITE/PALE GREEN
C/STATIONARY OUTDOORS AT SWAINSTHORPE
D/NAKED EYE
E/OBJECT FLYING TOWARDS GT YARMOUTH
F/UNKNOWN
G/QUOTE FAIRLY CLOSE UNQUOTE
H/VERY FAST AND WITHOUT NOISE
J/NOT STATED
K/UNKNOWN
L/MILITARY - RAF NEATISHEAD

PAGE 2 RBDOWL 0002 UNCLAS
M/[redacted]NO ADDRESS GIVEN
N/UNKNOWN
P/FEMALE VOICE HEARD IN BACKGROUND, POSSIBLY WIFE
Q/030040Z JUN 95
R/NIL
S/NIL
2. POC [redacted]
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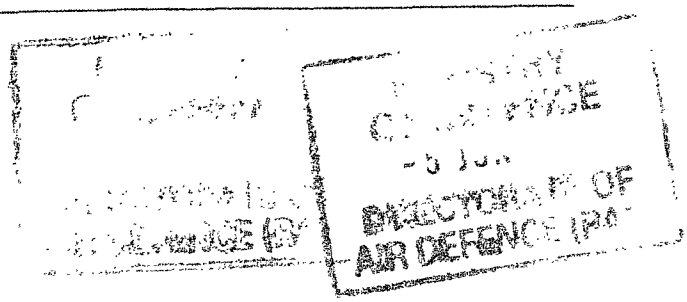
PORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	040010ZJUN95
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Various bright lights of different sizes.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outdoors
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)	Towards the Thames
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	NK
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Low and visable from approx 30 metres away
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving left to right
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Very Dark night
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Pinewood Studios, Canal
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Air Force Ops



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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Langley SLOUGH.
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
O.	Other Witnesses	Family (heard in background) + a few other friends.
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	040018ZJUN95
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Seemed thoroughly sensible young man.

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AF Ops

Date: 4 Jun 95

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	142120Z May 95 4 seconds
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Elongated, silvery underneath. Making a "Hush" noise (not prop or jet.
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Inside-looking out of window
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Looking north heading south
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Straight overhead to right
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear sky
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	Only MOD

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15 MAY 1995

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] London [redacted]
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14.	Other Witnesses	No
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	142130Z May 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	No, dark outside
17.	Remarks	He wanted to know who he could speak to about it. I assured him it was not RAF... I eventually passed Section 40 to him, and he may ring in the morning! (sorry). The last time he saw something like this was in Scotland when it was confirmed as a missile! Very patient, convinced that it was something interesting and very disappointed that I could not help. He said could it be a balloon? But then added - going to fast for a balloon. GOOD LUCK

[redacted]

Date: 14 May 95

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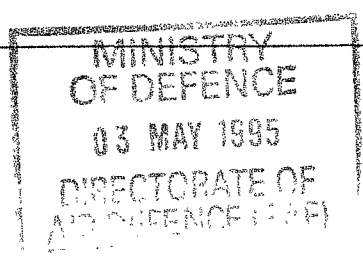
REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	2 May 95 2115Z for 5 seconds
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Constant white light, moving and zig-zagging across the sky faster than a normal aircraft.
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoors
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	East to West
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not known
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Zig-zagging
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear night
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	MOD AFOR



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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] Saxilby, Lincs [redacted]
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14.	Other Witnesses	[redacted] (Husband)
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	022130Z May 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
17.	Remarks	None

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Date: 2 May 95

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FOR CXL

ROUTINE 200645Z APR 95

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON
1 FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS REPORTED:
A 20 APR 95, 0518-0519Z
B SINGLE BRIGHT SHINING OBJECT
C OUTSIDE HOME
D NAKED EYE
E SSW
F LOW IN SKY
G HARD TO JUDGE BUT APPEARED TO BE NEAR HUMBERSIDE AIRPORT
H MOVED STEADILY FROM SSW TOWARDS EAST THEN DISAPPEARED BEHIND ROOF
J CLEAR DAYLIT SKY
K HOUSES WITH 30 METRES
L SPOKE TO HUMBERSIDE AIRPORT WHO HAD NO MOVEMENTS AT THE TIME

PAGE 2 RBDOXH 0005 UNCLAS
M [redacted] BEVERLEY, [redacted]
N NONE VOLUNTEERED
P NONE
Q 200600Z APR 95
R NIL
S NIL
2 POC [redacted]
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FOR CXL

PRIORITY 191230Z APR 95

FROM RAF MARHAM
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC I3F/Z6F
UFO REPORT
1. 18 APR 95 2200-2300 LOCAL TIME
2. 4-5 OBJECTS LIT WITH STEADY RED/ORANGE LIGHTS
3. HOME ADDRESS
4. NAKED EYE
5. S.E.
6. VARIOUS
7. UP TO 2 MILES
8. VARIOUS WITHIN A HALF MILE
9. CLEAR
10. NIL
11. OPERATIONS RAF MARHAM
12. [redacted] WITH COMMON DENVER DOWNHAM MARKET
NORFOLK [redacted]

PAGE 2 RRDOXK 0017 UNCLAS
13. 14. NIL
15. 191300L APR 95
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	See attached signal from RAF Waddington LGZ/113F/1BJ 030920ZAPR 9
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	

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12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14. Other Witnesses	
15. Date, Time of Receipt	
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17. Remarks	

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PIN 136R

RAF WADDINGTON
AGE at 030920Z APR 95

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030920Z APR 95
RAF WADDINGTON
HQSTC
MODUK AIR
LGZ I3F IBJ

HQSTC FOR UKRAOC AND WG CDR E. MODUK AIR FOR AFDO. SUBJECT REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A. 272115Z MAR 95 FOR 5 MINS
B. TRIANGULAR SHAPED WITH BLUE/GREEN/RED FLASHING LIGTS ALONG EDGE. TOTALLY SILENT LARGER THAN VULCAN
C. IN A STATIONARY CAR. POSN UNKNOWN
D,. NAKED EYE
E. LEISURE CENTRE GRIMSBY. STATIONARY FOR ABOUT 3 MINS APPEARED LOW IN THE SKY
G. NIL
H. MOVED OFF SLOWLY TOWARDS GREAT COATES
J. NO REPORT
K. LOCAL BUILT UP AREA
L. STN OPS RAF WADDINGTON
M. [redacted] Section 40 GRIMSBY SOUTH HUMBERSIDE, [redacted]
N. HAS BROTHER IN RAF AT RAF FINNINGLEY, SHE APPEARED CLAM AND INTRIGUED BY INCIDENT
O. ONE OTHER ADULT AND 6 YOUNG CHILDREN
P. 312045L MAR 95

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1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	See attached
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	

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09 MAR 1995
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14. Other Witnesses	
15. Date, Time of Receipt	
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17. Remarks	

Date: 8 Mar 95

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MOD (AFO)

WITH COMPLIMENTS [redacted] WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FEEDBACK ON THIS REPORT.

Thank you

[redacted]

ATC OFFICE.

NATS
NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES

Control Tower
Stansted Airport
Stansted
Essex CM24 1RD

Telephone: Section 40 [redacted]

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STANSTED AIRPORT REF: MATS PART 1

8SD/1/11

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A DATE, TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING (Local times to be quoted): 7/3/95, 0328 HRS. 5 MINUTES (APPROX)

B DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc): 2 x OBJECTS, ROUND, FLAT, 8 x BRIGHT WHITE LIGHTS IN CIRCLE, NO NOISE

C EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationery or moving): HOUSE, INDOORS, UPSTAIRS WINDOW FRONT FARM TO LEFT, AIRPORT TO RIGHT

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 may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing): FARM TO LEFT, LEFT OBJECT WENT DIM & MERGED WITH RIGHT OBJECT. RIGHT OBJECT GREW IN SIZE & WENT HIGHER.

F ANGULAR ELEVATION OF OBJECT (Estimated heights are unreliable): 10-20 FT ABOVE TREE TOPS, MOVING SIDE TO SIDE & TILTING

G DISTANCE OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVER (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible): ½ - ¾ MILE

H MOVEMENTS OF OBJECT (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed): SIDE TO SIDE & TILTING, LANDED STRAIGHT DOWN BY GROUP OF TREES, BRIGHT LIGHTS SHOWING THROUGH TREES, 0330 HRS MOVED & DISAPPEARED.

J METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS (Moving clouds, haze, mist, etc): CLEAR NIGHT

K NEARBY OBJECTS (Telephone or 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 other lighting): FARM TO LEFT, AIRPORT TO RIGHT

L TO WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organisations, the press, etc): SOUTHEND AIRPORT, STANSTED AIRPORT, ESSEX RADIO

M NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT: [redacted] RAYLEIGH, ESSEX [redacted]

N ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: A

O OTHER WITNESSES: [redacted] - SAME ADDRESS

P DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT: 7/3/95, 0930 HRS

Details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS(Military), LATCC Section 40

Completed report is to be sent to the Ministry of Defence (AFOR) - RAF Main Bldg Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	142145Z Mar 95 2 minutes
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	A large noiseless, object with multi flashing lights.
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoors, moving
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Direction unknown as its movements were erratic.
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approx 60°
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	No more than 40 ft high.
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	The craft moved from the observer to a house some miles away in 'nothing flat'!
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear bright sky
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	MOD AFOR

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[redacted] SWINTON, S Yorks [redacted]
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14.	Other Witnesses	None
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	142255Z Mar 95
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
17.	Remarks	The caller appeared quite calm after his experience.

Date: 15 Mar 95

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1.	Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	See attached signal I3F/IBJ 131028Z MAR 79
2.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
3.	Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	
4.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	
10.	Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir,lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys,steeples,spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11.	To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	

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12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14.	Other Witnesses	
15.	Date, Time of Receipt	
16.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17.	Remarks	

Date: 13MAR 95

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s I3F IBJ

MODUK AIR FOR AFDO HQSTC UKRAOC AND WG CDR GE. SUBJECT REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
A. 102200-2210Z MAR 95
B. ONE SPHERICAL OBJECT (LIKE FOOTBALL) BRILLIANT WHITE IN COLOUR
C. STATIONERY IN VEHICLE, AT JUNCTION OF EXETER/PRESTON ROAD WHEN SIGHTED, HULL HUMBERSIDE
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH/NORTH EAST
F. NOT KNOWN
G. NOT KNOWN
H. MOVED IN A CURVE BUT DID NOT CHANGE DIRECTION
I. CLEAR NIGHT HALF MOON NUMBEROUS STARS
J. NONE
K. [redacted]
L. [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] HULL [redacted]
M. SINGLE FEMALE NO CHILDREN LIVES WITH A LODGER
N. NONE
O. 2310 HRS 10 MAR 95
P. YES

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	IBJ	DD EW&R MB4219	

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING (Local times to be quoted)

13 0395 1920 6-7 seconds

b. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

one gold coloured dome

c. EXACT POSITION OBSERVED (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving)

over CLARKSFIELD (OFF SIGNAL) OLDHAM)
OBSERVED THROUGH WINDOW

stationary

d. HOW OBSERVED (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

pair binoculars

e. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

Between Rochdale + Oldham RLFC

f. ANGLE OF SIGHT (Estimated heights are unreliable).

45° - 50° (appx 2500ft)

g. DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

4 - 5nm

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

Stationary but then vanished

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20 MAR 1995
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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i. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

Below cloud

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 other night lighting).

OLDHAM RLFC + CIVIC CENTRE,

k. TO WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

OLDHAM POLICE

l. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[redacted]

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OLDHAM

m. ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

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n. OTHER WITNESSES

[redacted]

o. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT

13 2 95 1930

The above details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC on extensions Section 40 or Section 40

The completed form is to be despatched to:

Ministry of Defence (AFO)
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
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ROUTINE [illegible] FEB 95

FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO [illegible]

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SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A 090643 FEB 95 HEARD FOR SIX SECONDS THEN SIGHTED OBJECT
B ONE YELLOW CYLINDRICAL (PRISM) SHAPE: [illegible], [illegible] UNCOSHING
NOISE
C INDOORS, KIRKSIDE BOTHY ST CYRUS
D NAKED EYE
F FIRST FLOOR BEDROOM BETWEEN HOUSE AND [illegible]
G 25 YARDS FROM HOUSE
H HEADING STRAIGHT WITH [illegible]
DESTINATION)
J CLEARSKY, FROSTY
K TELEGRAPH POLES BEHIND HOUSE
L [redacted]
M [redacted] ST.CYRUS [redacted]

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N NO
O NONE
P 101210Z FEB 95
Q YES
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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 141645Z FEB 95

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR
INFO BROAD SHIELD
HQ 11 GP BENTLEY PRIORY

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SIC Z6F/I3F/IBF
SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)
1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF POSS UFO IS REPORTED
A. BETWEEN 1900-1930 LOCAL 13 FEB 95
B. EXTRAORDINARILY BRIGHT. CIGAR-SHAPED YELLOW LIGHT/OBJECT
C. MOVING IN CAR FROM HOME. JOINING A64 SW OF MALTON TOWARDS YORK
D. NAKED EYE
E. INITIALLY AHEAD THEN MOVED TOWARDS CASTLE HOWARD. ZIG-ZAGGED A FEW TIMES THEN DARTED OFF TOWARDS THE EAST
F. LOW IN SKY. JUST ABOVE TREES
G. IDSTANCE VARIED WITH MOVEMENT
H. AS IN PARA E
J. APPARENTLY CLEAR STARLIT SKY. SOME THIN CLOUD OVER NORTH YORKS

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MOORS AND YORKSHIRE WOLDS
K. TREES ONLY
L. REPORTED INITIALLY TO MALTON POLICE WHO ASKED INFORMANT TO CONTACT FYLINGDALES
M. [redacted] MENETHORPE. MALTON. N YORKSHIRE
N. A KEEN OBSERVER OF THE SKY. USED TO SEEING AIRCRAFT MANOEUVRE OVER VALE OF PICKERING AT LOW LEVEL. OBJECT MOVEMENTS WERE BEYOND HER KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT
P. REPORT WAS RECEIVED AT 141515Z FEB 95. INFORMANT HESITATED TO MAKE INITIAL REPORT. SHE SEEMED TO BE AFRAID OF BEING THOUGHT A CRANK AND WANTED TO BE SURE OF HERSELF FIRST
2. POC IS [redacted]
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FROM RAF LEUCHARS
TO MODUK AIR
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MODUK ATTN: MOD S2C(AS)2A - HQSTC FOR UKRAOC
SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING
A. 141103Z FEB 95
B. ONE, FLATTENED DOUGHNUT SHAPE, YELLOW, BRIGHT
C. OUT DOORS IN A CAR DRIVING TOWARDS TAY ROAD BRIDGE FROM NEWPORT.
D. OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE.
E. TOWARDS TAY ROAD BRIDGE
F. ANGLE OF SIGHT
G. 1/4 MILE FROM TAYBRIDGE TO THE EAST, ABOVE RIVER TAY.
H. DESCENDING FROM EAST TO WEST
J. PARTLY CLOUDY BUT QUITE BRIGHT
K. TAY RAIL BRIDGE AND TAY ROAD BRIDGE
L. AIR OPERATIONS RAF LEUCHARS

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M. [redacted] NEWPORT-ON-TAY, FIFE
N. LOOKED ORIGINALLY AS IF OBJECT WAS ON FIRE AND FALLING TOWARDS RIVER TAY RAPIDLY.
O. NONE
P. 14 FEB 95 1555 LOCAL TIME
Q. NO
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TO MODUK AIR

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UFO REPORT
1. 292002 JAN 95, 7 MINS
2. VERY BRIGHT LIGHT IN SKY
3. AT HOME NEAR KINGS LYNN DOCKS-OUTDOORS
4. NAKED EYE
5. FROM EAST
6. NOT KNOWN
7. 15 MILES
8. TRAVELLED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, DISAPPEARED THEN REAPPEARED A FEW MINUTES LATER THEN HEADED TOWARDS WEST WINCH AT HIGH SPEED.
9. SKY CLEAR GOOD VISIBILITY
10. KINGS LYNN DOCKS AND DOW CHEMICAL WORKS
11. D.O.O. RAF MARHAM EXT Section 40
12. [redacted], KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK, [redacted]

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13. NIL
14. SON OF INFORMANT
15. 292010 JAN 95
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UFOs - DRAFT PAMPHLET

Reference: D/S4(Air)/8/2/1/F -E60

1. At Reference you asked for comment on the first draft of a Pamphlet on UFOs.

2. I agree with the general approach, but, having considered the paragraph (14) referring to radar, I feel that we should be careful not to sell the intelligent use of radar short. I would prefer:

"It is sometimes argued that a radar echo provides 'proof' of UFOs. However, by the inexperienced observer, radar responses can be misinterpreted since environmental conditions and interference from other installations can present a false picture. The well-known example is "anomalous propagation" where the pulses bounce off layers in the atmosphere and the radar, pointing skywards, may show echoes which are, in fact, on the surface".

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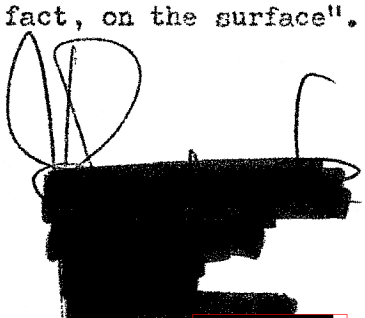

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UFOs - DRAFT PAMPHLET

1. I enclose a first draft of a Pamphlet on UFOs. I would be grateful for any comments, on style and general approach as well as on content.

2. We would plan to use this for responding to UFO enquiries received in S4(Air). However, DPR(RAF) may feel it would be useful for the Press or his other channels; in which case he might wish to put his oar in. Generally this draft seeks a cool objective style. My irritation may show through in some places, in which case you may like to offer amendments. There is no real hope of convincing devoted ufologists, but we might divert some puzzled people towards common sense, and even perhaps sew doubt in a few subscribers to UFO magazines!

3. The summary is bad: I will try to write a better one.

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9 February 1979

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
12 FEB 1979
D/S4 (Air) (RAF)

COMMON SENSE ABOUT UFOs

What is a "UFO"?

1. Some people claim there have been sightings of "UFOs" all over the world, and that the numbers are increasing and run into tens of thousands or even millions.

2. It depends what you mean by a UFO! "UFO" means an Unidentified Flying Object, something seen in the sky which cannot immediately be identified. There is no doubt that there are many strange phenomena, reported by calm and responsible people. But they have ordinary explanations. These "UFOs" are certainly not "alien space craft" - which is what all the talk about "UFOs" suggests. There is no evidence that our planet has ever been visited by a single space craft from a distant civilisation, let alone the great numbers suggested.

Things in the sky

3. Some of the things seen in the sky are so strange that few people could be expected to recognise them:

Fireballs. Huge quantities of "space debris", dust and larger material, drift around the solar system and may enter our atmosphere. Fireballs (much larger than meteorites or "shooting stars") may be the size of a house; they blaze brightly and may change colour, and perhaps break up with fragments seeming to circle down or fly "in formation". Some are so bright that they look close when they are really far beyond the horizon.

Satellite Debris. Thousands of man-made satellites and pieces of rockets etc orbit the earth; about 600 re-enter the atmosphere every year, and when they break up and burn the appearance can be astonishing.

Ball Lightning is a curious electrical phenomena, when a glowing ball of gas drifts near the ground or along power or telephone cables or even high in the air.

Sun-dogs are reflections of the sun from layers of ice crystals in clouds, akin to seeing one or more strange and sometimes indistinct glowing objects drifting in the air. "Moon-dogs" are similar.

Meteorological Balloons. The "Met Office" alone releases 50 balloons a day, which may expand to 40 feet diameter and rise to 100,000 feet and be seen after dark still glowing in the sun and blown about by high winds. Many other organisations use balloons, some much larger.

4. Many other phenomena get reported as "UFOs". There are hot air balloons, dust devils, debris carried on the wind; St Elmo's Fire, Aurora Borealis; aircraft lights or landing lights; aircraft seen from unusual angles often lead to UFO reports; car headlights on distant hills, and lights on distant towers; meteorological searchlights; planets (particularly Venus, because it appears early and low in the sky) and even the moon have

been reported as UFOs. Flocks of birds have been reported as UFOs; large luminous swarms of the spruce budworm moth may be reported as UFOs; "lenticular" clouds. There are reflections when looking at the sky through glass, and phenomena generated within the eyeball, and many others. It is impossible to list all the possible "UFOs", there are simply too many.

5. Some people protest that pilots and other responsible people could never report planets or other everyday sights as "UFOs" but there are recorded cases of this. Ordinary things can be misinterpreted when seen unexpectedly and briefly, particularly in unusual atmospheric conditions and with distortions of lights. With mirages (which occur in the sky as well as the desert) familiar things can be totally unrecognisable. And there are optical illusions: one scientist describes how, despite years of experience watching satellites, he finds it difficult to escape the illusion that the stars are dashing past stationary clouds.

How the UFO Myth arises

6. There have always been strange things to see in the sky. Since World War II there has been the development of powerful rockets, and voyages to the moon and planets. There has also been a rapid growth of science fiction, where space ships can be switched to "inter-stellar drive" and can cross the two million light years to Andromeda Galaxy in a flash. Some people accept the delightful fantasies of science fiction as proven fact and interpret almost any phenomena in our skies as "alien space craft".

8. What happens is something like this, Somebody reports a strange sight in the sky. The custom is to call it a "UFO" - which in a sense it is, unidentified and looks as if it is flying. But in the next breath it gets called a "flying saucer", for which there is no evidence at all. A moment later it becomes an "alien space craft".

9. Thus genuine reports of curious phenomena, anything from space debris to St Elmo's Fire or a mirage, get lumped together as if "UFOs" were a single class of objects in the sky which must be explained by a single cause. The enthusiasts collect all these "UFO reports", and a large collection of completely unrelated phenomena gets turned into "thousands of alien space craft".

The Strange Stories

10. But how does one explain some of the stranger stories, for example of people who claim they have actually seen or even met "aliens"? One would like to see really convincing evidence, but none can be produced. People really do have hallucinations. There are also the excited tales of the gullible, and the embellishments of the born story-teller. There is also a wide variety of hoaxes, both aerial and on the ground. Some of the stories do not add up: two UFO researchers described on TV how one Saturday evening a huge glowing space craft flew so low over West London that they could see the top - but no-one else in London saw the "UFO"!

11. A study by Colorado University examined two famous "historical" cases of UFOs. One "ufologist" referred to a papyrus found among the Vatican papers of a Professor Tulli describing flying saucers during the reign of the ancient pharoah Thutmose III: the alleged papyrus could not be traced, but evidence in the translation suggested a fake and so did enquiries at the Vatican Museum. Several ufologists quote a manuscript vividly describing "UFOs" at Byland Abbey in Yorkshire in 1290 AD: the Colorado study reported this as a recent hoax by two schoolboys.

12. One famous ufologist described as "one of the most remarkable and unexplained mysteries of modern times" the case of a battalion of the Norfolk Regiment kidnapped by a UFO in a cloud during the 1915 battle of Gallipoli: the official records show that the men were killed fighting and their bodies were recovered later. Because of these and many similar cases one must suspect that 'ufologists' accept UFO stories without sensible scrutiny!

13. Among the thousands of UFO reports there are inevitably some difficult to explain, because the description is vague or the evidence remote, perhaps coupled with unusual atmospheric conditions and even coincidence of different and unrelated phenomena. Some people argue that the burden of proving that these are NOT "aliens" lies with the cynics. If one accepts that there are natural explanations for most sightings, it is an enormous and irrational jump to claim that the residue of difficult cases constitute "alien space craft" when there is no evidence at all that they are.

14. It is sometimes argued that a radar echo provides "proof" of UFOs. Radar is as fallible as the human eye, and many technical problems produce false echoes; a well-known one is "anomalous propagation" where the pulses bounce off layers in the atmosphere and the radar, pointing skywards. may show echoes which are in fact ships.

Where are the "Aliens" Hiding?

15. Our own galaxy is so vast that it would take 100,000 years to cross it even if we could travel at the speed of light: other galaxies are millions of light years away. Even at the speed of light it would take over 4 years to travel here from the nearest star; and any "aliens" might live far beyond that. Certainly there is no evidence of an "alien civilisation" anywhere in our own solar system.

16. Thus any "aliens" would have colossal distances to cross. Now, there is a strange thing about the large numbers of sightings claimed. To put it simply: if these "aliens" prefer to keep out of sight, the number of reported sightings must be a small portion of the actual "flights" they make, which must therefore run into millions a year; if they do not mind being seen one would expect unmistakable appearances.

17. But the evidence does not match either answer. Why has not a single artefact been found, no broken pieces or objects from space craft? Why have there been no unmistakable photographs of space craft, in these days when so many people

carry cameras? Why has there been no corroborative evidence on radar for this huge number of movements? Why has Jodrell Bank radio telescope, watching the sky for over 30 years, not seen a single phenomenon that might be an alien space craft? Why has there been no approach to Governments?

18. And why this huge number of visits to our planet, over such vast distances, to no apparent purpose? At best it seems wasteful. If the "aliens" have an advance base in our solar system, where are they? It can no longer be claimed that they are hiding the other side of the moon (an earlier explanation), so it is now claimed that they are hiding in the depths of the sea, or in a huge hole near the North Pole leading into the hollow earth, or that they are "paranormal" and come from "other space-time continua". The explanations get ever more fantastic.

The "Great Cover-up"

19. UFO enthusiasts are aware that, if there were visits by alien space craft such as they have suggested, these must have come to the attention of Governments. Because Governments deny any knowledge of "alien space craft", ufologists claim that many world Governments have conspired for 30 years in a great "cover-up" to conceal the presence of aliens!

20. A frequent claim is that the United States Government leads the cover-up. In fact in 1968 the United States Air Force commissioned the University of Colorado to do a thorough

and independent study into the phenomena of "UFOs". That very substantial and detailed scientific report was published, and it concluded: "Nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge". The findings were endorsed by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences. We are advised that nothing since then has caused the US authorities to change their views.

21. In January 1979 Lord Strabolgi, speaking on behalf of the British Government, gave a categorical assurance that there was no "cover-up". He pointed out that a visit by "aliens" would be one of the great events in history. And that if there was anything in the stories about UFOs we would expect the scientific community as a whole to be devoting much effort to studying them or making contact with the supposed aliens; and they are not. Any idea of a conspiracy of silence belongs, Lord Strabolgi suggested, "to the world of James Bond". There is simply nothing to cover-up.

22. The idea persists that the Ministry of Defence has an organisation which secretly investigates UFO reports. In fact MOD merely passes any UFO reports to the operations and scientific staffs to see whether they contain any information of defence interest.

Summary

23. No-one should doubt that there are many remarkable things to see in the sky, and that these are reported by responsible people. But there are common-sense explanations. The trouble is that the name "UFO" sticks. "I have seen a UFO" has a hidden suggestion that it might be an alien space craft! All it really means is that the observer may have seen a fireball or satellite

re-entry or a lenticular cloud or one of literally dozens of other phenomena.

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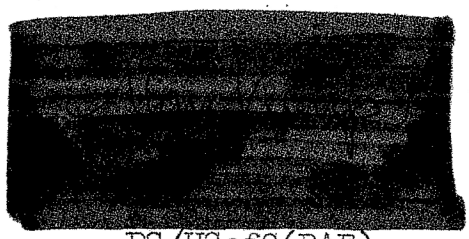
Thank you for informing US of S(RAF) of your decision with Colonel Innocenti (an appropriate name for an Air Attache concerned about UFOs?). Minister was pleased to see the MOD pathfinding for others in this particular Starwar.



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See E56.

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1. It has been suggested that an article in RAF News about UFOs would be useful in encouraging informed discussion between members of the Service and the public, at a time when the subject is in the news.

2. I would be glad if you would prepare a draft based on the material attached. You will see from the minute from Hd S4(Air) that your draft should be cleared with him and DI55 - perhaps you will deal direct.

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LORDS DEBATE ON UFOs - SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Attached is a note on the alleged electrical effects of UFOs, as requested by Lord Strabolgi; I have added some additional material mainly in response to points raised in Lord Clancarty's speech.

2. Ball lightning, referred to in the Annex, should not be confused with fireballs. Fireball (or bolide) is a term used (at least by the Americans) for meteors with a luminosity equalling or greater than the brightest planets; about 1500 with a luminosity greater than the moon enter the atmosphere each year. The appearance of fireballs differs considerably from the traditional "shooting star": vivid colours and colour changes are common; they may break up, with fragments circling or flying "in formation"; the trajectory may appear horizontal; and their brightness causes people to underestimate the distance greatly.

3. I am not clear what Lord Strabolgi wants about the "inter-Governmental conspiracy", as I thought this was fully covered in the drafts. However, we now have a further (albeit brief) report from Paris about the special UFO group, and have had more time to read Lord Clancarty's speech. Para 18 of the draft speech might be expanded. You might also send Lord Strabolgi the attached files on PQs by Lord Clancarty: which include the transcript of M Galley's 1974 broadcast.

4. I must stress that the Americans are the only country known to have conducted a fully study of UFOs. The French, as far as we know, have not. Lord Clancarty claims that:

a. Mr Galley said that UFOs were real but he did not know where they came from. This is nonsense. M Galley was somewhat vague (apparently there was a big UFO "flap" at the time) but in essence said that we should keep an open mind, that the phenomena were genuine and were reported by sensible people, and that there were aspects to the phenomena difficult to explain; but he seems to have been at pains to avoid suggesting that the phenomena were due to alien space craft.

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b. That UFO reports were sent to a Centre in Toulouse where they were studied. This is true. DES gave the reply in December 1977 (see attached extract from Hansard). The latest signal from Paris indicates that the group has two full time people and can call on the help of others; the group was set up in May 1977, but it has published nothing. A supplementary phone call from Paris, based on conversations with CNES, indicated that the group had no plans to publish anything and was not sure where it was going and would like a copy of the Hansard account of the debate.

c. That M Galley said that gendarmes play an important part in investigations, including examining burnt marks where UFOs had landed. M Galley said that the gendarmes make many serious reports (which in sum were "actually quite disturbing"), and that a few of them reported "changes in the ground".

5. I suggest para 18 be amended to read as follows:

"The Noble Earl claims that M Galley, in a 1974 broadcast said that UFOs were real but he did not know where they came from. I have read the transcript of M Galley's speech, and nowhere did he say that "UFOs were real" in the sense that they represent alien space craft. The essence of what he said was that the phenomena were genuine and were reported by responsible people, and that there were aspects to the phenomena difficult to explain. It is apparently correct that a small group was set up in France in May 1977 to look at reports of UFOs, but we are advised that the group has not published anything".



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SUPPLEMENTARY DEFENSIVE MATERIAL

1. Electrical effects. Lord Clancarty said that UFOs cause electrical interference and have been responsible for power failures. The Colorado Study enquired into this subject. They found no evidence that any power failure in the US had been related to a UFO report. Electrical effects are another matter. Several of the phenomena which generate UFO reports produce electrical fields, for example dust devils, fire balls, ball lightning. Ball lightning is a strange phenomenon, in which a glowing or burning ball may drift near the ground or even high in the air. Ball lightning has been known to drift along telephone or power lines; so too has St Elmo's Fire; it may be one of these phenomena that Lord Clancarty's photograph portrays.

2. Variety of shapes, sizes and colours of UFOs. It is not surprising that Lord Clancarty has commented on the great variety of shapes, sizes and colours of UFOs: the phenomena being reported are legion and unrelated.

3. Many astronauts have seen UFOs. The Colorado Study examined the reports made by astronauts. The astronauts were of course required to report everything unusual perceived on their missions, and many strange phenomena were noted. All of the phenomena except three were explained. There was nothing at all to suggest that the unexplained sightings were alien space craft, and the limited visibility from the small and smeared windows of the space craft did not make visual observation easy.

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4. Does not the radar evidence confirm that the New Zealand sightings relate to extra-terrestial vehicles?

No. It is by no means sure that the visual and radar reports actually relate to the same phenomena. Besides, radar is at least as fallible as the human eye. For example, some of the transmitted radiation may go out in unusual directions and be reflected back; there is a variety of false echoes; and local conditions may affect radar.

5. The Arnold Sighting. I am told that the US Air Force attributed the 1947 sighting by Arnold to a mirage effect.

6. Could Lord Strabolgi explain the cases of the UFO quoted by Lord Clancarty?

It is unwise to try to assess such reports without access to the primary information. One would have to see the statements of the different witnesses, and to know such things as precise course of the observers, the bearings of the observations, and the atmospheric and other conditions. There is always a risk that such stories will have been embellished with each successive telling. /I note that, for the Teheran incident, Lord Clancarty has quoted as his primary source an article in the Daily Express last February, when that newspaper was drumming up interest in UFOs in connection with the premiere of the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"/.

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

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

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

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

WRITTEN ANSWERS

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Earl of CLANCARTY asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware that in France, since 1st September 1977, a section for the study of unidentified flying objects has been set up in the National Centre for Space Studies in Toulouse, under the direction of Monsieur Claude Poher, a distinguished scientist, and that this body is sponsored upon the French Ministry of Industry and Research; and whether there is a similar scientific organisation under Government sponsorship in the United Kingdom to study unidentified flying objects, working closely with the French one.

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

LEGAL AID REFUSALS

Lord CHITNIS asked Her Majesty's Government:

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

(*a*) where the Supplementary Benefits Commission have determined the applicant's disposable income at an amount greater than the limit;

(*b*) where the Supplementary Benefits Commission have determined the applicant's disposable capital at an amount greater than the limit;

(*c*) where the proceedings to which the application related are not proceedings for which legal aid may be given;

(*d*) where the applicant has not shown that he has reasonable grounds for taking, defending, or being a party to the proceedings;

(*e*) where it appears unreasonable that the applicant should receive legal aid in the particular circumstances of the case.

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

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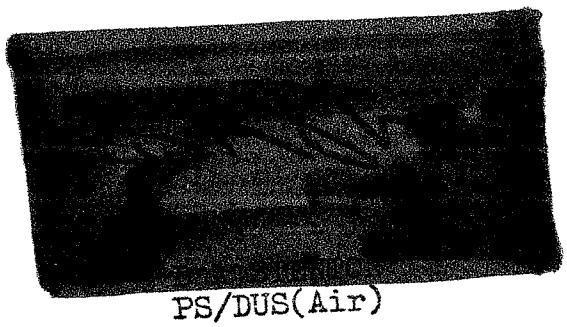
In addition to the thanks of Lord Strabolgi, DUS(Air) has asked me to write and express his appreciation of a difficult job well done.



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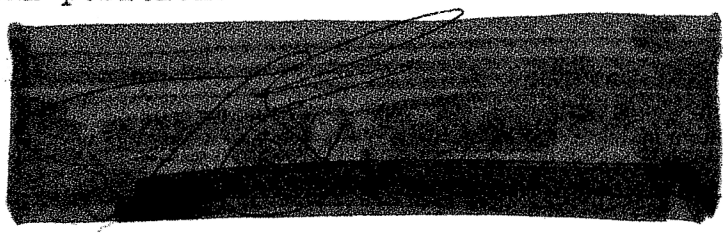
UFOs

This morning I had a visit from Colonel Innocenti, Italian Air Attache, who wished to know the UK official position about UFOs: I had postponed his visit, asked for earlier, until after the Lords debate.

2. I gave Colonel Innocenti a copy of Hansard on the Lords debate and said that Lord Strabolgi's speech represented the UK Government's position. I added that MOD had in the past equivocated about UFOs and had limited comment mainly to "no threat to defence": we had done this to avoid interminable and fruitless arguments with ufologists. However, the rising pressures from the UFO industry and the demands of common sense had required that an unequivocal position be adopted, and future official responses from MOD would probably be on the lines of Lord Strabolgi's speech.

3. Colonel Innocenti said that the Italian Government now felt obliged to take an official position on UFOs because of the pressures of their own growing UFO industry and because of public interest following recent "UFO sightings" at Palermo. He said that the Italian authorities had in the past kept a "low profile" on UFOs, for the same reason as MOD, but did not believe there was evidence of alien space craft and would probably now say so, but they were sounding us, the US, and others.

4. FCO tell me they have sent copies of Lord Strabolgi's speech to the delegation at New York and to the Embassies at Washington, Paris and Port of Spain (the last covers Grenada). as the UK official position.



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UFOs - ARTICLE FOR RAF NEWS

UFOs are news these days, and it would help MOD and the cause of common sense if members of the RAF were well informed on UFOs and able to respond easily in social gathering or to more formal enquiries at Stations. I strongly recommend that an article on UFOs be produced for RAF News.

2. The basic material is in Lord Strabolgi's speech reported in Lords Hansard of 18 January 1979, columns 1306 onwards. The main line of argument is:

a. Genuine phenomena exist and are reported by sensible people.

b. The error consists of transposing such "UFO reports" (ie the phenomena are initially unidentified) into "alien space craft".

c. There is no serious evidence that a single alien space craft has ever visited this planet, let alone the millions of visitations suggested by the ufologists.

d. There are many sensible causes for the phenomena (these should be itemised, with perhaps special reference to curious phenomena like fireballs and ball lightning: see annex).

e. With rational explanations available, there is no need to invent the far-fetched hypothesis of alien space craft. (This argument is known as "Occam's Razor"; see Annex).

f. The ufologists concept of millions of visitations is full of internal inconsistencies.

g. The idea of a "cover up" between many Governments (to which the scientific community must be a party) is ridiculous.

3. You will find other useful material in Hansard as follows:

a. Speech by the Earl of Halsbury, a scientist, col 1288 onwards, particularly about "sun dogs" and the "green flash". He makes a telling point about sonic booms.

b. The speech by Lord Hewlitt, Col 1295 onwards; he was briefed for the debate by Sir Bernard Lovell. The key point is that Jodrell Bank has watched space for 30 years and has never seen anything that might conceivably be a UFO.

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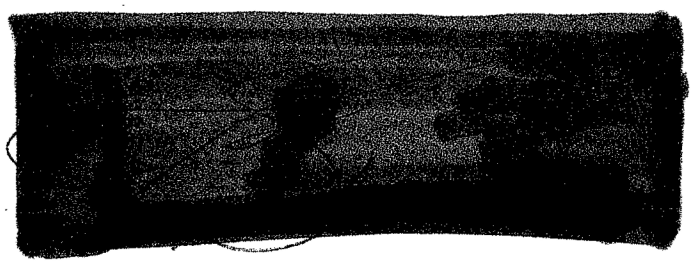
4. I attach some supplementary material and key bits of Hansard.

5. If you agree to prepare an article I would be grateful if we and DI 55 could see the draft. In his speech Lord Strabolgi was at pains to use parliamentary language. A cool and dispassionate approach is perhaps best, but I feel that the RAF News can, without challenging the sincerity of ufologists, go further in indicating that ufology is claptrap.

6. Separately, I have it in mind to prepare a pamphlet on UFOs, mainly for S4(Air) use in responding to future correspondence. I will consult you on the draft, and you may think it worth passing the pamphlet to the Press. However, the need to work the pamphlet over in detail and to consult other Ministries means that it will take time to complete, and I feel the RAF News article should not wait upon the pamphlet.



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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL ABOUT UFOs

1. Fireballs, (alternatively called "bolides", Greek for javelin). Much of the space debris entering the atmosphere is in the form of meteors, which are tiny particles. Fireball is a term used for much bigger pieces of debris, which may have a luminosity greater than the brightest planets: about 1500 with a luminosity greater than the moon enter the atmosphere each year. Some fireballs may eventually land and become meteorites; others may pass through the atmosphere and back into space. The appearance of fireballs differs considerably from the traditional meteor or "shooting star": vivid colours and colour changes are common; they may break up, with fragments circling or flying "in formation"; the trajectory may appear horizontal; and their brightness causes people greatly to underestimate the distances.

2. Ball Lighting. Ball lightning is a strange phenomena, not yet fully explained, in which a glowing or burning ball a foot or so in diameter may drift over the ground or even high in the air. Ball lightning has been known to drift through walls, and along telephone or power lines. There is a reported case of ball lightning drifting inside an aircraft at altitude.

3. Radar. People tend to believe that radar reports of UFOs constitute some special kind of scientific "proof". Radar is in some ways as fallible as the human eye, and there are many technical problems which create false echoes. A notable one is known as "anomalous propagation", in which the transmitted radiation may be reflected off layers in the atmosphere. When there are reports of simultaneous visual and radar sightings of UFOs, people suspect that this constitutes absolute proof; but detailed examination is needed to determine whether the visual and radar reports actually relate to the same phenomena.

4. How does one explain the strange UFO stories such as those quoted by Lord Clancarty? It is unwise to try to assess such reports without access to the primary information. Ufologists often seem to accept UFO stories uncritically, and there is a risk that the stories will have been embellished with each successive telling. To make sense of such stories one would have to see the actual statements of the different witnesses and to examine in detail the course of the aircraft, the bearings of the observations the atmospheric and other conditions, etc.

5. How did the idea of UFOs come about? Since World War II we have known the development of powerful rockets, and voyages to the Moon and planets. We have also seen the development of science fiction, where space ships can be switched to "inter-stellar drive" and cross the 2 million light years to Andromeda Galaxy in a flash. We have also seen the development of the UFO industry, which accepts the devices of science fiction as proven fact and interprets any unusual phenomena as alien space craft. The words "UFO" and "alien space craft" have been firmly implanted and readily spring to mind when anything strange is seen.

6. "Where there's smoke there's fire". Ufologists accumulate "UFO sightings" as if sheer numbers constitute proof. Naturally some people murmur "where there's smoke there's fire". All that is happening is that the UFO industry is making a great deal of smoke, to the confusion of common sense [and to their own substantial profit].

7. Occam's Razor. This is a primary argument against people who invent the hypothesis of UFOs to explain the perfectly ordinary phenomena. The phrase was applied to the philosphy to William of Occam (circa 1290 to circa 1349) which in essence said "entities must not be multiplied without necessity". In ordinary language this means that theories which need to elaborate in order to explain phenomena for which there is a simple explanation are probably wrong.

In other words: there are perfectly sensible explanations to the UFO phenomena, so why seek fantastic explanations bordering on magic?

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UFO DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 18TH JANUARY 1979

Lord Strabolgi has asked me to write and thank you for all the trouble which you took to prepare the speech for him to make on UFOs on behalf of the Government at last night's debate.

2. Lord Strabolgi was particularly grateful for your attendance - and that of [redacted] and [redacted] - in the Box throughout the debate. Lord Strabolgi told me after the debate that he thought it had gone very well and that he had covered in sufficient detail most of the points raised by various Peers during the course of the debate. He does not propose to initiate any letters to Peers concerned on any points which he may not have dealt with in detail. It may, however, be that they will write to him. If so I will, of course, take your advice.

3. I am returning to you with this minute various papers which you gave to me for my use during the debate.

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Thank you for your minutes D/S4(Air)/8/3 of 15th and 16th January forwarding a revised draft of the speech for Lord Strabolgi and additional background information respectively.

2. I have discussed the revised speech with Lord Strabolgi and have made further - largely editorial - amendments. // I attach a copy of a letter which I handed to Lord Strabolgi last night together with a fresh copy of the speech itself. Lord Strabolgi will be reading the speech again today and will let me know as soon as possible whether he wishes to have the briefing meeting which you and [redacted] have pencilled in for 1130 tomorrow.

3. You might like to know that the debate is causing a fair amount of interest in the House of Lords. In addition to the Earl of Clancarty others taking part will include (in the following order) Lord Trefgarne, the Earl of Kimberley, Viscount St Davids, Lords Rankeillour, Kings-Norton, Gladwyn and Hewlett, the Bishop of Norwich, Earl Halsbury and Viscount Oxfuird (who will be making his maiden speech).

4. We will not know for certain when the UFO debate will start. It depends, of course, on how long the earlier business takes, but it is unlikely to start before 1800. We will keep in touch with the House of Lords throughout the course of tomorrow afternoon and early evening and we will let you know as soon as we are needed. The debate is likely to last for between two and three hours.

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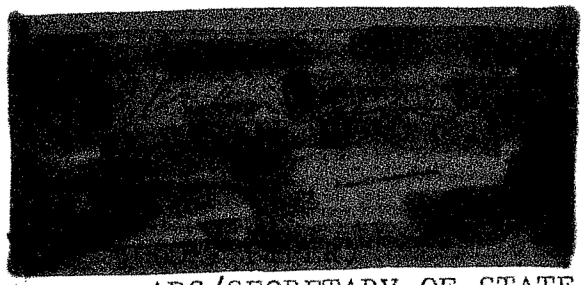
5. In view of the likely Press interest in this subject I am copying this minute and the draft speech to DPR(RAF) with the request that he pass his copy to the Duty Press Officer. I would be grateful if you would consider whether the DPO needs any additional information; and, if so, if you would provide it direct.



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Dear Lord Shackleton

Following the meeting which you held with Mr Stevens and myself on Friday 12th January the draft speech for you to make in response to the Earl of Clancarty's Unstarred Question on Thursday 18th January has been amended. I attach a folder containing the revised version which follows the line which you agreed.

I also attach a more detailed background note, and, as you requested, the transcript of the BBC television programme on UFOs in which the Earl of Clancarty appeared and in which a Mrs [redacted] was interviewed and alleged that she had been told by telephone to say nothing about her alleged sighting of a UFO. I do not suggest, unless you particularly wish to do so, that you read the transcript; but the parts in which you expressed an interest are on pages 23 and 24 (Mrs [redacted]) and pages 26 - 29 (Lord Clancarty).

When we spoke on the telephone yesterday you stressed the need for your speech to touch on Lord Clancarty's reference to Monsieur Galley's attitude to UFOs. This is covered briefly in the paragraph at the bottom of page 10. I attach, as you requested, a copy of the actual transcript of the interview with M. Galley.

The Box party for Thursday's debate will be Mr [redacted], Mr [redacted], Miss [redacted] and myself.

Yours sincerely,

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Private Secretary

House of Lords

UFOs

I am grateful to the Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty for initiating this debate on UFOs. The subject has been of considerable interest in this country, and I hope our discussion will help to increase public understanding.

My Lords, there are undoubtedly many strange phenomena in the skies, and it can be readily accepted that most UFO reports are made by calm and responsible people. However, there are generally straightforward explanations to account for the phenomena. There is nothing to convince the Government that there has ever been a single visit by an alien space craft, let alone the millions of visits suggested by the Noble Earl.

My Lords, we live in a huge universe. At speeds currently possible it would take at least three years to reach Pluto at the edge of our solar system. Even if we could one day achieve velocities approaching the speed of light it would take over four years to reach the nearest star. There are 100,000 million stars in our galaxy alone, which it would take 100,000 years to cross at the speed of

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light. Beyond our own galaxy the distances become even more daunting: the Andromeda galaxy is over 2 million light years away, and that is in our own local group of galaxies.

The evidence suggests that there is no intelligent life on the other planets of our own solar system. There are different views about whether there might be life elsewhere in the universe, but certainly there is no serious positive evidence to show that there is.

If there were an advanced civilisation elsewhere in the universe, with the technology to traverse these colossal distances, there are many questions to be answered. What is the point of this alleged huge number of visits to our planet over three decades or more, to no apparent purpose? There seem to be internal inconsistencies in the idea. To put it simply: if these alleged aliens prefer to keep out of the way, the number of reported "sightings" would surely only be a tiny portion of the actual UFO movements, which would run into many millions. If they do not prefer to pass unnoticed, we could surely expect unmistakable appearances. Now, my Lords, why have they never tried to communicate with

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us? Why has there been no evidence on radio? And no correlative evidence on radar for such a huge number of movements? Why has not a single artefact been found? Why is there not a single convincing photograph, particularly for the many alleged landings?

Assuming that each visit does NOT represent a journey from a distant star, where are these "alien space craft" supposed to be hiding? Now that the idea of such bases on the moon or on another planet in our solar system is barely tenable, ufologists have had to claim that the "aliens" are based in the depths of the sea, or in a great hole in the earth, or even that they come from invisible universes and other space-time continua. Anyone who accepts the hypothesis of large numbers of alien visitations seems forced towards explanations that are ever more fantastic, and incapable of either proof or disproof.

My Lords, as I have said, there really are many remarkable things to see; and most UFO reports relate to actual phenomena reported by calm and responsible people. But, my Lords, let us consider the phenomena themselves:

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a. huge quantities of space debris enter our atmosphere, as meteors, meteorites, fireballs;

b. bright planets and even the moon or stars have been reported as UFOs, in unusual atmospheric conditions;

c. there are tricks of light on cloud, and particular cloud structures;

d. there is St Elmo's Fire, ball lighting, and Aurora Borealis;

e. there are some 5,000 man-made objects in orbit; satellites and debris, some of which can be seen by the naked eye, some through binoculars. About 600 such man-made objects re-enter the atmosphere every year; the quantity is far less than natural space debris, but, my Lords, the phenomena can be astonishing. Last April the Ministry of Defence received reports of a large piece of debris re-entering across the South of England: most reports were factual, but one spoke of an "oval thing with a white cockpit which hovered for a while then shot

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off at great speed". My Lords, we cannot prove that this was not a UFO, but it occurred at the same time and place as known re-entry of debris;

f. many reports relate to aircraft seen in unusual conditions at unusual angles. One recent "UFO" was confidently reported on local radio. Again, my Lords, we cannot prove that it was not a "UFO", but we do know that an RAF Vulcan bomber on a low flying mission passed the same spot at the same time and on the same course as the reported UFO;

g. aircraft lights have led to UFO reports; and distant aircraft with landing lights on; flares from aircraft, short condensation trails lit by the sun after dusk, light reflected from aircraft;

h. other phenomena include meteorological balloons. The Meteorological Office alone releases 50 such balloons every day, which expand to 40 feet in diameter and rise to 100,000 feet and can be lit by the sun after dark. Many other organisations

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use balloons, some much larger;

i. meteorological searchlights shine on clouds: the beam itself cannot be seen; only a point of light in the sky;

j. there are hot air balloons and kites; even birds have been reported as UFOs; lights on distant towers; car headlights on distant hills; dust devils; and airborne debris carried by the wind;

k. there are some very effective aerial hoaxes which have been perpetrated by children - which I will not describe for fear of precipitating a new rash of UFOs.

My Lords, all these phenomena can be misinterpreted by the most sensible observers, particularly when seen unexpectedly and briefly and in unusual atmospheric conditions. This is what opponents of the natural explanations forget. With distortions of light, and mirages, the most commonplace things can be so changed as to be barely recognisable. Phenomena seen through glass are suspect.

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There are phenomena generated within the eyeball. And there are optical illusions: one scientist whose task includes watching satellites describes how, when observing stars near moving clouds, he finds it difficult to escape the illusion that the stars are flying past stationary clouds.

A very substantial American study by the University of Colorado in 1968 reported some 50 examples of such phenomena, but added that it was "impossible and potentially misleading to try to tabulate all of the possible causes of UFO perception: there are simply too many."

My Lords, there really are tens of thousands of strange things to be seen. It is the custom to call such phenomena "UFOs", and to transpose this easily into "alien space craft". Often the appearance is too fleeting and the description too imprecise for a particular cause to be attributed. What we can say is that there is a great variety of plain explanations. There is no need for the far-fetched hypothesis of alien space craft.

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To these genuine sightings we must add hallucinations; the excited tales of the gullible; and the embellishments of the born story-teller. There are even, I fear, occasional downright lies.

There are also indications that ufologists accept reports of UFOs uncritically. The Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty referred to a papyrus found among the papers of a Professor Tulli recording flying saucers during the reign of Thutmose III. The Colorado Report, which I mentioned earlier, enquired into the Noble Earl's account of this story. The alleged papyrus could not be traced, but internal evidence in the translation suggested a fake; enquiries with the Vatican Museum also suggested that Tulli, an amateur Egyptologist, had been taken in by a fake.

There is a category of UFO cases difficult to explain, because the description is too vague or the evidence too remote, coupled perhaps with a coincidence of different phenomena and with exceptional conditions. If one accepts that there are natural explanations that

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could account for most sightings, it is an enormous and irrational jump to claim that the residue of difficult cases constitute alien space craft - when there is no positive evidence that they do constitute alien space craft.

My Lords, I should mention the famous "UFO" reported over the United Kingdom on the night of 31st December 1978. The phenomenon was probably the re-entry of a launcher associated with the Russian space satellite COSMOS 1068 launched on 26th December. Of over 100 reports reaching the Ministry of Defence, nearly all were factual and consistent with the re-entry of satellite debris.

The recent sightings in New Zealand attracted worldwide publicity, and we understand that the New Zealand Government may make an announcement when the facts have been assembled and appraised. Preliminary advice from our High Commission in New Zealand shows confident expectation that the sightings will prove to be due to natural phenomena.

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My Lords, it is not for me to speak in this House for other Governments. I would, however, say to your Lordships that in 1968 the United States' Air Force commissioned the University of Colorado to carry out an independent study into the UFO phenomena. The very substantial and detailed report was published in 1969. Its main conclusion was, and I quote, "nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge". The findings were endorsed by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences. I understand that nothing has happened since 1969 to cause the US authorities to change their views or to warrant further official investigation of UFOs. It may be, as the Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty has said, that President Carter once reported a "sighting": but My Lords, as I have stressed there is a world of difference between reports of phenomena and the existence of alien space craft.

My Lords, the Noble Earl, in his introductory speech, suggested that the French Minister of Defence in 1974 said that UFOs were real but that he did not know ..

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where they came from. I have read the transcript of Monsieur Galley's broadcast. My Lords, the essence of what Monsieur Galley said was that the phenomena were genuine and were reported by responsible people; and that there were aspects which were difficult to explain. Nowhere did he say that "UFOs were real" in the sense that they represent alien space craft.

My Lords, it has been suggested that our own Government is involved in an alleged conspiracy of silence. I can assure your Lordships that the Government is not engaged in any such conspiracy. The Ministry of Defence examines any UFO reports received to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest, but nothing in the reports examined has ever given cause to believe that they represent alien space craft. My Lords, there is nothing to have a conspiracy of silence about. What is more, a visitor from Outer Space would be one of the great events in history. My Lords, scientists are an inquisitive lot. If there was anything in the stories of UFOs we would expect many serious scientists to be devoting much effort to studying or making contact with these supposed aliens, but the scientific community seems

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as unimpressed as the Government. The idea of a conspiracy of silence belongs to the world of James Bond.

My Lords, at the United Nations recently members of the Special Political Committee, following speeches about UFOs by the representatives of Grenada, agreed on a consensus resolution that provides, at Grenadan expense, for a study group to monitor information on UFOs supplied by any interested United Nations' member state and for the group to present its findings to the Outer Space Committee some time in 1979. The Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty may, therefore, be satisfied that Grenada and such other countries who choose will be making a report to an international forum. However, Her Majesty's Government has no plans either to provide information about UFOs or to involve itself in any other way with the study group.

I repeat that I am grateful to the Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty for raising the subject; and I am particularly grateful to him for informing me in advance of the points which he proposed to make to your Lordships.

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However, from all I have said, I hope that your Lordships will agree that there is no reason for my right honourable friend the Secretary of State for Defence to make a broadcast interview about UFOs. As for telling the public the truth about UFOs, the truth, my Lords, is simple. There really are many strange phenomena in the sky, and these are invariably reported by calm and sensible people. But there is a wide range of perfectly sensible explanations to account for such phenomena. My Lords, there is nothing to suggest to Her Majesty's Government that such phenomena are in any way connected with the idea of alien space craft.

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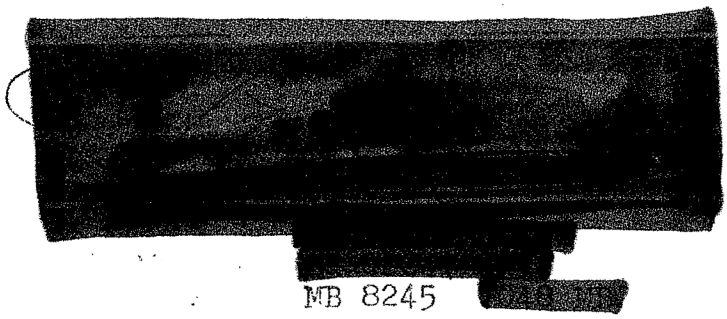
Attached is a revised draft of the closing address, based on our further discussions with Lord Strabolgi.

2. We are still awaiting advice from Paris about the French UFO group.



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UFOs - DRAFT CLOSING ADDRESS

I am grateful to the Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty for initiating this debate on UFOs. The subject has been of considerable interest in this country, and I hope our discussion will help to increase public understanding.

2. There are undoubtedly many strange phenomena in the skies, and it can be readily accepted that most UFO reports are made by calm and responsible people. However, there are straightforward explanations to account for the phenomena. There is nothing to convince the Government that there has ever been a single visit by an alien space craft, let alone the millions of visits suggested by the Noble Earl.

3. My Lords, we live in a huge universe. At the speeds currently achievable it would take at least 3 years to reach Pluto at the edge of our solar system. Even if we could one day achieve velocities approaching the speed of light it would take over four years to reach the nearest star. There are 100,000 million stars in our galaxy alone, which it would take 100,000 years to cross at the speed of light. Beyond our own galaxy the distances become even more daunting: the Andromeda galaxy is over 2 million light years away, and that is in our own local group of galaxies.

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5. If there were an advanced civilisation elsewhere in the universe, with the technology to traverse the colossal distances, there are many questions to be answered. What is the point of this alleged huge number of visits to our planet over three decades or more, to no apparent purpose? There seem to be internal inconsistencies in the idea. To put it simply: if these aliens prefer to keep out of the way, the number of "sightings" must be a tiny portion of the actual UFO movements, which must run into many millions: if they do not, we would expect unmistakable appearances. Now, why have they never tried to communicate with us? Why has there been no evidence on radio? And no correlative evidence on radar for such a huge number of movements? Why has not a single artefact been found? Why is there not a single convincing photograph, particularly for the many alleged landings?

6. Assuming that each visit does NOT represent a journey from a distant star, where are these "alien space craft" supposed to be hiding? With the moon and planets barely tenable, ufologists have had to claim that the "aliens" are based in the depths of the sea, or in a great hole in the earth, or even that they come from invisible universes and other space-time continua. Anyone who accepts the hypothesis of large numbers of alien visitations seems forced towards explanations that are ever more fantastic, and incapable of either proof or disproof.

7. Let us consider the phenomena themselves. There really are many remarkable things to see: and most UFO reports relate to actual phenomena reported by calm and responsible people:

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a. Huge quantities of space debris enter our atmosphere, as meteors, meteorites, fire-balls.

b. Bright planets and even the moon or stars have been reported as UFOs, in unusual atmospheric conditions.

c. There are tricks of light on cloud, and particular cloud structures.

d. There is St Elmo's Fire, ball lighting, Aurora Borealis.

e. There are some 5000 man-made objects in orbit, satellites and debris, some of which can be seen by the naked eye, some through binoculars. About 600 re-enter the atmosphere every year; the quantity is far less than natural space debris, but the phenomena can be astonishing. Last April MOD received reports of a large piece of debris re-entering across the South of England: most reports were factual, but one spoke of an "oval thing with a white cockpit which hovered for a while then shot off at great speed". We cannot prove it wasn't a UFO, but it occurred at the same time and place as known re-entry of debris.

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f. Many reports relate to aircraft seen in unusual conditions at unusual angles. One recent "UFO" was confidently reported on local radio: we cannot prove that it was not a "UFO", but we do know that an RAF Vulcan Bomber on a low flying mission passed the same spot at the same time and on the same course as the reported UFO.

g. Aircraft lights have led to UFO reports: and distant aircraft with landing lights on; flares from aircraft, short condensation trails lit by the sun after dusk, light reflected from aircraft.

h. Meteorological balloons. The Met Office alone releases 50 every day, which expand to 40 foot diameter and rise to 100,000 feet and can be lit by the sun after dark. Many other organisations use balloons, some much larger.

i. Meteorological searchlights shine on clouds: you cannot see the beam, only a point of light in the sky.

j. There are hot air balloons; kites; even birds have been reported as UFOs; lights on distant towers; car headlights on distant hills; dust devils; air-borne debris carried by the wind.

k. There are some very effective aerial hoaxes which have been perpetrated by children - which I will not describe for fear of precipitating a new rash of UFOs.

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8. All these phenomena can be misinterpreted by the most sensible observers, particularly when seen unexpectedly and briefly and in unusual atmospheric conditions. This is what opponents of the natural explanations forget. With distortions of light, and mirages, the most commonplace things can be so changed as to be barely recognisable. Phenomena seen through glass are suspect. There are phenomena generated within the eyeball. And there are optical illusions: one scientist whose task includes watching satellites describes how, when observing stars near moving clouds, he finds it difficult to escape the illusion that the stars are flying past stationary clouds.

9. A very substantial American study by the University of Colorado in 1968 reported some 50 examples of such phenomena, but added that it was "impossible and potentially misleading to try to tabulate all of the possible causes of UFO perception: there are simply too many".

10. There really are tens of thousands of strange things to be seen. It is the custom to call such phenomena "UFOs", and to transpose this easily into "alien space craft". Often the appearance is too fleeting and the description too imprecise for a particular cause to be attributed. What we can say is that there is a great variety of plain explanations. There is no need for the far-fetched hypothesis of alien space craft.

11. To these genuine sightings we must add hallucinations: and the excited tales of the gullible: the embellishments of the born story-teller. There are even, I fear, occasional downright lies.

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12. There are also indications that ufologists accept reports of UFOs uncritically. The Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty referred to a papyrus found among the papers of a Professor Tulli recording flying saucers during the reign of Thutmose III. The Colorado Report, which I mentioned earlier, enquired into the Noble Earl's account of this story. The alleged papyrus could not be traced, but internal evidence in the translation suggested a fake; enquiries with the Vatican Museum also suggested that Tulli, an amateur Egyptologist, had been taken in by a fake.

13. There is a category of UFO cases difficult to explain, because the description is too vague or the evidence too remote, coupled perhaps with a coincidence of different phenomena and with exceptional conditions. If one accepts that there are natural explanations that could account for most sightings, it is an enormous and irrational jump to claim that the residue of difficult cases constitute alien space craft - when there is no positive evidence that they do constitute alien space craft.

14. My Lords, I should mention the famous "UFO" reported over the United Kingdom on the night of 31st December 1978. The phenomenon was probably the re-entry of a launcher associated with the Russian space satellite COSMOS 1068 launched on 26 December. Of over 100 reports reaching MOD, nearly all were factual and consistent with re-entry of satellite debris.

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15. The recent sightings in New Zealand attracted world-wide publicity, and we understand that the New Zealand Government may make an announcement when the facts have been assembled and appraised. Preliminary advice from our High Commission in New Zealand shows confident expectation that the sightings will prove to be due to natural phenomena.

16. The idea of the Governmental conspiracy of silence is remarkable. Ufologists know that if there had been UFO activity on anything like the scale suggested it would have come to the direct attention of Governments.

17. The Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty has misconstrued the United States position. In 1968 the US Air Force commissioned the University of Colorado to carry out an independent study into the UFO phenomena. The very substantial and detailed report was published in 1969. Its main conclusion was (I quote): "nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge". The findings were endorsed by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences. I understand that nothing has happened since 1969 to cause the US authorities to change their views or to warrant further official investigation of UFOs. It may be, as the Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty has said, that President Carter once reported a "sighting": as I have stressed there is a world of difference between reports of phenomena and the existence of alien space craft.

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18. My Lords, the Noble Earl, in his introductory speech, suggested that the French Minister of Defence in 1974 admitted to the existence of UFOs in a broadcast interview. The essence of what M Galley said was that there are things about UFO reports which were not understood and had not been explained.

19. Many ufologists seem convinced that our own Government is involved in this alleged conspiracy of silence. I can only assure your Lordships that the Government is not engaged in any such conspiracy. The Ministry of Defence examines any UFO reports received merely to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest, but nothing in the reports examined has ever given cause to believe that they represent alien space craft. My Lords, there is nothing to have a conspiracy of silence about. What is more, a visitor from Outer Space would be one of the great events in history. Scientists are an inquisitive lot. If there was anything in the stories of UFOs we would expect many serious scientists to be devoting much effort to studying or making contact with these supposed aliens. The scientific community seems as unimpressed as the Government. The idea of a conspiracy of silence belongs to the world of James Bond.

20. My Lords, at the United Nations recently members of the Special Political Committee, following speeches about UFOs by the representatives of Grenada, agreed on a concensus resolution that provides, at Grenadan expense, for a study group to monitor information on UFOs supplied by any interested United Nations member state and for the group to present its findings to the Outer Space Committee sometime in 1979. Lord Clancarty may therefore be satisfied that Grenada and such other countries who choose will be making a report to an international forum. However,

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the UK has no plans either to provide information about UFOs or to involve itself in any other way with the study group.

21. I repeat that I am grateful to the Noble Earl, the Earl of Clancarty for raising the subject and for informing me in advance of the points which he proposed to make to your Lordships. However, from all I have said, I hope that Your Lordships will agree that there is no reason for my Right Honourable Friend the Secretary of State for Defence to make a broadcast interview about UFOs. As for telling the public the truth about UFOs, the truth is simple. There really are many strange phenomena in the sky, and these are reported by calm and sensible people. But there is a wide range of perfectly sensible explanations to account for the phenomena, and nothing to suggest to Her Majesty's Government that there has ever been a single visit by an alien space craft.

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10. Lord Strabolgi asked for a speech of 15-20 minutes plus defensive material. The draft is just under 3000 words, or 20 minutes. I have incorporated all suitable material in the speech, including responses to the points made by Lord Clancarty.

11. DES have been consulted and are content.

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US of S(RAF) has considered the draft closing address. Whilst he would not disagree with the general line taken, and whilst he accepts the need for an objective approach towards this subject, he feels that the current draft would benefit from being toned down so as not to pour quite so much scorn on 'believers'.

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LORDS DEBATE ON UFOs

Lord Strabolgi asked for the transcript of the recent BBC TV programme on UFOs. A copy is attached.

2. I understand that Lord Strabolgi asked because he had heard that Lord Clancarty had, on the programme, claimed that MOD had told a woman to keep quiet about her UFO "close encounter". That is not quite what happened. A Mrs Bowles stated (Footage 4217) that she had been told by telephone to keep quiet. Creighton, the other leading ufologist on the programme, referred to the "Governmental cover-up" (Footage 3198) and later to Governmental pressure on newspapers (Footage 5277). Lord Clancarty refers (Footage 5111) to something quite different - "mysterious men in black" who come out of the hole in the earth to put ufologists to silence (presumably the men in black are related to Mrs Roestenberg's beautiful golden-haired people, Footage 2318, and to Creighton's big-eared three-footers, Footage 3050). When the programme was first put out in 1977 it led to two indignant letters to the Prime Minister about "Governmental cover-up".

3. If Lord Strabolgi wishes to cover this point I suggest the following be inserted in the draft speech para 26 line 9, after the 2nd word:

> "In the recent BBC TV programme on UFOs there were other references to a Governmental cover-up and to pressure on newspapers, and one lady described how she had been told to keep quiet about her "close encounter": I can assure the House that no-one in MOD concerned with UFO reports has ever told anyone to keep quiet about UFOs, /however much they may sometimes have wished to do so/.

4. The rest of the transcript speaks largely for itself, and I will draw attention only to the following:

a. In Footage 236-506 two "UFO investigators" refer authoritively to a huge glowing UFO which they saw sweeping very low over West London on a Saturday evening, but which apparently no-one else in London saw.

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b. The Montana photograph (Footage 645) is notorious and perhaps typical. The photograph merely shows two bright spots in the sky. The USAF assessed that they were caused by light reflected from two Air Force jets known to have landed at a nearby airfield at that time, but to ufologists they will always remain UFOs.

c. Footage 894 refers to an actual film of a large fire-ball meteor, a phenomena that has often given rise to UFO reports: like so many genuine phenomena, this was seen by hundreds of people.

d. Footage 4790-5111 relates to Lord Clancarty's theory of the "hollow earth" within which UFOs are hiding, and to the 300 mile wide hole near the North Pole.

5. I was perhaps remiss in not remarking on the three "impressive" modern sightings quoted in Lord Clancarty's speech. The general style of sightings is familiar: authoritative statements which it is not possible to refute without extensive and prompt on-the-spot investigation. However, the Teheran sighting is worth a mention: Lord Clancarty's source document is a report in the Daily Express of 27 February 1978 - when the Daily Express was drumming up publicity for "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". This suggests that Lord Clancarty's cases might fall into the same undiscriminated category as others in his speech - the "vanishing Norfolks" and the Tulli papyrus. The Colorado Report commented that many ufologists (encompassing Lord Clancarty) don't bother to verify sources and "orbit around each other in a merry UFO chase of mutual quotation. If any scientist or scholar had behaved similarly, he would long since have been hooted out of his profession".

6. Because UFO photographs may appear impressive, Lord Strabolgi may be interested to see the attached photographs analysed a few days ago by [redacted] of DI 55. Some perfectly sensible people took some night photographs, which on printing showed what appeared to be a UFO. [redacted]'s analysis showed it to be due to a familiar form of false image within the camera system. It is interesting how, a week after the photograph, the man received in conversation what seemed like corroborative evidence that there were UFOs about (but at a different place and time).

7. Lord Strabolgi may be interested to know that the "Christian UFO Research Association" has circulated some papers to members of the House of Lords in preparation for the Debate; and they have also sent us a book. The message seems to be that UFOs are the work of the devil and designed to seduce mankind to a false salvation. You now have that folder back and could forward it to Lord Strabolgi if he wants it, but the papers are not recommended reading.

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QUESTION TIME - UFOs

You asked for some defensive material in case the matter of UFOs is raised as a supplementary to questions on air defence. Draft answers to the more obvious questions are attached.

2. For the same reason as given in the minute covering the material for the Lords Debate, I strongly recommend that any statements be unequivocal. The popular and UFO press are likely to scrutinise replies for anything that can be translated into: "Government admit to possibility of UFOs".

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DRAFT ANSWERS ON UFOs

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1. Does the Government intend to investigate UFOs?

The Government does not believe there is anything worth investigating. Most UFO reports relate to actual phenomena seen by calm and responsible people, but there is a host of practical causes - space debris, satellite debris, tricks of light on cloud, meteorological and other balloons, phenomena related to aircraft, and literally dozens of others. The phenomena are often unexpected and fleeting, and may be affected by unusual atmospheric conditions. There is no cause to invent the hypothesis of alien space craft.

2. Do UFOs constitute a threat to defence?

Reports on UFOs received by MOD are examined to see whether they contain anything of defence interest. Nothing in the reports received has indicated any threat to defence, or given cause to suggest that they relate to alien space craft.

3. Is the Government concerned by the increase in UFO reports?

No. There is nothing to suggest that the reports relate to anythin but natural phenomena. There was certainly an increase in the number of reports to MOD in 1978, but that seems to have been generated by the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". The immediate upsurge seems to have been generated mainly by the sighting over UK on 31 December, which was attributed to debris from a Russian rocket launch, and to the New Zealand sighting. I understand that the New Zealand Government may make an announcement when they have assembled and examined the facts, but advance information from our High Commission in New Zealand leads us to expect perfectly natural explanations. /The fact that there were radar sightings has confused some people: it is by no means sure that the visual and radar sightings were of the same phenomena, and radar is in some ways as fallible as the human eye/.

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As we thought Lord Clancarty has now turned his 'no day name' motion into a debate to move for papers which will take place on Thursday, January 18.

This will be a short debate, lasting anything from 20 minutes to 4 hours, depending on the number of speak wishing to take part.

Lord Clancarty will make an opening speech, those number interested will then speak and Lord Strabolgi will reply for us. (Lord Clancarty can come back after our reply but it is not usual and he will normally just give a vote of thanks).

We should be grateful for a draft winding up speech (to last about 10 - 15 minutes at 150 w.p.m), a background note and defensive material.

Would you please return this information to arrive with us, Rm 6332 by ~~[illegible]~~ Monday 18 December, Lord Strabolgi likes everything well in advance unfortunately.

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Opposite is a draft closing address (Flag A) for the Lords debate on UFOs, and a Background Note (Flag B); due at your office by 12 January 1979.

2. There is a temptation to equivocate about UFOs because of the thought that we might one day make contact with people from distant stars, and anyway the subject may seem ~~important~~ remote. However, there is nothing to indicate that ufology is anything but claptrap and no evidence of 'alien space craft'. The UFO industry has prospered from equivocation and, with 1979 being heralded as 'the year of the UFOs', it is highly desirable for HMG to inject some massive common sense into the business. With the impact of the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", and the increasing efforts of the UFO industry and increasing publicity given to its exponents, quite sensible people may begin to wonder whether there might not be something in ufology, on the "where there's smoke there's fire" principle. Less sensible people may be increasingly confused and perhaps even worried, to the increasing profit and encouragement of the UFO industry. The subject will not go away: the Department and Ministers are likely to find themselves increasingly involved and under pressure for formal statements; and the popular and UFO press are likely to make all the mileage they can out of the Lords Debate, particularly if there are signs of equivocation or phrases that can easily be misrepresented. It only needs one New Zealand type sighting to involve this and other Departments in a mass of useless work; and such a 'sighting' we are likely to get with the continuous encouragement to report all strange phenomena as UFOs.

3. Accordingly, it is strongly recommended that the Government adopt an unequivocal and uncompromising line.

4. A small difficulty has arisen because the FCO has, for purely tactical reasons unconnected with UFOs, acceded (with other countries) to a request by the Government of Grenada for a UN study group (at Grenadan expense) to monitor information on UFOs. The wording of that part of the draft speech has been based on a contribution by FCO; I am sending a copy of the draft to FCO in case they have any final points on that paragraph.

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5. The general line adopted in the draft speech is that there really are strange phenomena in the sky, but there are rational explanations for them, so there is no need to introduce the highly questionable hypothesis of alien space craft. In other words, Occam's Razor.

6. The broad line was agreed by Lord Strabolgi at his meeting in December. Lord Strabolgi asked for further information about cosmic distances and the difficulties of space travel. I have not included this in the speech, because Lord Clancarty's "sky people" are evidently "paranormal" and can cross the light years in a trice; but some facts are included at the end of the background note.

7. We have just received the draft of Lord Clancarty's speech (Flag C), indicating the points he would like answered. It contains no surprises (except perhaps that he has not touched upon the "paranormal", which seems central to his theories), and the changes entailed in the proposed speech were largely editorial. Lord Strabolgi suggested commenting on detailed cases produced by Lord Clancarty. I repeat the advice I gave in December: it is most unwise to argue such cases, which tend to be remote and elusive but which often cannot be refuted without extensive on-the-spot investigation. Indeed, we should not fight on Lord Clancarty's ground at all. However, I have included in the speech a famous case of the "vanishing Norfolks" quoted in one of Lord Clancarty's books, on which we have advice from the Army Historical Branch; and I have commented on the Professor Tulli papyrus which Lord Clancarty mentions in his speech and which the US "Colorado" Study" of 1968 assessed a fake.

8. I have included comments on the UK "UFO" of 31 December 1978 and the New Zealand sighting. The preliminary report from the High Commission is at Flag D; we may update this before the debate.

9. BDS Washington have confirmed that there is no objection to our quoting the American position as sketched in the speech; the bit about President Carter's UFO sighting is an optional extra but is commonsense. The Defence Attache in Paris is trying to find out more about the French team allegedly studying UFOs.

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10. Lord Strabolgi asked for a speech of 15-20 minutes plus defensive material. The draft is just under 3000 words, or 20 minutes; I have incorporated all suitable material in the speech, including responses to the points made by Lord Clancarty.

11. DES have been consulted and are content.

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UFOs - DRAFT CLOSING ADDRESS

There are 2 points of truth upon which the great myth of ufology is built:

FIRST: we live in a huge universe, with 100,000 million stars in our galaxy alone, which it would take 100,000 years to cross even if we could travel at the speed of light. There are many remarkable things yet to be explained.

SECOND: There really are strange phenomena in the skies, reported by calm and responsible people.

2. It is this immensity of the universe which sometimes tempts even the most down-to-earth people to equivocate about UFOs. We can never be sure that we will not, one day, make contact with beings from a distant star.

3. But that is all. So let us have an end to equivocation. Her Majesty's Government has no evidence that a single alien space craft has visited earth, and does not believe there is anything worth investigating in the mass of rubbish produced by the UFO industry. The general theme of the ufologists, that our planet is being continuously overflown by alien space craft, is nonsense.

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4. There have always been strange things to see in the sky. Since World War II we have known the development of powerful rockets, and voyages to the Moon and planets. We have also seen the development of science fiction, where space ships can be switched to 'inter-stellar drive' and cross the 2 million light years to Andromeda Galaxy in a flash. We have also seen the development of the UFO industry, which accepts the devices of science fiction as proven fact and interprets any unusual phenomena as alien space craft. The words 'UFO' and 'alien space craft' have been firmly implanted and readily spring to mind when anything strange is seen.

5. There really are strange things to see. Let me stress that most UFO reports relate to actual phenomena seen by responsible people.

a. Every year huge quantities of space debris enter our atmosphere, as meteors, meteorites, fire-balls.

b. Bright planets and even the moon or stars have been reported as UFOs in unusual atmospheric conditions. There are many recorded cases of Venus being reported as a UFO.

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c. There are tricks of light on cloud, and particular cloud structures.

d. There is St Elmo's Fire, ball lighting, Aurora Borealis.

e. And man-made satellites: there are some 5000 objects in orbit, satellites and debris, some of which can be seen by the naked eye, some through binoculars. About 600 re-enter the atmosphere every year, almost 2 each day: the quantity is far less than natural space debris, but the phenomena can be astonishing. Last April MOD received reports of a large piece of debris re-entering across the South of England: most reports were factual, but one spoke of an 'oval thing with a white cockpit which hovered for a while then shot off at great speed'. We cannot prove it wasn't a UFO, but it occurred at the same time and place as some known re-entry of debris.

f. Many reports relate to aircraft seen in unusual conditions at unusual angles, at high or low level. One recent 'UFO' was confidently reported on local radio: we cannot prove that it was not a 'UFO', but we do know that an RAF Vulcan Bomber on a low flying mission passed the same spot at the same time and on the same course as the reported UFO.

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g. Aircraft lights have led to UFO reports: and distant aircraft with landing lights on; flares from aircraft, short condensation trails lit by the sun after dusk, light reflected from aircraft.

h. Meteorological balloons. The Met Office alone releases 50 every day, which expand to 40 foot diameter and rise to 100,000 feet and can be lit by the sun after dark. Many other organisations use balloons, some much larger.

i. Meteorological searchlights shine on clouds: you cannot see the beam, only a point of light apparently dancing in the sky.

j. There are hot air balloons: kites; even birds have been reported as UFOs; lights on distant towers; car headlights on distant hills; dust devils; airborne debris carried by the wind.

k. There is a wide variety of hoaxes. There are some very effective aerial hoaxes which have been perpetrated by children - which I will not describe for fear of precipitating a new rash of UFOs.

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6. All these phenomena can be misinterpreted by the most sensible observers, particularly when seen unexpectedly and briefly and in unusual atmospheric conditions. This is what opponents of the natural explanations forget. With distortions of light, and mirages, the most commonplace things can be so changed as to be unrecognisable. Any phenomena seen through glass are suspect. There are phenomena generated within the eyeball. And there are optical illusions: one scientist whose task includes watching satellites describes how, when observing stars near moving clouds, he finds it difficult to escape the illusion that the stars are flying past stationary clouds.

7. A very substantial American study by the University of Colorado in 1968 reported some 50 examples of such phenomena, but added that it was 'impossible and potentially misleading to try to tabulate all of the possible causes of UFO perception: there are simply too many'.

8. It is not surprising that Lord Clancarty should comment on the wide varieties of shapes and sizes and colours manifested by UFOs; the phenomena being observed are legion and unrelated.

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9. There really are tens of thousands of strange things to be seen in the sky every year. It is the custom to call such phenomena 'UFOs', and to transpose this too easily into 'alien space craft'. We cannot prove that all of these phenomena are NOT alien space craft. Often the appearance is too fleeting and the description too imprecise for a particular cause to be attributed. What we can say is that there is a great variety of perfectly sensible explanations.

10. We must apply Occam's Razor. There are sensible explanations that can account for the phenomena. Why seek fantastic explanations in the realm of magic?

11. From these genuine sightings we can move to hallucinations; and the excited tales of the gullible; the embellishments of the born story-teller. There are also, I fear, downright lies. There are also the embellishments of the convinced believer in UFOs, who will add to any piece of space debris a line of windows.

12. But what of these famous arrivals of UFOs, claimed to be fully documented and authenticated by many witnesses. Let me mention one, which Lord Clancarty has described in his book Mysterious Visitors as 'one of the most remarkable and unexplained mysteries of modern times'. He claims that during the Gallipoli campaign in 1915, 800 men of the Norfolk Regiment were advancing to the attack; a UFO descended in a cloud and picked up the battalion and it was never heard of again.

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Anyone aware of the huge casualties at Gallipoli will not be surprised to hear that the true story is tragic rather than comic. A brigade attack was held up by machine-gun and artillery fire, but on the right flank some 260 men of the Norfolks broke through the Turkish lines into a wood. Not one returned. It was only after the war that a Graves Registration Unit found the bodies, in circumstances confirming that they had been killed fighting. A gallant and tragic story; but not a great unexplained UFO mystery.

13. Lord Clancarty quoted a papyrus found among the papers of a Professor Tulli recording flying saucers during the reign of Thutmose III. The Colorado Report, which I mentioned earlier, enquired into Lord Clancarty's account of this story. The original papyrus had - not surprisingly - disappeared, but internal evidence in the translation suggested a fake; Professor Tulli was only an amateur Egyptologist, and enquiries with the Vatican Museum also suggested that Tulli had been taken in by a fake. The Colorado Study, coupling this with another case where Lord Clancarty and other ufologists had been taken in by a 13th Century manuscript faked by schoolboys, commented on the way ufologists argue their so-called 'case histories' from secondary and tertiary sources with no attempt to verify original sources.

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14. The ufologists accumulate these 'UFO sightings', from honest reports and from weirder corners, as if sheer numbers constitute proof. Naturally some people murmur 'where there's smoke there's fire'. All that is happening is that the UFO industry is making a great deal of smoke, to the confusion of common sense and to their own substantial profit.

15. There is a small category remaining, of cases difficult to explain, where the description is too vague or the evidence too remote, coupled also perhaps with a coincidence of unrelated phenomena and with exceptional conditions. If one accepts that there are many natural explanations to account for the great bulk of sightings, it is an enormous and irrational jump to claim that the small residue of difficult cases constitute alien space craft - when there is not a flicker of positive evidence that they do constitute alien space craft.

16. Arguing with ufologists on this count is like trying to prove that damage to garden cabbages is NOT made by pixies. We can point out that the cabbages are crawling with caterpillars. The ufologists will insist that the bites on the cabbages match the pattern of pixies' teeth. They will carry out 'scientific' studies about the nature of pixies, and the incidence of pixies, and speculate where the pixies are hiding.

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They will admit that some of the bites may be made by caterpillars. But they will claim that if they can point to a single bite that cannot actually be proved to have been made by a caterpillar, it is thereby proved conclusively to have been made by a pixie.

17. I should mention the famous 'UFO' reported over the United Kingdom on the night of 31st December. The phenomenon was probably the re-entry of a launcher associated with the Russian space satellite COSMOS 1068 launched on 26 December. Of over 100 reports reaching MOD, nearly all were factual and consistent with re-entry of satellite debris; however, one report described a long train with bright lights down the side. The case shows how, when there really is something big to see, we get many confirmatory reports: this contrasts with the occasional vivid phenomena reported over a city by one individual but which no-one else appears to have seen.

18. The recent sightings in New Zealand attracted world-wide publicity, and we understand that the New Zealand Government may make an announcement when the facts have been assembled and appraised. Preliminary advice from the High Commission shows confident expectation that the sightings will prove to be due to natural phenomena. For the moment I will touch upon only one aspect, the fact that phenomena were perceived both visually and by radar.

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For some reason this has caused people to leap to the conclusion that the phenomena must therefore be alien space craft. To start with, it is far from sure that the visual and radar sightings were of the same thing: there may have been several different phenomena observed. Secondly, whereas some people tend to think of radar as conclusive scientific evidence, it can in some ways be more easily deceived than the human eye. Some of the possibilities being suggested are technical radar problems known as anomalous propagation and clear air turbulence; flocks of birds; dust clouds: refraction; even (strange though it may seem) shipping. A separate source has suggested giant weather balloons. We will probably learn in due course. Perhaps we will even be left with some uncertainties. Any uncertainty, however small, will be pounced on by the ufologists as conclusive proof that the phenomena were alien space craft.

19. Meanwhile the damage to common sense has been done. With the New Zealand sighting and the debris re-entry over Britain, 1979 has been confidently heralded as the Year of the UFO. On so little evidence.

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20. Let us glance at the sort of explanations offered by Lord Clancarty and other ufologists. Lord Clancarty implies there have been vast numbers of sightings. Some ufologists put the figure in millions. Now, there is a strange thing about these huge numbers. To put it in simple terms: either these aliens prefer to keep out of the way, or they don't. If they prefer to keep out of the way, we must assume that the number of 'sightings' is a tiny proportion of the actual UFO 'sorties', which must run into many millions. If they don't one would expect some unmistakable appearances.

21. But look at their strange record:

a. Not a single artefact has been found, no bent pieces, no accidents from perhaps millions of sorties, nothing. The ufologists have an answer: the CIA has hidden all the bits.

b. There is no correlative evidence on our radar for this huge number of movements.

c. There has been no radio contact (far easier than space travel) and no evidence on radio.

d. There have been no convincing photographs.

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e. There has been no approach to Governments, and no direct knowledge of UFOs by Governments. Lord Clancarty and other ufologists have an answer: there is an inter-Governmental conspiracy of silence, initiated by the CIA.

22. There is no internal consistency about the idea of this huge number of sightings. If the UFOs have come from another solar system, why this huge number of visits to our planet, to no apparent purpose? This was once explained by the claim that aliens had advance bases the other side of the moon, or on another planet in our solar system. As that has become untenable ever more fantastic explanations are advanced. In a recent TV broadcast Lord Clancarty claimed that the UFOs are based in a great hole in the earth. Elsewhere he has claimed that they have bases in remote parts of South America, or in the depths of the oceans. He has claimed (I quote): "UFOs are paranormal, that is from invisible universes". They come from "other space-time continua". The explanations get more and more fantastic, and more and more incapable of either proof or disproof.

23. The idea of the Governmental conspiracy of silence is truly remarkable. The ufologists are fully aware that if there had been UFO activity on anything like the scale suggested it must have come to the direct attention of Governments.

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24. Lord Clancarty has totally misrepresented the United States position. In 1968 the US Air Force commissioned the University of Colorado to do a comprehensive study into the UFO phenomena, independently of the Air Force. That study was led by a distinguished scientist, Dr Edward Condon, and its very substantial and detailed report was published in 1969. Its main conclusion was (I quote): "nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge". The findings were endorsed by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences, which concluded that the least likely explanation of UFOs was the hypothesis of extra-terrestial visitations. I understand that nothing has happened since 1969 to cause the US authorities to change their views or to warrant further official investigation of UFOs. It may be that President Carter once reported a 'sighting': as I have stressed there really are strange things to see, and there is a world of difference between a report of phenomena and the existence of alien space craft.

25. Lord Clancarty suggests that the French Minister of Defence in 1974 admitted to the existence of UFOs in a broadcast interview. In fact the essence of what M Galley said was that there are things about UFO reports which were not understood and had not been explained.

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26. Many ufologists are convinced that our own Ministry of Defence is engaged in a cover-up. Lord Clancarty's own magazine contains an article misrepresenting correspondence with MOD so as to suggest that MOD accepts the existence of UFOs and is investigating them. Another UFO magazine recently fabricated a report supposed to show that MOD had secret agencies engaged in the systematic examination of UFOs. In fact MOD has no specialist staff on UFOs, and examines any UFO reports merely to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest. Nothing in the reports examined has ever given any cause to believe that they represent alien space craft.

27. A telling argument against ufology is that the scientific community is unmoved. A visitor from Outer Space would be one of the great events in history. Scientists are an inquisitive lot. If there was anything in ufology we would expect many serious scientists to be devoting much effort to studying or making contact with these supposed aliens. The scientific community seems as unimpressed as the Government.

28. At the United Nations recently members of the Special Political Committee, following speeches about UFOs by the representatives of Grenada, agreed on a concensus resolution that provides, at Grenadian expense, for a study group to monitor information on UFOs supplied by any interested United Nations member

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state and for the group to present its findings to the Outer Space Committee sometime in 1979. Lord Clancarty may therefore be satisfied that Grenada and such other countries who choose will be making a report in an inter-Governmental forum. However, the UK has no plans either to provide information about UFOs or to involve itself in any other way with the study group.

29. I certainly do not intend to invite the Secretary of State for Defence to give a broadcast interview about UFOs. As for informing the people of this country about UFOs, it may be that, should people become seriously concerned, we will take steps to publicise the true position. If so, we will say that there really are tens of thousands of strange phenomena to be seen in the sky, and these are often reported by highly responsible people; that there is a very big range of natural explanations for the phenomena; and that there is no evidence whatsoever that a single alien space craft has ever visited earth, or that ufology is anything but nonsense.

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BACKGROUND NOTE

UFOLOGY

1. There is a big difference between, on the one hand, the vague belief which many sensible people hold, that we might one day make contact with people from a distant star; and on the other, the claims of ufology that our planet has been and is being almost continuously overflown by alien spacecraft. Many ufologists claim that UFOs have been around for thousands of years, and some believe that competing groups are 'working on our minds'. Ufology is a growth industry, with many magazines and clubs, and reporting systems for 'UFO sightings', and text books for the UFO spotter. The basic system of ufology seems to be to record almost any aerial phenomena as a UFO, and to accept almost any strange story from the past or present as evidence of alien presence.

2. There are undoubtedly many strange phenomena to see in the skies, and these are often reported by sensible people. However, there are perfectly sensible explanations for the phenomena, and no evidence that there has ever been a visit from alien space craft. There is nothing to indicate that ufology is anything but claptrap.

3. HMG has no experts on UFOs, as it has no experts on black magic. The examination in this file is built up largely from Lord Clancarty's book 'Mysterious Visitors'; from reports of TV and Press interviews with Lord Clancarty and others; various UFO magazines; the book and film 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'; the massive American 'Colorado Study' of 1968; the book 'UFOs Explained' by P J Klass (a de-bunker); from MOD's own records of UFO reports and past examinations; and from discussions with the operational and intelligence staff who examine UFO reports reaching MOD. We have consulted DES and FCO; also the staff of CS(RAF).

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4. A distinction should be made between ufology and science fiction. The latter is often a perfectly respectable art form and has attracted some highly intelligent writers: science fiction should on no account be linked to ufology in any de-bunking.

THE EARL OF CLANCARTY

5. Lord Clancarty has written several books on UFOs (as Brinsley Le Poer Trench) and runs a magazine and seems to be regarded as one of the leading ufologists in this country. Evidently he firmly and sincerely believes that aliens have been visiting Earth since the beginning of history, and may have 'seeded' our race. Many events in the Bible are explained in UFO terms. The 'aliens' are watching us, particularly now (his magazine talks of 1000 sighting reports each week), and have often landed, and may soon arrive in force, probably cordially. He is convinced that the American and British Governments, and others, are concealing the truth about UFOs until we have discovered all about them and know how best to present the story.

6. Lord Clancarty has hedged all his bets on space travel by suggesting that the 'sky people' are 'paranormal' and come from another 'space-time continuum'. He will therefore be unmoved by arguments based on cosmic mathematics, because it seems that the sky people can cover huge distances in the twinkling of an eye. He has claimed that the sky people were hiding on the moon or the planets, or in remote corners of South America, or the depths of the sea, or a huge hole in the ground (the last seems to be based on a satellite photographic collage, where the corners of the photographs did not quite meet). He seems to be a singularly undiscriminating ufologist, and almost any report or strange story is likely to be added to his massive files of 'reported sightings'.

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7. His line at the debate is likely to be to quote the vast numbers of 'sightings'; to describe a number of 'fully authenticated cases'; to express his theories about the nature and origins of the 'sky people' (probably bringing in the paranormal aspect); and to press HMG either (1) to come clean and tell the public all they know about UFOs, or (2) to devote resources to an inter-Governmental study.

8. Win or lose, Lord Clancarty stands to make a profit from the debate: which is not to doubt his sincerity.

THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE TO UFOs

9. There has been no British scientific enquiry into UFOs. However, the United States Air Force made a systematic attempt to record and investigate UFO sightings between 1947 and 1969. During this period the USAF received 12,618 reports; of these 701 were not explained.

10. This USAF investigation known as Project Blue Book was followed by a study which was originally suggested by a member of a congressional investigation in the Armed Forces Committee and which was assigned by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to the University of Colorado. It was led by Dr Edward V Condon, Professor of Physics and formerly Director of the National Bureau of Standards. The main findings of this very substantial and detailed study, published in 1969, were that:-

a. About 90% of all UFO reports prove to be plausibly related to natural phenomena.

b. Nothing had come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that had added to scientific knowledge.

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c. Further extensive study of UFO sightings was not justified in the expectation that science would be advanced thereby.

d. No evidence had come to light in the study to indicate that UFO sightings might represent a defensive hazard.

e. The US Department of Defence should continue to handle UFO reports in its normal surveillance operations without recourse to special units such as Project Blue Book.

11. These findings were endorsed by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences, which advised that the Condon enquiry had been an adequate scientific study of UFO phenomena and that the methodology and approach were well chosen and in accordance with the accepted standards of scientific investigation. The Panel added: "We are unanaminous in the opinion that this (the Condon Report) has been a very creditable attempt to apply objectively the relevant techniques of science to the solution of the UFO problem. The Report recognises that there remain UFO sightings that are not easily explained. The Report does suggest, however, so many reasonable and possible directions in which an explanation may eventually be found that there seems to be no reason to attribute them to an extra terrestial source without evidence that is much more convincing. The Report also shows how difficult it is to apply scientific methods to the occasional transient sightings with any chance of success. Whilst further study of particular aspects of the topic (eg atmospheric phenomena) may be useful, a study of UFOs in general is not a promising way to expand scientific understanding of the phenomena. On the basis

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of present knowledge the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extra terrestial visitations by intelligent beings".

12. The USAF wound up their Project Blue Book investigation on 17 December 1969 on the strength of the Condon Report, the advice of the National Academy of Sciences, past UFO studies and their own experience of investigating UFO reports over two decades. Their conclusions were that no UFO reported, investigated or evaluated by the Air Force had ever given any indication of a threat to their national security; that there had been no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that/technological suggested developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge, and that there had been no evidende indicating that sightings categorised as "unidentified" were extra-terrestial vehicles.

13. The Condon Report caused a good deal of controversy. In August 1976, however, the RAF Staff in Washington were informed by the US Department of the Air Force that there was no likelihood of renewed Air Force involvement in this area. The Department pointed to the considerable Air Force Commitment of resources in the past, the extreme pressure on Air Force funds in 1976 and the fact that since 1969 no evidence had been presented to warrant further investigation by the Air Force. The Department of the Air Force added that a number of universities and professional scientific organisations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science had considered UFO phenomena. Private organisations had also shown interest in aerial phenomena. It was considered that such timely review of the situation by private groups insured that sound evidence would not be overlooked by the scientific community.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ATTITUDE

14. It is always possible that the considerable UFO correspondence addressed to MOD might contain some hint, not of UFOs, but of something with a hostile terrestial origin which could have a bearing on national security. All letters are therefore referred to specialist authorities in MOD for any further investigation thought to be necessary; we do not take the enquiries further than that and we do not enter into detailed correspondence with the public. The standard reply to Members of Parliament and the public is that we have not the resources to conduct a scientific investigation into the nature of UFOs and, although we invariably pass reports of sightings to the staffs responsible for the air defences, we do not pursue enquiries to the point of positive identification. We do not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life could exist in outer space but to date no evidence has emerged to suggest that UFOs have extra terrestial origins or that they represent a threat to national security. In fact, most of the sightings seem to have commonplace origins, such as aircraft or aircraft lights seen from an unusual angle or in unusual meteorological conditions.

15. The trouble is that the dedicated ufologist will not listen and is more concerned with selective evidence to support his own thesis. The more common criticisms are:-

a. MOD will not let the public see its files. There is a 'cover up" for security reasons.

There is no cover up and no security ban. It is true that when people ask to see the MOD UFO files they are told the papers must remain confidential. But there is a mundane reason

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for that. The files contain voluminous correspondence from the general public and we cannot divulge the identity of the correspondents, or the references to classified subjects which some of the files might contain. To remove these details would require extensive editing and we have not the staff to do the job. It follows that the files must remain closed under the rules laid down in the public Records Acts which at present preclude disclosure until 30 years have elapsed since the date of the particular correspondence. The earliest reports MOD hold are dated 1962. All earlier UFO papers were destroyed many years ago.

b. MOD employs a special UFO organisation.

Quite untrue. Nobody is employed full time to monitor UFO sightings. There is no UFO section in MOD. One of the Secretarial branches answers letters from the public about UFOs but it has many other, quite different, responsibilities as well. It does not review or analyse the sightings. It merely sends the letters to the specialised branches who examine them solely to see if they have any bearing on the air defences.

c. Vast numbers of UFO sightings are reported to MOD, many are unexplained.

Detailed statistical records are not kept in MOD because the subject does not merit allocation of resources. However, MOD received 435 reports from the public in 1977, and 864 in 1978. The latter included a flurry of 121 sightings when

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some Russian rocket material re-entered on 31 December 1978. Other main surges of activity were when the BBC broadcast a UFO programme and during the Daily Express campaign for the premiere of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".

ATTITUDE OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO UFOs

16. Apart from American policy we have recent information on only two Governments - those of France and Grenada. The French official procedure is not unlike ours. Reports from the public go in the first place to the Gendarmerie who if necessary interview the observer and take statements. The Gendarmerie send on the reports simultaneously to the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CENS) and to the French Ministry of Defence, who check radars etc to discover any military implications. The reports are then fed into a computer so that they can be "added to the statistics of the problem".

17. The view of the French Ministry of Defence may be summarised as follows:

a. The role of the Air Force consists solely in estimating whether certain information amongst the evidence they receive is likely to affect national defence; this is not in fact so ..... No acts of aggression either against persons or property civilian or military have been detected.

b. The phenomena cannot at present be analysed by means of known measuring instruments ..... Whilst maintaining an open mind we must restrain ourselves from hasty conclusions regarding the nature and origin of the phenomena and accept the fact that this problem like many others remains suspended in space.

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18. During 1978 a small study group was set up under the auspices of the CNRS. It is chaired by Monsieur Clade Poher and is called the Groupe d'Etude des Phenomenes Aerospatiaux Non-identifies. The terms of reference for this group are not yet known but the title seems to be self-explanatory. The group has no formal links with the United Kingdom, and the Department of Education and Science advise that there is no similar scientific group in UK to study unidentified objects to phenomena.

19. Lord Clancarty drew attention to this group in a recent Parliamentary Question, when he also referred to a broadcast on France-Inter radio in February 1974 when M. Robert Galley, the then French Minister of Defence was interviewed about UFOs. The interview is reported in a book, "The Crack in the Universe" which contains an accurate translation of the broadcast and introduces the transcript quite fairly as an interview in which the Minister declared "there are phenomena which are unexplained". The blurb on the dust cover, however, has M. Galley freely admitting that UFOs exist and that they are a serious problem. According to the official transcript M. Galley made only two points of substance:-

a. There are things about UFOs which are not understood and have not been explained.

b. "We must adopt an extremely open attitude of mind to this, not put into doubt the sincerity of people reporting UFOs ..... but at the moment it is really far too soon to draw the least conclusion".

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ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

20. In December 1977 Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, tabled a resolution at the United Nations calling on the Special Political Committee to set up a special agency or department to conduct research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena. The British (and we believe other) representatives were briefed to oppose such an agency on the grounds that it would reduce the credibility of the United Nations. Sir Eric withdrew the proposal and circulated a draft resolution requiring the Secretary General to conduct a wide-ranging investigation into flying saucers, including an analysis of the benefits, problems and dangers stemming from any contact with terrestial life. In December 1978, as a result of persistent pressure by the Grenadans, the Special Political Committee finally agreed on a concensus resolution (albeit a very weak one). The implications are that Grenada may present its views to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space some time in 1979. That Committee is unlikely to do more that listen politely.

DATA

Age of the galaxy	-	about ten thousand million years (10^{10}
Number of stars in the galaxy	-	about one hundred thousand million (10^{1}
Diameter of galaxy	-	about one hundred thousand light years

(Note 1 light years is about 6 million million miles (6×10^{12})

Position of sun	-	about 27000 light years from centre of galaxy
Age of sun	-	about 4½ thousandmillion years (4.5x10
Currently achievable speeds	-	about 12 miles/sec, to which can be added the earth's orbital speed of 18 miles/sec to give a total of 30 miles/sec.

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Time to journey to Pluto	- Depending on the gravitational assistance, or otherwise, of the major planets of Jupiter and Saturn, 3 to 5 years.
Ultimate speed	- In principle speeds near that of light should be achievable but technology does not yet exist.

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UFO debate on 13th January, 1979.

Lord Shrabolgi has asked me to send in a copy of my opening speech and to list any particular ~~XXXXXX~~ questions that I have brought up which could possibly be answered by him at the end of the debate.

I have listed three below, and would refer you to my speech for further details.

(1) Is there a cover-up in this country over UFOs, like the obvious one there has been in the U.S.A., when the CIA stepped in, who have control over all the intelligence departments of the U.S. military forces ?

(2) Will our Minister of Defence consent to give a Broadcast interview, preferably on TV, entirely about UFOs, like his counterpart, the then French Minister of Defence did in February, 1974, on France-Inter radio station, when he said that UFOs existed. (For other details see speech).

(3) The French Minister, Monsieur Robert Galley, also stated that that there was a unit in the National Centre for Space Studies in Toulouse (the French equivalent of NASA) under the direction of ~~XXXXXX~~ Monsieur Claude Poher (one of the designers of Concorde) which was scientifically investigating UFOs.

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, in answer to a question that I put down for written answer just over a year ago in the House of Lords, confirmed that GEPAN (the initials of the unit) was under French governmental sponsorship, and came under the French Ministry for Industry, Commerce and Artisans. Why cannot we have similar investigation of UFOs here under the sponsorship of a government department ? And for us to be told the results of the investigations.

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UFO Debate in House of Lords.
Tuesday, 18th January, 1979.
Opening speech by the Earl
of Clancarty.

My Lords. It is with much pleasure that I am introducing this evening a debate about unidentified flying objects, known more briefly as UFOs, and sometimes as 'flying saucers'.

I understand that this is the first time that the subject of UFOs has been debated in Your Lordships Chamber. So, this is, indeed, a unique occasion.

Before proceeding further I think that I should declare an interest in that I have written a number of books about the UFOs.

I am very grateful to those noble Lords that are going to speak after me in this debate. It will be, I am sure, a most stimulating discussion.

Before speaking about the need for an inter-governmental study of UFOs, which is the basis of my motion to be debated today, I think it advisable to give Your Lordships some background to this fascinating subject of the UFOs.

So, I am going to briefly cover some of the UFO history, the classes of witnesses, the characteristics of UFOs, some important sightings, and then deal with the vital subject of the attitude of governments to this tremendous subject.

Although UFOs have come to the fore since the end of the last world war, there are reports of them all through history.

Among the papers of the late Professor Alberto Fulli, former director of the Egyptian Museum at the Vatican, was found one of the earliest known records of a fleet of flying saucers written on papyrus long, long ago in ancient Egypt. Actually, in the time of Thutmose III, circa 1504-1450 B.C., who with his army witnessed the sighting of what we today would call UFOs.

Now, I am not going to bore Your Lordships with accounts of UFOs in every century because I want to get on to the very interesting things happening today.

In modern times things began to happen during World War II when both Allied and German pilots saw strange, circular lights around their planes. We called them Foo fighters. Both Allied and German pilots thought that they were secret weapons of the other side.

After the war, on the 24th June, 1947, an American called Kenneth Arnold piloting his own plane was on a mercy mission trying to find another aircraft that had crashed somewhere in the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington. Suddenly, he spotted nine gleaming objects - crescent shaped - flying in a zigzag fashion between his plane and the mountains.

He managed to calculate their speed because he was able to get a fix - I think that is the technical term - between two mountain peaks, Mts. Rainier and Baker. It appeared that they were doing some 1400 m.p.h., a very fast speed in 1947.

Some time after landing Arnold, in answer to a quest from the press, described the motion of the flying objects as being like saucers skimming over water. Next day, the press headlined them as 'flying saucers'.

Since Arnold's sighting in 1947 millions of people all over the world have seen the UFOs. This brings me to the class of witnesses that see UFOs. It is true that occasionally you get the odd crank or hoaxer, but the majority of witnesses are sincere people. Then again, many witnesses are pilots, police officers, coast guards - in short, trained observers. Many astronauts have seen UFOs.

Many people ask me "Why is it that astronomers don't see them?" The answer, My Lords, is that they do. In a letter published in 'The Daily Telegraph' on the 4th January last year, I listed eight well-known astronomers that had seen UFOs, including Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto.

Now, a few words about the UFOs themselves. Actually the name 'flying saucer' given by the press in 1947 was a misnomer, as they come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. Cigar, oval, disc, sphere, doughnut, crescent tadpole-shaped. You name it. The list is endless.

A few words about their characteristics. UFOs often have very bright lights, and sometimes when in flight, change colours all the way through the colour spectrum. Sometimes the light from a UFO is so intense that it's shape is obscured from view. This light energy is so powerful that witnesses have been burnt on the face and hands if in too close proximity to a UFO.

Another characteristic of the UFOs is electrical interference with various machines. UFOs have been notorious for stopping cars at short range. The driver will hear his engine splutter and stop running. Besides cars, many other machines have been affected, including aircraft, motor cycles, buses, lorries, tractors, and the UFOs are said to be the cause of some of the power black-outs in the USA & Mexico and other countries. Indeed, UFOs have been seen flying along power lines in the USA just before black-outs, and furthermore, I have a picture on the wall of my study at home of a UFO doing just that!

Now, I will mention one or two of the more impressive sightings since the war.

On the 29th June, 1954, a BOAC Boeing stratocruiser "Centaurus" had taken off from New York for London. Dinner had been served. The time was just after sunset when the skipper, Captain James Howard, first sighted the UFOs. Some of the passengers by then were asleep. There was one big object with six smaller ones. Captain Howard pointed them out to his co-pilot, First Officer Lee Boyd who flew with the famous Pathfinder forces in World War II. The objects were five miles from the "Centaurus". They stayed parallel with the aircraft for eighty miles. From time to time the big object appeared to change shape. The radio officer checked with Ocean

Bay, Labrador, to see if any other aircraft were in the area and was told no. Goose Bay sent a fighter up to investigate. All the crew saw the objects. Just before the fighter arrived the objects began to disappear, and it seemed that the smaller ones went inside the large one. Altogether a crew of eight and fourteen of the fifty one passengers saw the UFOs.

In November 1975, at Strategic Air Command bases in Michigan, Montana, North Dakota and Maine, a number of UFOs were sighted over a four day period. Several were hovering near nuclear weapons storage areas. When interceptor planes were sent to investigate, the UFOs dimmed their lights and became invisible.

One of the most amazing UFO incidents ever occurred in September, 1976. A report of this event written by Geoffrey Levy appeared in the 'Daily Express' on 27th February, last year. I will buy and give you his account in my own words.

A very large glowing object was seen over Tehran, Iran. Hundreds of witnesses telephoned the authorities. At 1.30 a.m. the Iranian Air Force scrambled a phantom jet to investigate the UFO which was some 70 miles away. As the jet reached about half the distance to the UFO all of the Iranian plane's communications and instrument systems malfunctioned. The pilot had no alternative but to return to base.

A second phantom jet took off flying faster than the speed of sound. The UFO began to move at a very fast speed indeed, and soon outpaced the jet.

Then, an extraordinary thing happened. Suddenly, a second smaller UFO came out of the big one, and headed straight for the jet.

The jet pilot tried to release an AIM-9 air-to-air missile at the glowing object. No success at all. The weapons control panel was not working and all electrical systems were out of action.

There was only one thing for the pilot to do, and that was to make his escape. He put his plane in a dive. Then the second UFO turned around and went back

inside the 'Mother Ship'.

The jet pilot's instruments started working again. So once more he tried to pursue the UFO, but it moved away too rapidly, and so the phantom jet returned to base.

There are literally vast numbers of these astonishing reports. Indeed, My Lords, this world-wide UFO intrusion of every country's air space is of growing importance, and therefore I suggest that Parliament keeps a continuous watch on the situation. I have thought of one way of doing this. In the same way that there is a House of Lords Defence Study Group ably chaired by the noble Lord, Lord Shinwell, perhaps we could have a House of Lords UFO Study Group to meet periodically. [illegible]

Now, I would like to touch upon the attitude of governments towards this subject and to stress the need for an inter-governmental study, which is the object of my motion this evening.

I am only going to talk about four governments. First of all let us take a look at the United States. I think that one of the reasons for 'playing down' UFOs some years ago in the United States was fear of panic among the public. This was partly based on an actual panic that did occur back in 1938 due to a very realistic broadcast by Orson Welles of H.G. Wells's' War of the Worlds'. Thousands of people left their homes.

However, for a time after the war The U.S. Air Force investigated pilots' UFO reports without any debunking. Then the Central Intelligence Agency - the CIA - stepped in. The CIA controls the intelligence departments of the United States military services. They ordered the U.S. Air Force to clamp down on all UFO reports. It was in 1953 that this happened, and has been going on ever since. Pilots who reported seeing UFOs were ridiculed, and after a time, other pilots did not report them for fear of their reputations being damaged.

We had high hopes during President Carter's election

campaign that there was a strong possibility of a break-through to the truth about UFOs. He disclosed during his campaign that he had seen a UFO a few years previously in Georgia, and added that if he got in to the White House he would release to the public all the UFO information in the Pentagon. Unfortunately, that election pledge has not yet been fulfilled.

What has been happening in the Soviet Union ? Probably the leading ufologist in that country is Dr. Felix Zigel, Professor of Higher Mathematics and Astronomy at the Moscow Aeronautical Institute. For a long time he had been trying to form a big UFO research group on a world wide scale.

Many UFOs had been seen over the Soviet Union. In July, August, September and October, 1967, giant spaceships were seen over various parts of the U.S.S.R. by astronomers and other witnesses.

On ~~[illegible]~~ the 10th November that year it was announced that there was to be a full investigation of UFOs. This was announced on Russian TV. The operation was to be headed by Major General Anatoly Stolyarov, with Dr. Zigel as Number Two. Thousands of UFO cases were to be analysed by scientists and Soviet Air Force officers.

However, the Russian Academy for Sciences came down hard on the new UFO group, and on the 27th February 1968, Izvestia published the official attitude of the authorities, and the cover-up was on.

Now, there is one country which can be relied upon to take an independant line from others over many matters and ~~[illegible]~~ UFOs ~~[illegible]~~ proved to be no exception In February, 1974, the then French Minister of Defence, Monsieur Robert Galley, was interviewed officially about the UFOs on France-Inter radio station. The interviewer was Jean Claude-Bourret. At the time in France there was tremendous publicity but for some reason our newspapers did not even mention the broadcast.

Monsieur Galley stated that the UFOs were real, but admitted that it was not known where they came from.

He said, that there had been a unit in the French Minist of Defence since 1954 collecting UFO reports. Some of this material was sent on to the National Centre for Space Studies in Toulouse, the French equivalent of KKSK the American NASA. In this centre there was also a unit - a scientific one - studying both UFO sighting and landing reports.

A little over a year ago I received some informatio that this particular unit was under government sponsors so I put down a question for written answer. KKSK The noble Lord, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge kindly confirmed to me in his reply that the unit GEPAN -those are the initials of the group - had been set up under the French Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Artisans at the Centre in Toulouse. However, he did write that we had not a comparative scientific group here under government

Monsieur Galley also added that the Gendarmerie were playing a very important part in UFO investigation questioning witnesses and examining burnt circular marks on the ground were UFOs had landed.

sponsorship. Why not?

So the French have been taking it all seriously and keeping their own people informed. Nobody panicked and the people did not rush like lemmings in to the sea

Is it not time that Her Majesty's Government inform our people what it knows about the UFOs ? The UFOs have been coming in increasing numbers now for 30 years since the war, and I think it is time our people were told the truth.

We have not been invaded from outer space. Most incidents have not been hostile. Indeed it is us - earthlings - that have fired on them. There may have be a few allegedly hostile incidents. But, I maintain that if there is a disturbing element in a phenomenon which is pretty friendly on the whole that we should be told the truth. Whatever the truth is, I am sure that an informed public is a prepared one.

Another thing. It is on record that both sighting and landing reports are increasing all the time; Just suppose the UFOnauts decided to make open landings

tomorrow, then there could well be panic here because our people have not been prepared.

The noble Lord, Lord Strathclyde is replying for Her Majesty's Government at the end of this debate. I should like to ask the noble Lord if he will contact his Right Honourable friend the Minister of Defence with regard to the possibility of giving a broadcast interview about UFOs, like his counterpart did across the channel in 1974.

This would go a long way to discredit the view held by a lot of people in this country that there is a cover-up here and that in some way we are playing along with the United States over this.

I would also like to see an inter-governmental study of the UFOs. All governments should get together and pool their knowledge about UFOs, and the results should be passed on to the public.

I would like to thank Your Lordships for your kind attention. I beg leave to move for papers.

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1. FROM THE OUTSET MOST INFORMED OPINION HAS MAINTAINED THAT THE RADAR AND VISUAL SIGHTINGS WERE CAUSED BY NATURAL PHENOMENA AND NOTHING SO FAR ESTABLISHED SUGGESTS THAT THIS VIEW NEEDS TO BE QUESTIONED. AT PRESENT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT FELT IT NECESSARY TO MAKE ANY FORMAL STATEMENT BUT WHEN THE FACTS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AND APPRAISED THEY ARE EXPECTED TO DO SO. THERE IS NO DOUBT WITHIN THE NZMOD THAT THIS WILL STATE THAT THE RECENT SIGHTINGS WERE DUE TO NATURAL PHENOMENA. THE RNZAF IS CARRYING OUT AN INFORMAL INQUIRY IN WHICH OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER WITH THE PILOTS AND RADAR CONTROLLERS CONCERNED WILL BE INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE CAUSE OF THE RECENT SIGHTINGS, BUT CORRELATION OF THE VARIOUS REPORTS WILL BE TIME CONSUMING AND EVEN THEN THE FACTS FROM WHICH A DIFINITIVE CONCLUSION COULD BE DRAWN MAY PROVE ELUSIVE.

2. GIVEN THE FOREGOING THE NZMOD WOULD BE CONTENT FOR MINISTERS TO SPEAK AS ABOVE AND DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING PARAS IN THE DEBATE ON 18 JAN. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY BE BRIEFED TO ATTRIBUTE ANY VIEWS EXPRESSED TO REPORTING FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION IN WELLINGTON AND NOT BE DRAWN FURTHER IN ADVANCE OF ANY OFFICIAL NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT COMMENT.

3. THE RECENBEUFO SIGHTINGS BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER AND CONTINUED FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT TEN DAYS. THE NIGHTS OF GREATEST ACTIVITY WERE THE 21ST AND [illegible] TH, THE LATTER WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN. ON THE NIGHT OF [illegible] DEC AT [illegible] IN THE MORNING A NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED RADAR TARGETS WERE SEEN ON THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT RADAR SOME 40 TO 50 MILES SSE OF WELLINGTON AIRPORT IN THE AREA OF THE MOUTH OF THE CLARENCE RIVER OFF THE

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KAIKOURA COAST OF THE SOUTH ISLAND. SOME OF THESE RADAR SIGHTINGS WERE ESTIMATED TO BE MOVING AT A SPEED OF SOME 120 KNOTS BUT REMAINED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. HOWEVER, ONE JRGET WAS TRACKED FROM NEARLY OVERHEAD WELLINGTON AIRPORT TO A POSITION SOME 60 MILES SE WHEN IT TURNED AND WAS THEN TRACKED FOR SOME 60 MILES TO A POSITION SW OF WELLINGTON AIRPORT WHEN IT TURNED ONTO A SOUTHERLY HEADING ABEAM OF A SOUTH-BOUND ARGOSY AIRCRAFT. ON SUBSEQUENT NIGHTS OTHER RADAR SIGHTINGS WERE SEEN IN SIMILAR POSITIONS OFF THE KAIKOURA COAST.

4. ON THE NIGHT OF 30/31 DECEMBER A PHOTOGRAPHER WAS ABOARD THE ARGOSY AIRCRAFT ON THE ROUTINE NEWSPAPER FLIGHT WHICH IS ROUTED FROM WELLINGTON TO CHRISTCHURCH AND THENCE TO BLENHEIM. ON THIS OCCASION RADAR SIGHTINGS WERE OBSERVED DURING THE SOUTHBOUND AND THE RETURN FLIGHT AND THERE WAS APPARENTLY SOME DEGREE OF TRACKING WITH THE ARGOSY. THE TWO PILOTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ON THE AIRCRAFT HAD SIMULTANEOUS VISUAL SIGHTINGS AND THE FILM WHICH HAS NOW RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY WAS TAKEN ON THE NORTHBOUND FLIGHT. ALSO THE CAPTAIN OF THE ARGOSY PICKED UP A RADAR TARGET ON HIS WEATHER AVOIDANCE RADAR WHICH WAS APPARENTLY IN THE SAME POSITION AS A TARGET PICKED UP BY THE GROUND RADAR.

5. SUBSEQUENTLY ON THE NIGHT OF 2/3 JANUARY THE RNZAF PATROLLED THE KAIKOURA AREA IN AN ORION AIRCRAFT FOR A PERIOD OF APPROX 6 HOURS. THE AIRCRAFT WAS VECTORED BY BOTH WELGFNGTON AND CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT RADARS TO VARIOUS RADAR CONTACTS. NOTHING WAS SEEN BY THE ORION CREW ALTHOUGH ONE OF THE RADAR CONTACTS TURNED OUT TO BE IN THE PRECISE POSITION OF A FISHING VESSEL. SIX RADAR CONTACTS SEEN ON THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT RADAR ALL TURNED OUT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CLEAR AIR TURBULENCE.

6. AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE INQUIRY IT IS APPARENT THAT MANY RADAR CONTACTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED ON TWO INDEPENDENT RADARS, ONE AIRBORNE, ONE GROUND, USING DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES AND OF COURSE AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND ALTITUDES. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSITIVELY CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS PRECISE CORRELATION OF THESE RADAR SIGHTINGS. NOR HAS IT YET BEEN PROVED THAT THE VISUAL SIGHTINGS TIE UP WITH THE RADAR CONTACTS. IN SOME CASES THE BEARINGS APPEAR TO CORRELATE BUT THE CORRELATION OF DISTANCES HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY INDUCTIVE METHODS. E.G. QUOTE I HAVE A RADAR CONTACT AT 20 MILES ON YOUR STARBOARD. I SEE CONTACT AT 20 MILES UNQUOTE.

7. ON THE TWO PRINCIPAL NIGHTS THERE WAS A SLIGHT INVERSION OVER THE KAIKOURA COAST WHICH COULD HAVE CAUSED REFRACTION. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A PRECISE ANSWER ABOUT ANOMOLOUS PROPOGATION CONDITIONS BUT IT IS THOUGHT UNLIKELY THAT THESE EXISTED. CLEAR AIR TURBULENCE, SHIPPING, CLOUDS OF DUST BLOWN DOWN THROUGH THE GORGE OF THE CLARENCE RIVER AND SUBSEQUENTLY SEEN AS RADAR SIGHTINGS AND BIRD MIGRATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE SOURCES OF THE RADAR AND VISUAL REPORTS.

8. IN THE PERIOD OF THESE SIGHTINGS TOO MANY INFORMED PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED FOR THIS TO BE A HOAX.

9. THE PRESS REPORTS WHICH INDICATED THAT THE RNZAF HAD SQUADRONS ON STAND BY TO LOOK FOR UFO'S WERE ENTIRELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. FOR YOUR OWN BACKGROUND INFORMATION THE RNZAF ORION FLIGHT WAS LARGELY A PR EXERCISE TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT A PROPER RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING FOLLOWING THE VAST MEDIA COVERAGE.

10. HOPE THE FOREGOING PROVES USEFUL. WILL UPDATE PRIOR TO 18 JAN IF ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT EMERGES. ANY TO YOU.

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UFO'S - DEBATE IN THE LORDS

1. After further consideration of the draft closing address, I would prefer para 21b to be worded:

> "b. The air defence radar system has not had occasion to originate unidentified flying object reports."

2. This should pre-empt supplementary questions along the line of that from Sir John Langford-Holton 21 May 71 after being advised by the then S of S that the analysis of UFO reports indicated that 31 were celestrial objects and 97 were aircraft.

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Placed opposite is a draft closing address for the Lords debate on UFOs, and a Background Note; due at your office by 12 January 1979.

2. There is a temptation to equivocate about UFOs because of the thought that we might one day make contact with people from distant stars. However, there is nothing to indicate that ufology is anything but claptrap and no evidence at all of 'alien space craft'. The UFO industry has prospered from equivocation and, with 1979 being heralded as 'the year of the UFOs', it seems very proper for HMG to inject some massive common sense into the business and come out with an equivocal attack on ufology. With the impact of the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", and the increasing efforts of the UFO industry and increasing publicity given to its exponents, quite sensible people may begin to wonder whether there might not be something in ufology, on the "where there's smoke there's fire" principle. Less sensible people may be increasingly confused and perhaps even worried, to the increasing profit and encouragement of the UFO industry. The subject will not go away, the Department and probably Ministers are likely to find themselves increasingly involved and under pressure for formal statements; and the popular and UFO press are likely to make all the mileage they can out of the Lords Debate, particularly if there are signs of equivocation or phrases that can easily be misrepresented.

4. Accordingly it is strongly recommended that the Government take an unequivocal and uncompromising line.

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arisen because the FCO has

5. A small difficulty has, for purely tactical reasons unconnected with UFOs, acceded (with other countries) to a request by the Government of Grenada for a UN study group (at Grenadan expense) to monitor information on UFOs. The wording of that part of the draft speech has been supplied by FCO.

6. The general line adopted is that there really are strange phenomena in the sky, but there are perfectly rational explanations to account for them, so there is no need to introduce the highly questionable hypothesis of alien space craft. In other words, Occam's Razor.

7. The broad line was put to Lord Strabolgi at our meeting in December and agreed by him. Lord Strabolgi asked for further information about cosmic distances and the difficulties of space travel. I have not included this in the speech, because Lord Clancarty's "sky people" are evidently "paranormal" and can cross the light years in a trice; but some facts are included at the end of the background note.

8. Lord Strabolgi also mentioned the possibility of replying on any detailed cases produced by Lord Clancarty if the latter will give advance notice. I repeat the advice I gave in December: we should not attempt to argue these cases, which tend to be remote and elusive yet often cannot be refuted without very detailed examination; indeed we should not fight the battle on Lord Clancarty's ground at all.

9. DES have been consulted and are content.

10. You will no doubt confirm the time and place of the final briefing, which at present we have down for am Wednesday 17 January.

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UFOs - DRAFT CLOSING ADDRESS

There are 2 points of truth upon which the great myth of ufology is built.

FIRST: we live in a huge universe, with 100,000 million stars in our galaxy alone, which it would take 100,000 years to cross even if we could travel at the speed of light. There are many remarkable things yet to be explained.

SECOND: There really are strange phenomena in the skies, reported by calm and intelligent people.

2. It is this immensity of the universe which sometimes tempts even the most down-to-earth people to equivocate about UFOs. We can never be sure that we will not, one day, make contact with beings from a distant star.

3. But that is all. So let us have an end to equivocation. Her Majesty's Government has no evidence that life exists outside this planet, or that a single alien space craft has visited earth, and does not believe there is anything worth investigating in the mass of rubbish produced by the UFO industry. The general theme of the ufologists, that our planet is being continuously overflown by alien space craft, is claptrap.

4. On the one hand, there are perfectly simple explanations for the phenomena; on the other, the explanations offered by ufologists are unconvincing and unnecessary. These explanations are unconvincing when they relate to space craft from other stars: they are even more unconvincing when they claim that UFOs come from another space-time continuum, from a hole in the earth, or the depths of the sea, as Lord Clancarty has suggested. The House will forgive me if I do not follow Lord Clancarty into other dimensions and the wild realms of fantasy, but concentrate on the phenomena which have given rise to the UFO myth.

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5. There have always been strange things to see in the sky. Since World War II we have known the development of powerful rockets, and voyages to the Moon and planets. We have also seen the development of science fiction, where space ships can be switched to 'inter-stellar drive' and our hero can cross the 2 million light years to Andromeda Galaxy in a flash. We have also seen the development of ufology and the UFO industry, which accept the delightful fantasies of science fiction as proven fact and interpret almost any phenomena in our skies as alien space craft. The words 'UFO' and 'alien space craft' have been firmly implanted and too readily spring to mind when anything strange is seen in the sky.

6. And there really are strange things to see. Let me stress that a high proportion of so-called UFO reports relate to actual phenomena reported by sensible people.

a. There are many natural phenomena. Every year millions of tons of space debris enter our atmosphere as meteors, meteorites, fire-balls, sometimes with dramatic effect.

b. Bright planets and even the moon or stars have been reported as UFOs in unusual atmospheric conditions. There are many recorded cases of Venus being reported as a UFO, even by experienced pilots in exceptional conditions.

c. There are tricks of light on cloud, and particular structures such as lens-shaped clouds.

d. There is St Elmo's Fire, ball lightning, and Aurora Borealis.

e. And man-made satellites: there are some 5000 listed objects in orbit, satellites and debris, some of which can be seen by the naked eye, some through binoculars.

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About 600 re-enter the atmosphere every year, almost 2 each day: the quantity is far less than natural space debris, but the phenomena are sometimes astonishing. Last April MOD received reports of a large piece of debris re-entering across the South of England; most reports were factual, but one spoke of an 'oval shaped thing with a white cockpit which hovered for a while then shot off at great speed'. We cannot prove it wasn't a UFO, but it occurred at the same time and place as some known re-entry of debris.

f. Many reports relate to aircraft seen in unusual conditions at unusual angles, some very high, some at low level. One recent 'UFO' was confidently reported on local radio: we cannot prove that it was not a 'UFO', but we do know that an RAF Vulcan Bomber on a low flying mission passed the same spot at the same time and on the same course as the reported UFO.

g. Aircraft lights have led to UFO reports: and distant aircraft with landing lights on; aircraft with search-lights, flares from aircraft, high condensation trails lit by the sun after dusk, light reflected from aircraft.

h. Meteorological balloons. The Met Office alone releases 50 every day, which expand to 40 foot diameter and rise to 100,000 feet and can be lit by the sun after dark. Many other organisations use balloons, some much larger.

i. Meteorological searchlights shine on clouds: you cannot see the beam, only a point of light apparently dancing in the sky.

j. There are hot air balloons; kites; even birds have been reported as UFOs; lights on distant towers; car head-lights on distant hills; dust-devils; airborne debris carried by the wind.

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k. There is also a wide variety of hoaxes. There are some very effective aerial hoaxes which have been perpetrated by children - which I will not describe for fear of precipitating a new rash of UFO reports.

7. All these are phenomena which can be misinterpreted even by the most sensible observers, particularly when seen unexpectedly and briefly and in unusual atmospheric conditions - with distortions of light, and mirages, the most commonplace phenomena can be so changed that even the expert can be deceived. Any phenomena seen through glass are also suspect. There are even phenomena generated within the eyeball. And there are optical illusions, akin to watching a stationary point of light in a dark room and reporting that it moves. One scientist whose task includes watching satellites describes how, even after years of experience, he finds it difficult to escape the illusion that the stars are flying past stationary clouds.

8. One could go on. A very substantial American study done by the University of Colorado in 1968 reported some 50 examples of such phenomena, but added that it was 'impossible and potentially misleading to try to tabulate all of the possible causes of UFO perception: there are simply too many'.

9. So there really are tens of thousands of strange things to be seen in the sky every year. It is the present custom of our society to transpose such reportings into 'UFOs', and to transpose again into 'alien space craft'. We cannot possibly prove that all of these aerial phenomena are not alien space craft. Often the appearance is too fleeting and the description too imprecise for a particular cause to be attributed. What we can say is that there is a great variety of perfectly sensible explanations for the strange things seen in the sky.

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10. Here we should apply Occam's Razor. There are perfectly sensible explanations that can account for the phenomena. Why seek fantastic new explanations in the realms of magic?

11. From these genuine sightings we can move to hallucinations; and the excited tales of the gullible; the embellishments of the born story-teller. There are also, I fear, downright lies. There are also the embellishments of the convinced believer in UFOs, who will add to any piece of space debris a line of windows and intelligent manoeuvres.

12. But what of these famous arrivals of UFOs, claimed to be fully documented and authenticated by many witnesses. Let me mention one, which Lord Clancarty has described in his book Mysterious Visitors as 'one of the most remarkable and unexplained mysteries of modern times'. He claims that during the Gallipoli campaign in 1915, an entire British unit of over 800 men of the Norfolk Regiment was advancing to the attack; a UFO descended in a cloud and picked up the battalion and it was never heard of again. Anyone aware of the huge casualties at Gallipoli will not be surprised to hear that the true story is tragic rather than comic. A brigade attack was held up by heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, except that on the right flank some 260 men of the Norfolks, with fragments of other regiments, broke through the Turkish lines into a wood. Not one returned. It was only after the war that a Graves Registration Unit found the bodies, in circumstances confirming that they had been killed fighting. A gallant and tragic story; but not a great unexplained UFO mystery. The facts are known and recorded. But Lord Clancarty is not interested in facts. He is interested in gathering anything unusual into his massive files of UFO mysteries.

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13. A variation of the 'authenticated case' is when, like many ufologists, Lord Clancarty goes far back into history and even the Bible to borrow authority. Ancient cases have the advantage that, if they cannot be proved UFOs, they cannot now be disproved. The Colorado Report, which I mentioned earlier, did consider one of these great ancient cases quoted by ufologists, including Lord Clancarty - a vivid and detailed description of UFOs at Byland Abbey Yorkshire in 1290, in a manuscript discovered in 1953: the 'ancient manuscript' cited by the ufologists proved to be a hoax perpetrated by schoolboys.

14. Another variation of the 'authenticated case' is when an individual reports having seen a landed UFO, and seen the little green men, or little silver men. You may believe those if you will. Because such silver aliens have actually been seen with two arms and two legs and a head and looking surprisingly like humans in silver suits, ufologists have claimed this as evidence that the aliens use humanoid robots; you may prefer to regard this as evidence of man's infinite capacity for gulling his neighbours.

15. So the ufologists accumulate their 'UFO sightings', from honest reports and from the weirder corners of the mind, as if sheer numbers constitute proof. Naturally some people murmur 'where there's smoke there's fire'. All that is happening is that the UFO industry is making a great deal of smoke, to the confusion of common sense and to their own substantial profit.

16. There is a small category remaining, of cases which are difficult to explain. It is hardly surprising, with the great variety of phenomena, that there should be difficult cases, perhaps

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due to a coincidence of phenomena and/to exceptional conditions. If one accepts that there are so many natural explanations to account for the great bulk of sightings, it is an enormous and irrational jump to claim that the small residue of difficult cases constitute alien space craft - when there is not a flicker of positive evidence that they do constitute alien space craft.

17. Arguing with ufologists on this count is like trying to prove that damage to garden cabbages is NOT made by pixies. We can point out that the cabbages are crawling with caterpillars. The ufologists will insist that the bites on the cabbages match the pattern of pixies' teeth. They will carry out 'scientific' studies about the nature of pixies, and the incidence of pixies, and speculate where the pixies are hiding. They will admit that some of the bites may be made by caterpillars. But they will claim that if they can point to a single bite that cannot actually be proved to have been made by a caterpillar, it is thereby proved conclusively to have been made by a pixie.

18. I should mention the famous 'UFO' reported over the United Kingdom on the night of 31st December. The phenomenon was probably a space rocket launcher associated with the USSR space satellite COSMOS 1068 which was launched on 26 December. Of over 100 reports reaching MOD, nearly all were entirely factual and consistent with re-entry of space debris; however, one report

described a long train with bright lights down the side. What will of course linger in the public mind is not the matter-of-fact explanation about space debris but the vague recollection that a big UFO was seen over England.

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19. /New Zealand sighting - report awaited: Daily Mirror reports NZ authorities are claiming that the sighting was Venus, the camera so out of focus that the image took the shape of the cameras iris, and the blips on radar were quite separate and related to flocks of birds/.

20. Let us glance at the other side of the coin, the sort of explanations offered by Lord Clancarty and other ufologists. Lord Clancarty has been reported as claiming there have been some 80,000 sightings. Other ufologists would put the figure far higher. Now, there is a strange thing about these huge numbers. To put it in simple terms: either these 'sky people' (as Lord Clancarty calls them) prefer to keep out of the way, or they don't. If they prefer to keep out of the way, we must assume that the number of 'sightings' is a tiny proportion of the actual UFO 'sorties', which must run into millions. If they don't one would expect some unmistakable appearances.

21. But look at their strange track record:

a. Not a single artefact has been found - not a single extra-terrestial chap has dropped an extra-terrestial spanner, no bent pieces, no accidents from perhaps millions of sorties, nothing. The ufologists have an answer: the CIA has hidden all the bits.

b. There is no correlative evidence on our radar for this huge number of movements.

c. There has been no radio contact (far easier than space travel) and no evidence on radio.

d. There have been no convincing photographs, in these days when so many people carry cameras.

e. There has been no approach to Governments, and no direct knowledge of UFOs by Governments. Lord

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Clancarty has an answer: there is a great inter-Governmental conspiracy of silence, initiated by the CIA.

22. The idea of the inter-Governmental conspiracy of silence is at once the most astonishing and the most flattering claim of all. On so few things can the Governments of the world agree unaminously, but they have all supposedly agreed to conceal the evidence of UFOs from their people. The ufologists know that if there had been activity on the scale suggested, it must have come to the direct attention of Governments. They are convinced that we and other Governments are concealing the truth. A recent ~~The latest~~ copy of Lord Clancarty's magazine has an article misrepresenting some correspondence with MOD so as to suggest that MOD accepts the existence of UFOs and is investigating them. Another UFO magazine recently fabricated a report supposed to show that MOD had agencies engaged in the systematic examination of UFOs. I will repeat what I said at the beginning. Her Majesty's Government has no evidence that a single alien space craft has visited earth, and does not believe there is anything worth investigating in the rubbish produced by the UFO industry.

23. If raised. Lord Clancarty suggests that the United States Government is a party to the 'cover-up' on UFOs. Our understanding is that the US authorities position is the same as it was in 1969 after the University of Colorado investigated UFOs at the request of the US Air Force. The Colorado Reports main finding was (I quote) 'nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge'. We understand that nothing has happened since 1969 to cause the US authorities to change their views, or to warrant further investigation of UFOs.

It may be true that President Carter once reported a

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'sighting': as I have continually stressed, there really are strange things to see, and there is a world of difference between a report of phenomena and the existence of alien space craft.

24. If raised. Lord Clancarty suggests that the French Minister of Defence in 1974 admitted to the existence of UFOs in a broadcast interview. In fact the essence of what M Galley said was that there are things about UFO reports which were not understood and had not been explained.

25. Returning to the main theme of Lord Clancarty and his fellow ufologists - there is no internal consistency about the idea of this huge number of sightings. If the UFO have come from another solar system, why this huge number of visits to our planet, to no apparent purpose? At best it seems wasteful. This was once explained by the claim that aliens had advance bases the other side of the moon. When that became untenable the bases were assumed to be on another planet in our solar system. As that has become untenable ever more fantastic explanations are advanced. In a recent TV broadcast Lord Clancarty claimed that the UFOs are based in a great hole in the earth. Elsewhere he has claimed that they have bases in remote parts of South America, or in the depths of the oceans.

He has claimed that (I quote): 'UFOs are paranormal, that is from invisible universes'. They come from 'other space-time continua'. The explanations get more and more fantastic, and more and more incapable of either proof or disproof.

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26. A telling argument against ufology is that the scientific community is unmoved. A visitor from outer space - or from another space time continuum or the depths of the sea, or anywhere else they are supposed to be hiding - would be one of the greatest events in history, and the greatest scientific event. Scientists are an inquisitive lot. If there was anything in ufology we would expect many serious and sensible scientists to be devoting much time and effort to studying or making contact with these supposed 'sky people'. The scientific community seems as unimpressed as the Government. If the ufologists claim that the Government has gagged the scientific community, it would be as amazing as the alleged conspiracy of silence between Governments.

27. One could go on indefinitely trying to chase the devious arguments of the ufologists. Yes, there has been an increase in the number of 'sightings' reported to the Government: big upsurges occurred when the BBC put out a programme on UFOs, and when the Daily Express launched a campaign in connection with the film premiere of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'. No, the Government is not in the least concerned by the increases.

28. At the United Nations recently members of the Special Political Committee, following speeches about UFOs by the representatives of Grenada, agreed on a concensus resolution that provides at Grenadian expense, for a study group to monitor information on UFOs supplied by any interested United Nations member state and for the group to present its findings to the Outer Space Committee sometime in 1979. Lord Clancarty may therefore be satisfied that Grenada and such other countries who choose will be making a report in an inter-Governmental forum. However, the UK has no plans either to provide information about UFOs or to involve itself in any other way with the study group.

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29. To sum up, there are two elements in ufology: the stream of largely genuine reports of aerial phenomena; and the extra-ordinary concoctions of the ufologists suggesting that this earth has long and constantly been overflown by alien space craft. The ufologists case depends ultimately on belief that there has been a massive inter-governmental cover-up lasting many decades, to which the world scientific community has been a party. Anyone who believes that will believe anything. Nothing said here will deter the UFO industry, or discourage the sensational press from feeding on wild UFO stories. But perhaps what has been said in this House will help confirm sensible people in the belief that the strange things to be seen in the sky have perfectly sensible explanations and that the wild hypotheses of the ufologists are unne cessary.

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BACKGROUND NOTE

UFOLOGY

1. There is a big difference between, on the one hand, the vague belief which many sensible people hold, that we might one day make contact with people from a distant star; and on the other, the claims of ufology that our planet has been and is being almost continuously overflown by alien spacecraft. Many ufologists claim that UFOs have been around for thousands of years, and some believe that competing groups are 'working on our minds'. Ufology is a growth industry, with many magazines and clubs, and reporting systems for 'UFO sightings', and text books for the UFO spotter. The basic system of ufology seems to be to record almost any aerial phenomena as a UFO, and to accept almost any strange story from the past or present as evidence of alien presence.

2. There are undoubtedly many strange phenomena to see in the skies, and these are often reported by sensible people. However, there are perfectly sensible explanations for the phenomena, and no evidence that there has ever been a visit from alien space craft. There is nothing to indicate that ufology is anything but claptrap.

3. HMG has no experts on UFOs, as it has no experts on black magic. The examinatior in this file is built up largely from Lord Clancarty's book 'Mysterious Visitors'; from reports of TV and Press interviews with Lord Clancarty and others; various UFO magazines; the book and film 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'; the massive American 'Colorado Study' of 1968; the book 'UFOs Explained' by P J Klass (a de-bunker); from MOD's own records of UFO reports and past examinations; and from discussions with the operational and intelligence staff who examine UFO reports reaching MOD. We have consulted DES and FCO; also the staff of CS(RAF).

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4. A distinction should be made between ufology and science fiction. The latter is often a perfectly respectable art form and has attracted some highly intelligent writers: science fiction should on no account be linked to ufology in any de-bunking.

THE EARL OF CLANCARTY

5. Lord Clancarty has written several books on UFOs (as Brinsley Le Poer Trench) and runs a magazine and seems to be regarded as one of the leading ufologists in this country. Evidently he firmly and sincerely believes that aliens have been visiting Earth since the beginning of history, and may have 'seeded' our race. Many events in the Bible are explained in UFO terms. The 'aliens' are watching us, particularly now (his magazine talks of 1000 sighting reports each week), and have often landed, and may soon arrive in force, probably cordially. He is convinced that the American and British Governments, and others, are concealing the truth about UFOs until we have discovered all about them and know how best to present the story.

6. Lord Clancarty has hedged all his bets on space travel by suggesting that the 'sky people' are 'paranormal' and come from another 'space-time continuum'. He will therefore be unmoved by arguments based on cosmic mathematics, because it seems that the sky people can cover huge distances in the twinkling of an eye. He has claimed that the sky people were hiding on the moon or the planets, or in remote corners of South America, or the depths of the sea, or a huge hole in the ground (the last seems to be based on a satellite photographic collage, where the corners of the photographs did not quite meet). He seems to be a singularly undiscriminating ufologist, and almost any report or strange story is likely to be added to his massive files of 'reported sightings'.

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7. His line at the debate is likely to be to quote the vast numbers of 'sightings'; to describe a number of 'fully authenticated cases'; to express his theories about the nature and origins of the 'sky people' (probably bringing in the paranormal aspect); and to press HMG either (1) to come clean and tell the public all they know about UFOs, or (2) to devote resources to an inter-Governmental study.

8. Win or lose, Lord Clancarty stands to make a profit from the debate: which is not to doubt his sincerity.

THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE TO UFOs

9. There has been no British scientific enquiry into UFOs. However, the United States Air Force made a systematic attempt to record and investigate UFO sightings between 1947 and 1969. During this period the USAF received 12,618 reports; of these 701 were not explained.

10. This USAF investigation known as Project Blue Book was followed by a study which was originally suggested a member of a congressional investigation in the Armed Forces Committee and which was assigned by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to the University of Colorado. It was led by Dr Edward V Condon, Professor of Physics and formerly Director of the National Bureau of Standards. The main findings of this very substantial and detailed study, published in 1969, were that:-

a. About 90% of all UFO reports prove to be plausibly related to natural phenomena.

b. Nothing had come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that had added to scientific knowledge.

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c. Further extensive study of UFO sightings was not justified in the expectation that science would be advanced thereby.

d. No evidence had come to light in the study to indicate that UFO sightings might represent a defensive hazard.

e. The US Department of Defence should continue to handle UFO reports in its normal surveillance operations without recourse to special units such as Project Blue Book.

11. These findings were endorsed by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences, which advised that the Condon enquiry had been an adequate scientific study of UFO phenomena and that the methodology and approach were well chosen and in accordance with the accepted standards of scientific investigation. The Panel added: "We are unanaminous in the opinion that this (the Condon Report) has been a very creditable attempt to apply objectively the relevant techniques of science to the solution of the UFO problem. The Report recognises that there remain UFO sightings that are not easily explained. The Report does suggest, however, so many reasonable and possible directions in which an explanation may eventually be found that there seems to be no reason to attribute them to an extra terrestial source without evidence that is much more convincing. The Report also shows how difficult it is to apply scientific methods to the occasional transient sightings with any chance of success. Whilst further study of particular aspects of the topic (eg atmospheric phenomena) may be useful, a study of UFOs in general is not a promising way to expand scientific understanding of the phenomena. On the basis

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of present knowledge the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extra terrestial visitations by intelligent beings".

12. The USAF wound up their Project Blue Book investigation on 17 December 1969 on the strength of the Condon Report, the advice of the National Academy of Sciences, past UFO studies and their own experience of investigating UFO reports over two decades. Their conclusions were that no UFO reported, investigated or evaluated by the Air Force had ever given any indication of a threat to their national security; that there had been no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force suggested that technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge, and that there had been no evidende indicating that sightings categorised as "unidentified" were extra-terrestial vehicles.

13. The Condon Report caused a good deal of controversy. In August 1976, however, the RAF Staff in Washington were informed by the US Department of the Air Force that there was no likelihood of renewed Air Force involvement in this area. The Department pointed to the considerable Air Force Commitment of resources in the past, the extreme pressure on Air Force funds in 1976 and the fact that since 1969 no evidence had been presented to warrant further investigation by the Air Force. The Department of the Air Force added that a number of universities and professional scientific organisations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science had considered UFO phenomena. Private organisations had also shown interest in aerial phenomena. It was considered that such timely review of the situation by private groups insured that sound evidence would not be overlooked by the scientific community.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ATTITUDE

14. It is always possible that the considerable UFO correspondence addressed to MOD might contain some hint, not of UFOs, but of something with a hostile terrestial origin which could have a bearing on national security. All letters are therefore referred to specialist authorities in MOD for any further investigation thought to be necessary; we do not take the enquiries further than that and we do not enter into detailed correspondence with the public. The standard reply to Members of Parliament and the public is that we have not the resources to conduct a scientific investigation into the nature of UFOs and, although we invariably pass reports of sightings to the staffs responsible for the air defences, we do not pursue enquiries to the point of positive identification. We do not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life could exist in outer space but to date no evidence has emerged to suggest that UFOs have extra terrestial origins or that they represent a threat to national security. In fact, most of the sightings seem to have commonplace origins, such as aircraft or aircraft lights seen from an unusual angle or in unusual meteorological conditions.

15. The trouble is that the dedicated ufologist will not listen and is more concerned with selective evidence to support his own thesis. The more common criticisms are:-

a. MOD will not let the public see its files. There is a "cover up" for security reasons.

There is no cover up and no security ban. It is true that when people ask to see the MOD UFO files they are told the papers must remain confidential. But there is a mundane reason

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for that. The files contain volumunous correspondence from the general public and we cannot divulge the identity of the correspondents, or the references to classified subjects which some of the files might contain. To remove these details would require extensive editing and we have not the staff to do the job. It follows that the files must remain closed under the rules laid down in the public Records Acts which at present preclude disclosure until 30 years have elapsed since the date of the particular correspondence. The earliest reports MOD hold are dated 1962. All earlier UFO papers were destroyed many years ago.

b. MOD employs a special UFO organisation.

Quite untrue. Nobody is employed full time to monitor UFO sightings. There is no UFO section in MOD. One of the Secretarial branches answers letters from the public about UFOs but it has many other, quite different, responsibilities as well. It does not review or analyse the sightings. It merely sends the letters to the specialised branches who examine them solely to see if they have any bearing on the air defences.

c. Vast numbers of UFO sightings are reported to MOD, many are unexplained.

Detailed statistical records are not kept in MOD because the subject does not merit allocation of resources. However, MOD received 435 reports from the public in 1977, and 864 in 1978. The latter included a flurry of 121 sightings when

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some Russian rocket material re-entered on 31 January 1978. Other main surges of activity were when the BBC broadcast a UFO programme and during the Daily Express campaign for the premiere of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".

ATTITUDE OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO UFOs

16. Apart from American policy we have recent information on only two Governments - those of France and Grenada. The French official procedure is not unlike ours. Reports from the public go in the first place to the Gendarmerie who if necessary interview the observer and take statements. The Gendarmerie send on the reports simultaneously to the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CENS) and to the French Ministry of Defence, who check radars etc to discover any military implications. The reports are then fed into a computer so that they can be "added to the statistics of the problem".

17. The view of the French Ministry of Defence may be summarised as follows:

a. The role of the Air Force consists solely in estimating whether certain information amongst the evidence they receive is likely to affect national defence; this is not in fact so ..... No acts of aggression either against persons or property civilian or military have been detected.

b. The phenomena cannot at present be analysed by means of known measuring instruments ..... Whilst maintaining an open mind we must restrain ourselves from hasty conclusions regarding the nature and origin of the phenomena and accept the fact that this problem like many others remains suspended in space.

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18. During 1978 a small study group was set up under the auspices of the CNES. It is chaired by Monsieur Clade Poher and is called the Groupe d'Etude des Phenomenes Aerospatiaux Non-identifies. The terms of reference for this group are not yet known but the title seems to be self-explanatory. The group has no formal links with the United Kingdom, and the Department of Education and Science advise that there is no similar scientific group in UK to study unidentified objects to phenomena.

19. Lord Clancarty drew attention to this group in a recent Parliamentary Question, when he also referred to a broadcast on France-Inter radio in February 1974 when M. Robert Galley, the then French Minister of Defence was interviewed about UFOs. The interview is reported in a book, "The Crack in the Universe" which contains an accurate translation of the broadcast and introduces the transcript quite fairly as an interview in which the Minister declared "there are phenomena which are unexplained". The blurb on the dust cover, however, has M. Galley freely admitting that UFOs exist and that they are a serious problem. According to the official transcript M. Galley made only two points of substance:-

a. There are things about UFOs which are not understood and have not been explained.

b. "We must adopt an extremely open attitude of mind to this, not put into doubt the sincerity of people reporting UFOs ..... but at the moment it is really far too soon to draw the least conclusion".

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ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

20. In December 1977 Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, tabled a resolution at the United Nations calling on the Special Political Committee to set up a special agency or department to conduct research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena. The British (and we believe other) representatives were briefed to oppose such an agency on the grounds that it would reduce the credibility of the United Nations. Sir Eric withdrew the proposal and circulated a draft resolution requiring the Secretary General to conduct a wide-ranging investigation into flying saucers; including an analysis of the benefits, problems and dangers stemming from any contact with terrestial life. In December 1978, as a result of persistent pressure by the Grenadans, the Special Political Committee finally agreed on a concensus resolution (albeit a very weak one). The implications are that Grenada may present its views to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space some time in 1979. That Committee is unlikely to do more that listen politely.

DATA

Age of the galaxy	-	about ten thousand million years (10^{10})
Number of stars in the galaxy	-	about one hundred thousand million (10^{11})
Diameter of galaxy	-	about one hundred thousand light years.

/Note 1 light years is about 6 million million miles (6×10^{12})

Position of sun	-	about 27000 light years from centre of galaxy
Age of sun	-	about 4½ thousandmillion years (4.5×10^{9})
Currently achievable speeds	-	about 12 miles/sec, to which can be added the earth's orbital speed of 18 miles/sec to give a total of 30 miles/sec.

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Time to journey to Pluto	- Depending on the gravitational assistance, or otherwise, of the major planets of Jupiter and Saturn, 3 to 5 years.
Ultimate speed	- In principle speeds near that of light should be achievable but technology does not yet exist.

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1) We have had information via RAF flyingdales that the alleged UFO seen over UK on 31 December was in fact space debris.

2) In view of the widespread enquiries which have been received would you please issue the attached press statement this evening.

2 January 1978

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Statement

The Ministry of Defence announce that the widely reported ~~sightings of~~ flashing lights and other phenomena seen over many parts of the United Kingdom ~~as~~ during the evening of 31 December were caused by the decay of space debris into the earth's atmosphere. Investigation has shown that the debris was possibly a spent rocket launcher associated with the USSR space satellite COSMOS 1068 which was launched on 26 December

Supplementary Questions if pressed

Why did you not give the public advanced warning?

It is impossible to predict sightings such as this. They depend on the size and shape of the debris, the angle of entry into the atmosphere, the weather and other variable factors.

Will the debris hit the ground?

Reports of space debris reaching the ground are very rare. The debris is almost always burned up during its passage through the earth's atmosphere

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FROM MODUK AIR
TO BDS AIR WASHINGTON

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SIC Z6F
FROM S4F(AIR) FOR AIR 2. YOUR Z6F 2216152 DEC.
IN 1975 YOU ADVISED THAT SINCE PUBLICATION IN 1969 OF CONDON REPORT ON SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND TERMINATION OF PROJECT BLUE BOOK NO EVIDENCE HADBEEN PRESENTED TO WARRANT FURTHER UFO INVESTIGATION BY USAF. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE USAF COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES IN PAST AND EXTREME PRESSURE ON FUNDS THERE WAS NO LIKELIHOOD OF RENEWED USAF INVOLVEMENT IN UFOS. DOES THIS STILL REFLECT USAF VIEWS? CAN THESE VIEWS BE QUOTED IN DEBATE IF REQUIRED? REPLY NOT LATER THAN 8 JANUARY
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TO MODUK AIR

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FOR S4F(RAF) FROM AIR 2. YR Z6F 211530Z DEC.
GRATEFUL YOU INDICATE WHEN UFO DEBATE IS TO BE HELD.
OUR COPY OF UK-181-6 13 AUG 76 MISLAID, WOULD APPRECIATE COPY
FROM YOU, SINCE USAF 1976 FILES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED.
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FROM NOCUK AIR
TO BDS AIR WASHINGTON

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SIC Z6F
FROM SCF (AIR).SUBJECT UFOS. YOUR Z6F 201620Z DEC REFERS. USAF INFORMATION FORWARDED UNDER COVER RAFS/1280/1/ORG OF 19 AUGUST 1976 WAS REFERENCED CASE NO. UK-181-6 DATED 13 AUGUST 1976 AND COMPRISED UFO FACT SHEET AND SIGHTING SUMMARY WITH UFO-RELATED MATERIALS. OUR ENQUIRY IS IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON UFOS. IS IT IN ORDER TO QUOTE FROM USAF UFO FACT SHEET OR FROM ANY LATER INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE IF WE SO WISH?
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UFO's - DEBATE IN THE LORDS

I am content with the line of argument your propose for Lord Strabolgi's concluding speech.

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29 December 1978

ASSISTANT CHIEF SCIENTIST(G)
(RAF)

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TO BRITAIRAT PARIS

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SIC Z6F
FROM S4F(AIR). SUBJECT UFO S. YOUR Z6F 181415Z DEC.
NO FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY. OUR ENQUIRY WAS MADE BECAUSE OF
FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON UFOS. IS IT IN ORDER TO
QUOTE FRENCH VIEWOINT AS GIVEN BY COLONEL ALEXIS IN 1976
AND IN M. GALLEYS RADIO INTERVIEW IF NECESSARY ?
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ROUTINE 151430Z DEC

FROM MODUK AIR
TO PDS AIR WASHINGTON

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F CORRECTED VERSION
FROM S4F(AIR). SUBJECT UFOS.
REQUEST YOU ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN YOUR RAFS/128C/1/ORG DATED 19 AUGUST 1976
STILL REFLECTS CURRENT USAF VIEWS, OR REPORT ANY CHANGE OF
POLICY
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SIGNAL ENDS AT RAFS/1280/1. PLEASE ADVISE.
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ADI/DI55

UFOS - DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Reference my minute of 17 May 1978, you will I think have heard that Lord Clancarty has withdrawn his Question because he fears poor attendance in the House. However he proposes to put it down again in the autumn, so we will build up a file against the day when we may have to put a speech together quickly.

2. I am grateful for replies from PS to CS(RAF) and ADI/DI55 and I look forward to the promised reply from DD Ops(GE). I will build this information into our file, and I would be grateful if you would assemble any other ideas or evidence that occurs to you.

3. We have heard from both DES and FCO, and both are in accord with the general line I proposed in the letter I copied to you. Thus when we hear that Clancarty is about to strike again, we can save much time because we know that we all start from general accord.

4. It does not do to be complacent. The Daily Telegraph reported the other week about the technical feasibility within the next 100 years of a space-craft capable of 80 million mph, offering unmanned travel to Barnards Star in a 50 year flight; and there could of course be civilisations 100 million or so years in advance of our own and already capable of 'manned' space travel. However, the existence of such possibilities is still a huge remove from Clancarty's claim that this planet is constantly overflown by UFOs.

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UFOS DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Reference:
A. D/S4(Air)/8/3 dated 17 May 78

1. Reference A asked if we could comment more fully about the evidence of extra-terrestial activity based on the reports received in the Ministry of Defence. Additionally you wished to know how UFO reports are processed and whether there has been any attempt to consider them as a whole.

2. All aerial phenomena reports received by the Air Force Department of the MOD are reviewed by the Directorate of Operations (A Def & O); specifically by Ops(GE)2c. Each report is assessed on its merits and can be subjected to further investigation if considered necessary. An example of such an investigation is contained in Annex A; a number of time co-incident reports concerning the sighting of aerial phenomena over Southern England in the early hours of 16 April were eventually linked, by RAF Fylingdales (a BMEWS site), to the re-entry into earth's atmosphere of a satellite or satellite debris.

3. In the period 1 May 77 to 30 April 78 a total of 501 aerial phenomena reports were received and processed; of these only 6% indicated that further investigation was required; each report needing approximately 3 working hours to process fully. Such investigation requires that detail contained in each report be mapped and the resultant possible trajectory/track be correlated with any factual evidence that may be available either from the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) or the Air Defence Ground Environment (ADGE) radar sites. During this period Air Defence radar sites have no record of unusual observations. Indeed none of the unusual phenomena reports have ever been confirmed as having an unknown origin by our ground radar sites.

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4. Until the receipt of Reference A no attempt has been made to consider the reports as a whole, indeed the effort required would be difficult to justify. A review of the reports still held on file has been carried out; the statistical results appear in Annex B. Two points of interest emerge: firstly there appears to be a dramatic increase in the number of reported sightings since the end of 76, although it is possible that some reports received during the period 72-76 may have been destroyed. Secondly the detailed plotting of a number of the reports received in the period 1 Jan 78 to 30 April (Annex C) reveals a number of observation patterns which could be interpreted as the sighting of manmade space objects and/or decaying satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The CS may wish to comment on this. However, much detailed work would be necessary to investigate fully this hypothesis.

5. RAF Fylingdales advise that on 23 May a total of 4,661 items of manmade space objects were orbiting the earth. Of these, 65% (3,343) had an angle of inclination which would result in an overflight of the United Kingdom. At Annex D is a table of the number of manmade objects launched each year since 1972. The table also shows yearly additions to the space catalogue and the number of items which were removed from the catalogue as they decayed from orbit and entered earth's atmosphere. It is estimated that approximately 20% of decaying objects are of sufficient size to be visible on their entry into the atmosphere.

6. We believe that the majority of aerial phenomena sighting reports have a rational explanation; meteorological balloons, atmospheric phenomena, orbiting space hardware, space debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, cosmic debris and high-flying aircraft (both military and civil) are among the most probable explanations. Of the reports reviewed to date we can find no evidence of extra terrestial visitation to either earth, its atmosphere or near space. The total lack of primary radar observations of unnatural phenomena leads us to be sceptical of Lord Clancarty's claims although we would not wish to state categorically that "UFOs" do not exist.

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Undoubtedly a very small proportion of sightings reports will defy rational explanations but within MOD AFD we have neither the staff, information nor the time to investigate fully all reports.

7. We propose to continue with the compilation of Annex B in order that you may be given a current statement of figures at the time of the resubmission of the PQ.

12 Jun 78

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Group Captain
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ANNEX A TO
D/DD Ops(GE)/10/8C
DATED 22 JUN 78

INVESTIGATION OF AERIAL PHENOMENA REPORTS - 16 APRIL

Reference:
A. D/S4(Air)/8/3 dated 17 May 78.

1. As a result of the receipt on 17 April of a number of reports relating to time co-incident sightings of aerial phenomena in the early morning of 16 April, an investigation as to the probable cause was initiated. The period initially investigated was 15, 16 and 17 April and Appendix 1 shows the initial results which indicated that on 16th and 17th sighting reports revealed that phenomena were observed to travel from the South-West to the North-East across the Southern half of the United Kingdom, whilst on 15 April a reverse direction was observed. As the predominant number of sightings were after midnight on 16 April these were reviewed in more detail and appear at Appendix 2. Subsequent discussion with Fylingdales on 18 April revealed that 3 items of space hardware had been deleted from the space catalogue and from the trajectory of the phenomena reports it could be reasonably assumed that the witnesses had observed decaying items of hardware re-entering the earths atmosphere.

2. Subsequent to the receipt of Reference A the incident on 16 April has been re-examined. A geographical plan of the reports is at Appendix 3 together with numerically related reports. It is of interest that while the majority of the reports describe what was seen by the observer, reports 1 and 5 contain a limited amount of embellishment. Over the period May 77 to April 78 .2 percent of all received reports contained descriptions which could be interpreted as a report of the sighting of an "UFO". Two examples are shown at Appendix 4.

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3. The information given in all aerial phenomena reports is related to the following paragraph sequence:

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting

B. Description of Object

C. Exact Position of Observer

D. How Observed

E. Direction in which Object was first seen

F. Angular Elevation of Object

G. Distance of Object from Observer

H. Movements of Object

J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations

K. Nearby Objects

L. To Whom Reported

M. Name and Address of Informant

N. Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered.

O. Other Witnesses

P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report.

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AERIAL PHENOMENA REPORTS - 15/16/17 April 78

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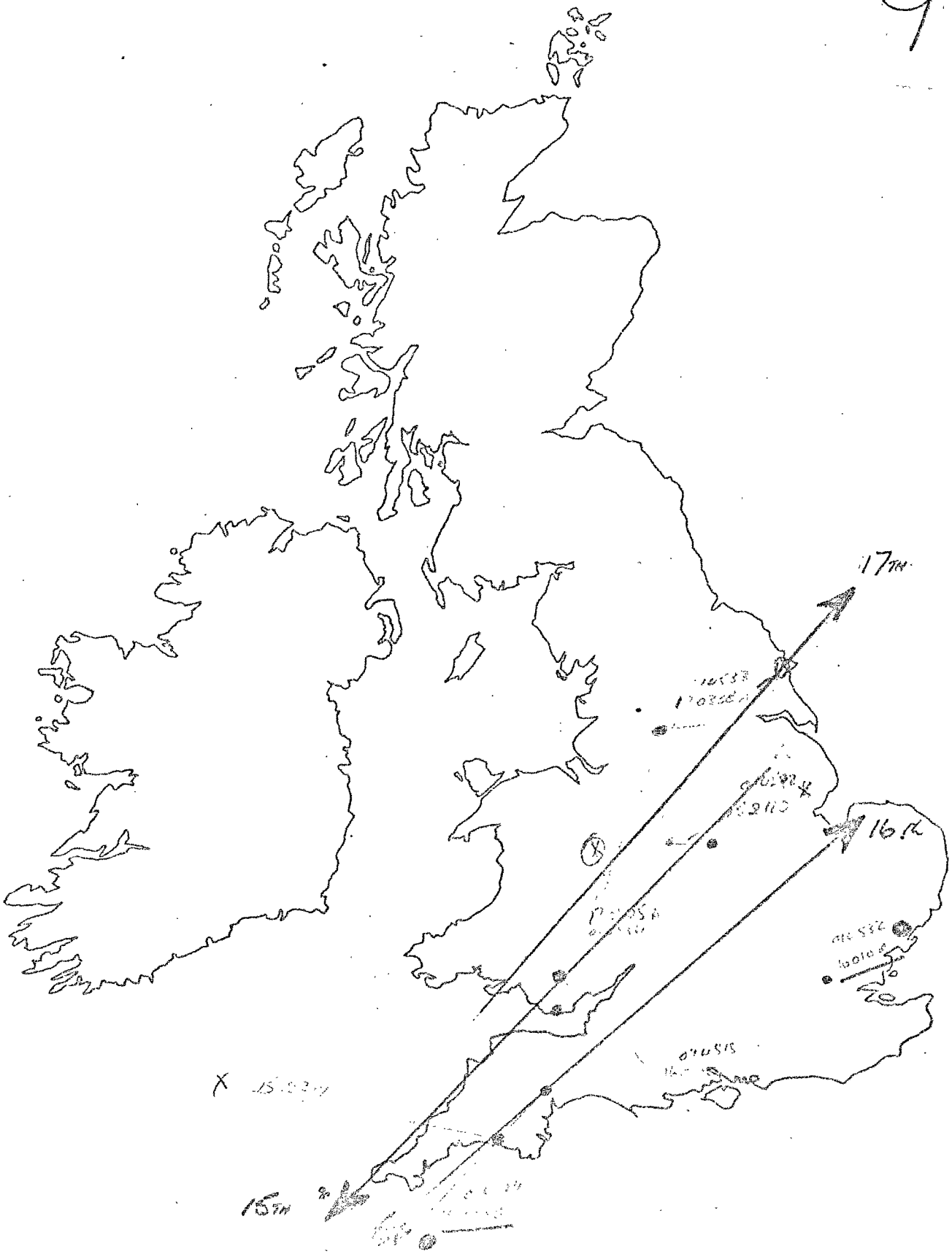

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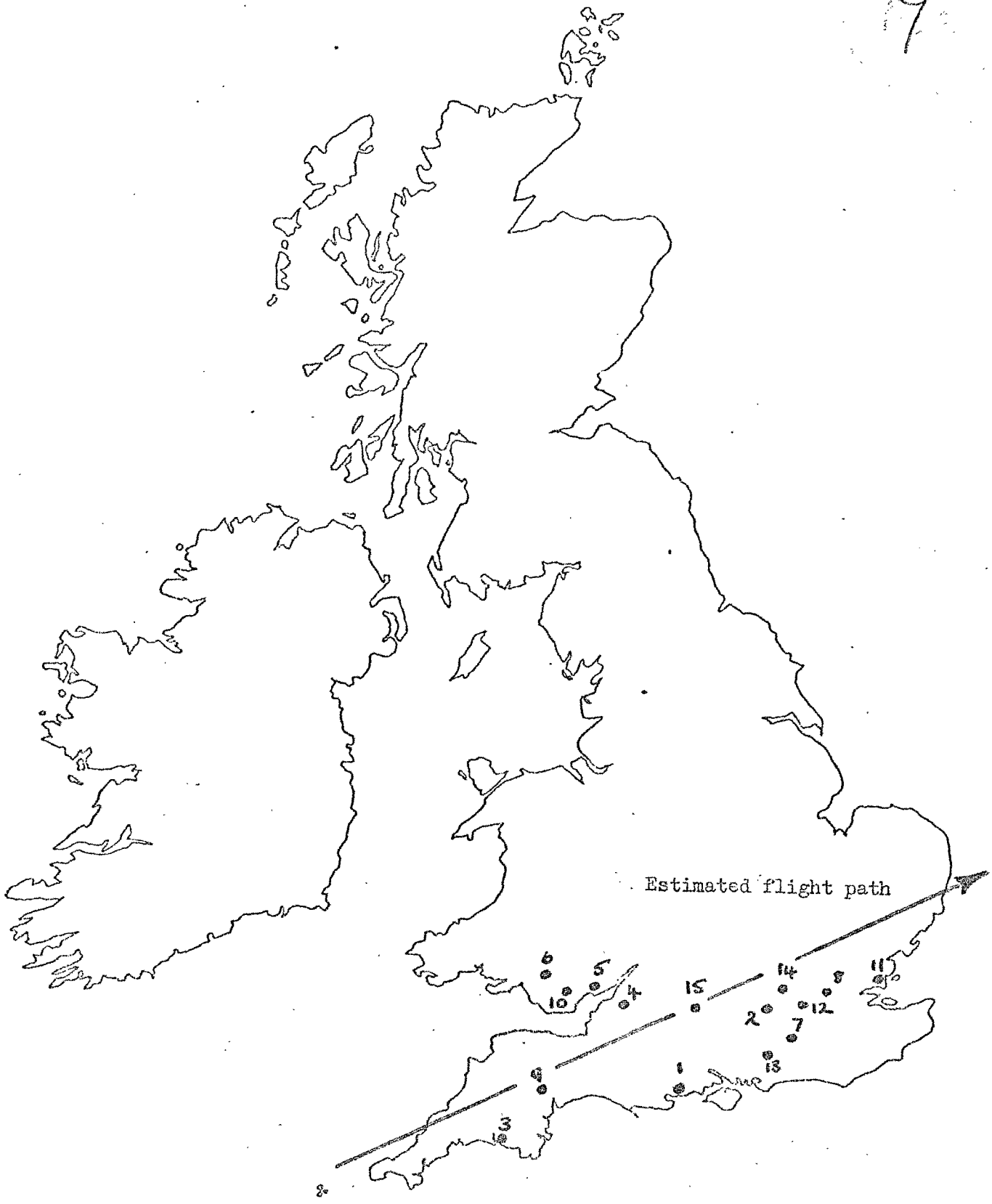

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ANNEX B TO
DD OPS(GE)10/8c
DATED 12 JUN 78

RECORD OF AERIAL PHENOMENA REPORTS STILL RETAINED BY D OF OPS(A DEF & O)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS.
1972	4	7	7	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1973	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	4	-	1	-	10
1974	-	1	-	10	-	2	5	21	9	3	-	-	51
1975	-	7	8	2	4	6	6	18	6	7	18	9	91
1976	-	-	11	6	-	11	17	10	3	9	5	14	86
1977	17	20	13	14	70	25	62	27	43	49	27	20	387
1978	39	23	48	68	37	28	31	58	103 ~~99~~	60	117	17	~~178~~ 560

NOTE: It is possible that a number of Reports received between 1972 and 1975/76 could have been destroyed.

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ANNEX D TO
D/DD OPS(GL)10/8/C
DATED 12 JUNE 1978

SPACE CATALOGUE - TABLE OF MAN-MADE SPACE HARDWARE - WORLDWIDE

a	b	c	d
Year	Total added to Catalogue	Total Launches	Total Decay
1972	568	99	373
1973	763	108	524
1974	510	106	361
1975	976	125	316
1976	1128	128	674
1977	979	124	525
1978	~~279~~ 592	~~51~~ 246	210 484

NOTES

1. Column b. identifies the number of items of space hardware that are added to the Space Catalogue each year, (Includes all hardware remnants from a Space launch).

2. Column c. The total number of launches (worldwide)

3. Column d. Total number of items of space hardware that have decayed into earth atmosphere, 20% are large enough to be visible from earth.

4. Total number of items in Space Catalogue up to 23 May 78 = 4661
Of these 75% (3643) have a trajectory which would result in overflight of UK.

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FOR S4F (AIR) RE UFOS. YOUR Z6F 151430Z DEC. CONFIDENT THERE ARE NO MAJOR CHANGES. INVESTIGATION OF DETAILED SITUATION AND PROGRESS OF POWER STUDY GROUP WOULD TAKE TIME, PERHAPS A MONTH. DO YOU WISH US TO PROCEED?
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UFOs - DEBATE IN THE LORDS

I enclose a first draft of a proposed concluding speech for Lord Strabolgi in the Lords' debate.

2. The draft tries to take account of the points made to us on Thursday by Lord Strabolgi. However, on starting to re-read the Earl of Clancarty's book 'Mysterious Visitors' I have appreciated more fully how heavily the Earl has hedged his bets about space travel: indeed he suggests that the 'sky people' are 'paranormal' and come from 'another space/time dimension'. I do not recommend trying to track the Earl through other dimensions, and suggest we stick to the bare essentials that we proposed to Lord Strabolgi - that there are plenty of phenomena, that there are perfectly sensible explanations for them, and that the explanations offered by ufology are unncessary and prove idiotic under critical examination.

3. I would be grateful for any recent recorded cases to cover the parts of para 6; otherwise I shall draw on the Condon Report and Klass (the anti-UFO investigator).

4. Clancarty is likely to produce some 'documented and fully authenticated cases'. I would like to be able to demolish one as an illusion. I have provisionally chosen the disappearance of the Norfolk Battalion at Gallipoli, which Clancartry quotes in one of his books: Hd of Army Historical Branch says that this is a 'regular', about which the facts can be produced.

5. I would be grateful for comments, criticisms and additional arguments or cases. At this stage I am particularly anxious to know whether you agree to the main line of arguments. Because time is short I would be grateful for telephone comments.

6. The present draft is about 2,000 words, around 15 minutes.

7. I have copied this minute to ACS(G)(RAF), and I would be grateful for his comments on the general line of argument.

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18 December 1978

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UFOs - DRAFT CLOSING ADDRESS

There are three grains of truth upon which the great myth of ufology is built.

FIRST: intelligent life could exist elsewhere in the universe. With 100,000 million stars in our own galaxy alone, it is probable that there are many planets capable of supporting life.

SECOND: the technical difficulties of inter-stellar travel are stunning. Even at the speed of light it would take 4 years to reach the nearest star, and 100,000 years to cross our galaxy. But it would be a brave man who said there could never, ever, be manned inter-stellar travel.

THIRD: there really are strange phenomena in the skies, and many are reported by cool and intelligent people.

2. But it is a far cry from this to the proposition that there have been great numbers of sightings of UFOs - implying alien space craft - sometimes claimed as running into hundreds of thousands. Her Majesty's Government is not in the least impressed with the idea that there is anything worth investigating in the information offered by ufologists.

3. On the one hand, there are perfectly simple explanations for the phenomena; on the other, the explanations offered by ufologists are most unconvincing. These explanations are unconvincing when they relate to space craft from other stars: they are even more unconvincing when they claim that UFOs come from another space-time dimension, from a hole in the earth, or the depths of the sea, as Lord Clancarty has suggested.

4. Let us first consider the phenomena. There have always been strange things to see in the sky, and strange explanations have been given. Since World War II we have seen development of powerful rockets, and voyages to the Moon and planets. We have also seen the development of science fiction, where space ships can be switched to 'inter-stellar drive' and our hero can ~~come~~ cross the 2M light years to Andromeda Galaxy in a flash. We have also seen the development of ufology and the UFO industry, which accepts the delightful fantasies of science fiction as proven fact and interprets the phenomena in our skies as alien space craft. Most of the phenomena are seen unexpectedly and very briefly, and are gone before the eye has focussed. The words 'UFO' and 'space craft' have been firmly implanted and too readily spring to mind.

6. But what are the real causes of the phenomena?

a. Some have always occurred: tricks of light on cloud; comets, meteors or showers of meteors; meteorites; bright planets, or even the moon or stars in unusual atmospheric conditions. Venus is popular: there are recorded cases of pilots reporting Venus as an 'unidentified flying object following them'.

b. Meteorological balloons. The Met Office alone release 50 a day, which expand to 40 foot diameter and rise to 100,000 feet and can be lit by the sun well after dark. Many other organisations use balloons, some are much larger, and there are recorded cases of balloons being reported as UFOs by airline pilots.

c. Meteorological searchlights shine on clouds: you cannot see the beam, only a light apparently dancing in the sky.

d. A surprising number of reports relate to aircraft seen in unusual conditions at unusual angles, some very high, some at low level. One recent 'UFO' was confidently reported on local radio: we cannot prove that it was not a 'UFO', but we do know that an RAF Vulcan bomber on a low flying mission passed the same spot at the same time and on the same course as the reported UFO.

e. And satellites: there are some 5000 listed objects in orbit, satellites and space debris. More are added each year, and about 600 re-enter the atmosphere every year. Early this year MOD received many reports of a large peice of debris re-entering across the South of England: most reports were factual, but one spoke of an 'oval shaped thing with a white cockpit which hovered for a while than shot off at great speed'. We cannot prove it wasn't a UFO, but it occurred at the same time and place as some known re-entry of space debris.

7. And of course there are optical illusions. Any phenomena seen through glass are particularly suspect.

8. There are also genuine hallucinations, sometimes on people under stress; the excited tales of the gullible; the embellishments of the born story teller. Also, I fear, downright lies. There are also hoaxes: there are some very effective aerial hoaxes which have been perpetrated by children - which I will not describe for fear of precipitating a new rash of UFO reports.

9. In sum, we cannot prove that all or even most of these so-called sightings were not UFOs. But we can say that there is a great variety of phenomena in the skies for which there are perfectly ordinary explanations. We have no reason to believe that the so-called UFOs are attributed to anything but these same causes.

10. But what of these famous arrivals of UFOs, claimed to be fully documented and authenticated by many witnesses. On scrutiny they tend to be elusive. I will select one, which Lord Clancarty has described in his book Mysterious Visitors as 'one of the most remarkable and unexplained mysteries of modern times'. He claims that during the Gallipots campaign in 1975, an entire British regiment, the First Fourth Norfolks, was advancing towards Hill 60: a cloud descended and picked up the regiment and it was never heard of again ..... (checking with Army Historical Branch)

11. As I have indicated, there is no criticism of those who accurately report phenomena. The criticism is of over-readiness to call them 'UFOs', and to transpose that into 'alien space craft'. The reports are passed without critical scrutiny to the ufologists; who add them without critical scrutiny, to their huge files of 'reported sightings and landings'.

12. I am sure no-one will deny that - at the least - there are possible rational explanations for the phenomena. Let us now look at the other side of the coin, the range of explanations offered by Lord Clancarty and other ufologists - it is a wide and confusing range, for there are as many different explanations as there are ufologists.

13. Lord Clancarty has been reported as claiming there have been some 80,000 sightings. Other ufologists would put the figure even higher. Now, there is a strange thing about these huge numbers. To put it in simple terms: either these 'space people' prefer to keep out of the way, or they don't. If they prefer to keep out of the way, we must assume that the number of 'sightings' is a tiny proportion of the actual UFO 'sorties', which must run into millions. If they don't one would expect some unmistakable appearances.

14. But let us look at their strange track record:

a. Not a single artefact has been produced - not a single extra-terrestial chap has dropped an extra-terrestial spanner, no bent pieces, no prangs from perhaps millions of sorties, no nothing. Lord Clancarty has an answer: the CIA has hidden them all.

b. There is no correlative evidence on radar of this huge number of movements.

c. There has been no radio contact (far easier than space travel) and no evidence on radio.

d. There have been no convincing photographs, in these days when so many people carry cameras.

d. There has been no approach to Governments, and no direct knowledge of UFOs by Governments. Lord Clancarty has an answer: there is a great inter-Governmental conspiracy of silence, initiated by the CIA.

15. The idea of the inter-Governmental conspiracy of silence is at once the most astonishing and the most flattering claim of all. On so few things can the Governments of the world agree unaminously, but they have all supposedly agreed to conceal the evidence of UFOs from their peoples. Let me assure this House that Her Majesty's Government has never been approached by people from outer space.

16. There is no internal consistency about the idea of this huge number of sightings. If they have come from another solar system, what is the point of this huge number of visits to our planet, to no apparent purpose? At best it seems wasteful. This was once explained by the claim that aliens had advance bases the other side of the moon. When that became untenable the bases were assumed to be on another planet in our solar system. As that has become untenable ever more fantastic explanations are advanced. In a recent TV broadcast Lord Clancarty claimed that the UFOs are based in a great hole in the earth. Elsewhere he has claimed that they have bases in remote parts of South America, or in the depths of the oceans. Because these physical places have become untenable he has claimed that (I quote): 'UFOs are paranormal, that is from invisible universes'. They come from 'other space-time continua'. Another ufologist talks of 'space mind/full mind/Mana'. Indeed the explanations get more and more fantastic, and more and more incapable of either proof or disproof.

17. The most telling argument of all is that the scientific community is unmoved by the claims of ufology. A visitor from outer space - or from another space time continua, or the depths of the sea, or anywhere else they are supposed to be hiding - would be one of the greatest events in human history, and the greatest scientific event. You would expect serious and sensible scientists to be devoting much time and effort to making contact with these supposed space people. The scientific community is as unimpressed as the Government. If the ufologists claim that the Government has gagged the scientific community, it would be as amazing as the alleged conspiracy of silence between Governments.

18. One could go on indefinitely trying to chase the elusive - indeed devious - arguments of the ufologists. Yes, there has been an increase in the number of 'sightings' reported to the Government: the biggest upsurges occurred when the BBC put out a programme on UFOs, and when the Daily Express launched a campaign in connection with the film premiere of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'. No, the Government is not in the least concerned by the increases. /As has been said/ Grenada is financing a study into UFOs, and the United Nations has, in a moment of casualness, given that study a vague sort of recognition, and one or two other countries have offered to contribute reports. Her Majesty's Government, if it contributes at all, will contribute on the lines of my speech.

19. There are tens of thousands of strange things to see in the sky. It has become fashionable to call these things 'UFOs'. There are perfectly sensible explanations for these sightings. The ufologist explanations are not sensible at all. In 1968

a comprehensive study on UFOs conducted for the US Government by the University of California concluded that 'nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge'. Ufologists may, if they wish, continue to believe that Governments and scientists alike are engaged in a massive cover-up. However, perhaps our debate will help confirm in some other peoples minds ufology may be pleasant fantasy but has nothing to do with truth.

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UFOs - DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

You will recall that the Earl of Clancarty put down a motion in the House of Lords last May calling for a debate on Unidentified Flying Objects. Although he subsequently withdrew it, we are informed it has now been restored to the order paper in the following terms:-

> "To call attention to the increasing number of sightings and landings on a world-wide scale of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and to the need for an intra-governmental study of UFOs."

2. No date has been fixed for the debate but we should get fourteen days notice if it is to take place. As you know, a Ministerial speech was drafted on the last occasion. Head of S4(Air) considers no further action to be immediately necessary but he would be grateful if you would continue to put aside any relevant material about UFOs that comes to hand. (D/S4(Air)8/3 dated 1 June refers).

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Head of S4(Air)

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UFOS - DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Reference: D/S4(Air)/8/3 dated 17 May 1978.

1. CS(RAF) has read the correspondence at reference with interest and agrees the general line you are proposing to take.

2. The extensive American studies were conducted in a sensible and open-minded way and no additional information has come to light subsequently to justify further expensive investigation of these phenomena.

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PS/CS(RAF)
23 May 1978

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UFOS - DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

There is to be a debate on UFOs in the House of Lords on 12 June based on the following PQ by the Earl of Clancarty, a prominent ufologist:

'To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are aware of the increasing number of reports of sightings and landings of unidentifi flying objects (UFOs) on a worldwide scale, and whether they will initiate an inter-governmental study of UFOs'.

2. S4(Air) is required to provide a brief and draft winding-up speech for Lord Winterbottom. I attach a copy of a proposed line, which I have put to the Department of Education and Science (and to FCO, who were recently involved in brushing off an attempt to get UNO to discuss UFOs). You will see that I propose that the Government should take this opportunity to pour a mass of cold water on ufology. I would be grateful for:

a. Your advice on the proposed line of action.

b. Additional arguments or evidence that we might offer.

3. I would be grateful if DD Ops(GE)(RAF) and ADI 55 would say whether we could comment more fully about evidence of extra-terrestial activity from the reports we receive - ie expand more forcefully on para 4f in the attached letter: '.... perusal of reports received gives us no cause to suspect extra-terrestial activity'. I would also like to know how much work is done on these reports, and whether there has been any attempt to consider them as a whole.

4. The Chief Scientist's department is at a disadvantage, not seeing the flow of UFO reports that arrive in AFD. However, with MOD taking the lead in refuting UFOs, the inference will be drawn that CS(RAF) endorsed that line. Putting the matter differently, I imagine that had CS(RAF) thought, as a scientist, that there was something in UFOs, he would have been quick to draw the matter to the department's attention or to have sought immediate access to the UFO reports. As he has not done so we can assume that he is unimpressed with UFOs. But I would be particularly grateful for any advice from CS(RAF)'s department.

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17 May 1978

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Dear [redacted],

There is to be a debate on UFOs in the House of Lords on 12 June 78 based on the following PQ by the Earl of Clancarty:

> 'To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are aware of the increasing number of reports of sightings and landings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) on a worldwide scale, and whether they will initiate an inter-governmental study of UFOs'.

2. The procedure will be similar to an Adjournment Debate in the Commons. The Earl will introduce the subject, interested members will speak, and Lord Winterbottom will reply for the Government. The debate could last anything from 20 minutes to 4 hours: we have been invited to draft a 10-15 minute winding up speech.

3. We do not take this lightly, because Lord Clancarty is an acknowledged expert on UFOs, whilst MOD has no experts on UFOs - for much the same reasons as we have no experts on levitation or black magic. There is much public interest in UFOs at present, drummed up by the Daily Express and in connection with the heavy sci-fi film 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'. There is a risk that the Government will be persuaded to conduct a study of UFOs, or at least to examine the mass of evidence that Lord Clancarty and his fellow-ufologists have assembled in the last 30 years. Should the Governments defences break, I need hardly warn you that responsibility for the study could very likely fall on your Department! Accordingly we would be grateful for your help in determining the proper line for Government to take.

4. We believe it would be unprofitable to indulge in too much flippancy, and intend to propose that the Government injects a dose of massive common sense into the debate on UFOs. The general line we have in mind is:

a. We do not discount the possibility of intelligent life elsewhere among the huge number of other worlds and other galaxies.

b. The technical difficulties of space travel are stunning, with the nearest star 4 light years away, but it would be unwise to say 'impossible ever'.

c. The phenomena lumped together as 'UFOs' are often reported by responsible and intelligent people.

d. But there is a huge gap between those three statements and the assumption that 'UFO reports' constitute serious evidence that extra-terrestial beings are reconnoitring this planet (Clancarty reports 80,00 verified sightings, the introduction to the book of 'Close Encounters' refers to 'millions!).

e. The phenomena reported often have common-sense explanations (eg aircraft or met balloons in unusual light, or space debris): it is always difficult to interpret accurately unusual events seen fleetingly: and the constant publicity about UFOs leads people to interpret the phenomena as extra-terrestial spacecraft and to embellish their reports unconsciously .

f. Extensive US studies indicate no evidence of extra-terrestial visits. No studies have been considered necessary in UK, but perusal of reports received gives us no cause to suspect extra-terrestial activity.

g. If there was serious scientific evidence of extra-terrestial visits we would expect the scientific world to be agog and committed; but the scientific world seems at best unimpressed, more likely heavily cynical.

h. There is no internal consistency about the idea of there having been 80,000 or perhaps millions of genuine sightings. We would expect some accidents or artefacts (Clancarty has suggested that the CIA has collected and hidden them all): or some approach to or direct evidence held by Governments (Clancarty has suggested there is a conspiracy of silence between Governments until they know how to cope); or some overt political or cultural activity to show for 30 years of presumably high-technology reconnaissance (Clancarty's own UFO references go back to the Star of Bethlehem and earlier).

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We would plan to lead up to the argument that it is pointless to try to persuade the Government unless and until the scientific community has been persuaded. We could offer the suggestion that the scientific community is most unlikely to be persuaded by mere quantity of reported sightings (as one newspaper recently remarked, 80,000 times nothing still equals nothing); a more profitable course would be for Clancarty, being so certain about his case, to present say 10 well-documented readily-verifiable recent cases in this country on which he would state his professional reputation as a ufologist. It is doubtful whether the 'scientific community' would welcome our directing Clancarty towards them, but this is surely the proper course for a layman who believes he has evidence of a matter of massive scientific concern upon which he cannot convince the Government.

6. I would be grateful for your advice on the above proposed line of action; and, if you agree it, advice on any other arguments that could be advanced. Attached is a first draft of a background note describing the past attitudes of MOD, US, France and Grenada.

7. Because of the deadline for briefing Ministers and the intrusion of the Spring Bank holiday, I am afraid I must ask for your advice by pm Wednesday 24 May.

8. I am copying this letter to Mr [redacted] Energy, Science and Space Department, Room EO22, FCO: I have noted the robust line taken by FCO recently with UNO proposals to study UFOs.

Yours Sincerely

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BACKGROUND NOTE



The Earl of Clancarty

1. We understand from the Press that Lord Clancarty is a staunch believer in UFOs. He is reported to have seen two and he has written seven books on the subject having studied the phenomena for 30 years. He has asserted that a former French Minister of Defence admitted that UFOs exist, that there are serious problems and that many landings have taken place. When asked to comment on a report that a UFO had followed a young housewife home Lord Clancarty told the Evening News that the lights may have been those of a space craft sent to spy on us by an unknown civilisation from another planet. A lot of UFOs, he said, seem to disguise themselves in clouds. ? Je leur en donne

The American Attitude to UFOs

2. There has been no British scientific enquiry into the possible existence of UFOs. However, the Ministry of Defence has kept in touch with the United States Air Force who made a systematic attempt to record and investigate UFO sightings between 1947 and 1969. During this period the USAF received 12,618 reports: of these 701 were not explained.

3. This USAF investigation known as Project Blue Book was followed by a study which was originally suggested a member of a congressional investigation in the Armed Forces Committee and which was assigned by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to the University of Colorado It was led by Dr Edward V Condon, Professor of Physics and formerly Director of the National Bureau of Standards. The main findings of this study, published in 1969 were that:-

a. About 90% of all UFO reports prove to be plausibly related to ~~natural~~ natural phenomena.

b. Little if anything had come to light from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that added to scientific knowledge.

c. Further extensive study of UFO sightings was not justified in the expectation that science would be advanced thereby.

b. No evidence had come to light in the study to indicate that UFO sightings might represent a defensive hazard.

c. The US Department of Defence should continue to handle UFO reports in its normal surveillance operations without recourse to special units such as Project Blue Book.

4. These findings were endorsed by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences, which advised that the Condon enquiry had been an adequate scientific study of UFO phenomena and that the methodology and approach were well chosen and in accordance with the accepted standards of scientif investigation. The Panel added: "We are unanaminous in the opinion that this (the Condon Report) has been a very creditable attempt to apply objectively the relevant techniques of science to the solution of the UFO problem. The Report recognises that there remain UFO sightings that are not easily explained. The Report does suggest, however, so many reasonable and possible directions in which an explanation may eventually be found that there seems to be no reason to attribute them to an extra-terrestial source without evidence that is much more convincing. The Report also shows how difficult it is to apply scientific methods to the occasional transient sightings with any chance of success. Whilst further study of particular aspects of the topic (eg atmospheric phenomena) may be useful, a study of UFOs in general is not a promising way to expand scientific understanding of the phenomena. On the basis of present knowledge the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extra terrestial visitations by intelligent beings*."

5. The USAF wound up their Project Blue Book investigation on 17 December 1969 on the strength of the Condon Report, the advice of the National Academy of Sciences, past UFO studies and their own experience of investigating UFO reports over two decades. Their conclusions were that no UFO reported, investigated or evaluated by the Air Force had ever given any indication of a threat to their national security; that there had been no evidence sumitted or disccvered by the Air Force that technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day

scientific knowledge, and that there had been no evidence indicating that sightings categorised as "unidentified" were extra terrestial vehicles.

6. The Condon Report caused a good deal of controversy and, we believe, was much criticised. In August 1976, however, the RAF Staff in Washington were informed by the US Department of the Air Force that there was no likelihood of renewed Air Force involvement in this area. The Department pointed to the considerable Air Force Commitment of resources in the past, the extreme pressure on Air Force funds in 1976 and the fact that since 1969 no evidence had been presented to warrant further investigation by the Air Force. The Department of the Air Force added that a number of universities and professional scientific organisations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science had considered UFO phenomena. Private organisations had also shown interest in aerial phenomena. It was considered that such timely review of the situation by private groups insured that sound evidence would not be overlooked by the scientific community.

Ministry of Defence attitude

7. The MOD policy takes its cue from the Americans. It is always possible, of course, that the considerable correspondence addressed to MOD might contain some hint, not of UFOs, but of something with a hostile terrestial origin which could have a bearing on national security. All letters are therefore referred to specialist authorities in MOD for any further investigation thought to be necessary; we do not take the enquiries further than that and we do not enter into detailed correspondence with the public. The standard reply to Members of Parliament and the public is that we have not the resources to conduct a scientific investigation into the nature of UFOs and, although we invariably pass reports of sightings to the staffs responsible for the air defences, we do not pursue enquiries to the point of positive identification. We do not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life could exist in outer space but to date no evidence has emerged to suggest that UFOs have extra terrestial origins

r that they represent a threat to national security. In fact, most of the sightings have commonplace origins, such as aircraft or aircraft lights seen from an unusual angle or in unusual meteorological conditions

8. The trouble is that the dedicated "UFO-ologist" will not listen and is more concerned with selective evidence to support his own thesis. The more common criticisms are:-

a. MOD will not let the public see its files. There is a "cover up" for security reasons.

There is no cover up and no security ban. It is true that when people ask to see the MOD UFO files they are told the papers must remain confidential. But there is a mundane reason for that. The files contain volumunous correspondence from the general public and we cannot divulge the identity of the correspondents, or the references to classified subjects which some of the files might contain. To remove these details would require extensive editing and we have not the staff to do the job. It follows that the files must remain closed under the rules laid down in the public Records Acts which at present preclude disclosure until 30 years have elapsed since the date of the particular correspondence. The earliest reports MOD hold are dated 1962. All earlier UFO papers were destroyed many years ago.

b. MOD employs a special UFO organisation.

Quite untrue. Nobody is employed full time to monitor UFO sightings. There is no UFO section in MOD. One of the Secretarial branches answers letters from the public about UFOs but it has many other, quite different, responsibilities as well. It does not review or analyse the sightings. It merely sends the letters to the specialised branches who examine them soldy to see if they have any bearing on the air defences.

c. Vast numbers of UFO sightings are reported to MOD, many are unexplained

No statistical records are kept in MOD because of the staff shortage. All we can say is that MOD received rather more than 400 reports from the public in 1977, at a rate of 20 to 40 per month on average. There was a flurry of correspondence recently when the Daily Express launched its advertising campaign for the commercial film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".

Attitude of French Government to UFOs

9. Apart from American policy we have recent information on only two Governments - those of France and Grenada. The French official procedure is not unlike ours. Reports from the public go in the first place to the Gendarmerie who if necessary interview the observer and take statements. The Gendarmerie send on the reports simultaneously to the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CENS) and to the French Ministry of Defence, who check radars etc to discover any military implications. The reports are then fed into a computer so that they can be "added to the statistics of the problem".

10. The view of the French Ministry of Defence may be summarised as follows:

a. The role of the Air Force consists solely in estimating whether certain information amongst the evidence they receive is likely to affect national defence; this is not in fact so .... No acts of aggression either against persons or property civilian or military have been detected.

b. The phenomena cannot at present be analysed by means of known measuring instruments .... Whilst maintaining an open mind we must restrain ourselves from hasty conclusions regarding the nature and origin of the phenomena and accept the fact that this problem like many others remains suspended in space.

11. In the last few months a small study group has been set up under the auspices of the CNES. It is chaired by Monsieur Claude Poher and is called the Groupe d'Etude des Phenomenes Aerospatiaux Non-identifies. The terms of reference for this group are not yet known but the title seems to be self-explanatory. The group has no formal links with the United Kingdom, and the Department of Education and Science advise that there is no similar scientific group in UK to study unidentified objects to phenomena.

12. Lord Clancarty drew attention to this group in a recent Parliamentary Question when he also referred to a broadcast on France-Inter radio in February 1974 when M. Robert Galley, the then French Minister of Defence was interviewed about UFOs. The interview is reported in a book, "The Crack in the Universe" which contains an accurate translation of the broadcast and introduces the transcript quite fairly as an interview in which the Minister declared "there are phenomena which are unexplained". The blurb on the dust cover, however, has M. Galley freely admitting that UFOs exist and that they are a serious problem. According to the offical transcript M. Galley made only two points of substance:-

a. There are things about UFOs which are not understood and have not been explained.

b. "We must adopt an extremely open attitude of mind to this, not put into doubt the sincerity of people reporting UFOs .... but at the moment it is really far too soon to draw the least conclusion".

Attitude of the Government of Grenada

13. In December 1977 Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, tabled a resolution at the United Nations calling on the Special Political Committee to set up a special agency or department to conduct research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena. The British

(and we believe other) representatives were briefed to oppose such an agency on the grounds that it would reduce the credibility of the United Nations. Sir Eric withdrew the proposal and circulated a draft resolution requiring the Secretary General to conduct a wide-ranging investigation into flying saucers, including an analysis of the benefits, problems and dangers stemming from any contact with terrestial life.

14. The UN Special Political Committee advised the General Assembly to take note of the various statements made by the Prime Minister of Grenada and to instruct the Secretary General to transmit the text to Member States of the UN and to interested specialist agences. In other words the resolution has been shelved indefinitely.

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UFOs

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UFO STUDY

1. Further to our conversation some months ago, and subsequent correspondence, I understand that DSTI and DSc (Air) have spoken about the study you are undertaking on UFO events; no further action is planned by either Director. For his part DSTI is content that the study is progressing as we envisaged, and that you will be producing a report later this year.

2. As we discussed I believe that the report should cover a significant number of UFO incidents (say 100 or more) and that some attempt should be made to correlate the sightings by geographical area and/or period of day/year and to resolve some of the questions continually posed in Parliament and by members of the public. It would also be helpful to give some examples of 'explainable' events; eg the widely reported sighting earlier this year which in the end turned out to be VENUS.

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Wg Cdr

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2005 15:21
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Internet-authorised: Freedom of Information request
Importance: High

Dear Dr Clarke

I have put in the post to you today the outstanding documents from your freedom of information requests. For your information I have attached to this e-mail, a copy of my accompanying letter so you will know what to expect when it arrives.

I hope this is helpful. I apologise for the length of time you have waited for this information. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 83

Dr David Clarke
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
23 August 2005

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 August regarding outstanding papers from your two Freedom of Information requests. I am now in a position to give you a substantive reply.

Please find enclosed copies of the following papers which have all now been downgraded and cleared for release. Previous security classifications and information not relevant to your requests have been removed.

1. Enclosures 150, 85, 84, 83, 71, 70, 68 and 32 of file D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A which were temporarily withheld as indicated in my letter of 25th April 2005.

2. D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 February 1997 and three associated papers which were also temporarily withheld from my earlier correspondence.

3. A copy of DIST's letter (DIST/11/10) dated 4 December 2000 which gives details of the reasons for their decision to no longer receive UFO sighting reports.

With regard to your request for a copy of DI55 Policy file D/DI55/108/15 Part 4 I should advise you that this file contains over two hundred pages, some of which are classified. I am sure you will appreciate from the amount of time it has taken to be able to release all of our policy file that it is extremely time consuming to prepare whole files for release, particularly where documents were generated and classified by other branches. The cost regulations laid down for the Freedom of Information Act are considerably more generous than those for the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, however, if a department considers the costs of complying with a request would exceed a limit of £600, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with the request. DIST staff have estimated that to copy, examine and remove sensitive, irrelevant or personal information from every page of their file would exceed this limit. If however, there is something specific you are looking for they will, of course, see if they can assist you.

In your e-mail of 4 August you asked about the release of two files (HdS4(Air)/BF82 and D/DS8/25/3 Pt A) to The National Archives. These files are amongst a large amount of MOD material which has been offered to The National Archives (TNA), however, it is for TNA to decide which items they will collect and when. The last TNA pick up of material from MOD was in July and to date our records staff have not been notified by TNA when they will make another collection. The TNA notifies the MOD that they wish to make a collection (and the items they

intend to collect) a week in advance. They then confirm the date and time 48 hours before collection. We are therefore unable to give you a definite date when these files will be transferred to TNA.

Finally, you asked about the new classes of information we intend to add to the Publication Scheme. We plan to release copies of UFO reports and UFO correspondence received by year for each year for which we currently hold records starting with the records from 1985. I do not wish to interfere with the process of reviewing material for full release at TNA, so this year has been selected because these are the earliest which have yet to begin this process. Once we have completed a year we will begin preparing records for the next year working towards the present day. We have now got the Information Commissioner's permission for the first two of these classes (one for UFO reports received in 1985 and one for UFO Correspondence) and once our time permits, we will be populating these classes and releasing them in to the Publication Scheme. It is not clear when we will be able to achieve this, as initiatives such as this unfortunately have to take second place to answering FOI requests. The database of UFO reports we are compiling will also be added to the Publication Scheme in the future. This is currently under construction and will give brief details of reports in the year they occurred rather than when received by MOD. Some extracts of this have already been released in answer to FOI requests and these are now in the Reading Room. We also intend to place the papers on the Cosford incident in the Publication in due course, but as new classes need the approval of the Information Commissioner which can be a lengthy process, we will be placing them in the Reading Room as a temporary measure. Practical ways of doing this are being explored.

I believe this now concludes your requests for information (unless you wish to specify information from the DI55 file) and answers all your outstanding questions. I hope you find this helpful and thank you for your patience with the length of time it has taken to achieve release of this information.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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FILE NOTE

ENCL No 150

D/Sec(AS)/12/1

25 Aug 95

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO "UFO" FILES

Background

- In April we were asked by Hd CS(RM)1 to reconsider the requirement to delete the internal distribution lists from documents contained in our "UFO" files, when they are released into the public domain at the 30 year point. This note represents the combined thoughts of [redacted] and myself.

- My minute at **Enc 138** set out the position to DI55c, and **Enc 145/1** is DI55c's response. Essentially, the DI55 view is that as the existence of DI55 and the link to this subject has been in the public domain for a number of years (although never formally acknowledged), there would seem little point in denying their role any longer.

- In a subsequent conversation I had with Hd CS(RM)1 earlier this week, he told me that he has recently discovered that a number of "UFO" files which have been released to the Public Records Office have not been sanitized of the internal distribution (presumably by mistake). It would therefore appear that this information is in the public domain already. For us to insist on the continuation of the policy that the internal distribution list be withheld now would appear to the public to be a MOD "U" turn.

- Therefore we need to devise an appropriate line to describe the role of DI55 in connection with "UFO" reporting, once the "UFO fraternity" pick this up.

DI55c's Role and Views

- In his minute at **Enc 83** [redacted] stated that for some years DI55 have been under general remit to advise on "UAPs" but that due to lack of resources they have not been able to study the reports we send over to them, and the reports were merely glanced at and placed on file.

- [redacted] concluded that it was not possible to advise on the possible threat implications of "UAPs" unless some short study into the subject were conducted to determine whether there is any firm evidence that "UAPs" actually exist and if so whether they indeed pose any threat. He thought that the topic might be worthy of limited study - initially in the form of a review of the data held by DI55 - which would establish whether it was worthwhile devoting resources to conducting a more wide ranging study. In his note he said that it would not be possible to divert any of his officers to the study, but that one way of overcoming this would be to enlist the services of a contractor.

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- He sought Sec(AS)'s support for the limited study and at **E85** we confirmed that we were content with his proposals. We have heard nothing more about this proposed review of data and as far as I am aware nothing further has been done about it.

Sec(AS)2a Perspective

- From the tone of [redacted]'s note at **E83** I do not get the impression that there is any urgency in the requirement, or any conviction that there is a real need for this assessment to be conducted.

- It is important that we use this opportunity to disabuse the "UFO fraternity" of the notion that DI55 receive copies of reports of unusual aerial activity to look exclusively for evidence of extraterrestrial activity which is of defence concern.

Proposal

- Suggest that we should not seek to hold the line on keeping DI55's 'involvement'/'role' out of the public domain; the revelations from CS Records on those files with unexpurgated references already in the public domain precludes this.

- If, however, we are to be open about the role of DI55, we need carefully to construct the description of that role. The "UFO lobby" will doubtless see in all this much to get excited about: cover ups; DI research and sinister implications thereof; a change in the Department's line, and speculation about what might have bought this about etc.

- As to the line; we don't think our current line needs much if any amendment. Reports are looked at by experts within the Department to establish whether what was seen represents anything of defence significance. DI55 **[which generally do what?? check with** [redacted] is one such branch.

- On research we need to know what is already in the public domain on this. However, the truth is to our knowledge that no 'research' into the phenomena has been undertaken by MOD - by DI55 or anyone else. What DI55 are planning is to review existing data to determine whether any research is justified. But as this is yet to be established, and represents possible future plans, we are under no obligation to reveal the fact.

- Essentially, we don't do research into the phenomena; we haven't done any; we only would if there were some good reason for doing so - ie. evidence of a threat. It remains that case that no threat has been discerned which has been attributed to an unidentified flying object.

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PART 1 - REQUEST FOR DOWNGRADING OF PROTECTIVELY MARKED DOCUMENTS

To:	From:
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It is requested that authority be given for the downgrading of the documents listed overleaf. If downgrading is agreed, please state new classification in column (e); otherwise insert "No Change".

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PART 2 - AUTHORITY TO DOWNGRADE PROTECTIVELY MARKED DOCUMENTS

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

Reference: D/DI55/108/15 dated 18 Oct 93

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference, in which you set out proposals for the carrying out of a limited study into Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP).

2. I can confirm that we are content with what has been proposed.

3. It has become clear that not all those organisations charged with submitting UFO reports when contacted by the public are actually doing so, and we may need to tighten up the existing system. Whether we do this immediately, so as to gather more data for the study, or whether we wait to see what recommendations arise from the study, is a point for consideration.

4. Finally, I would be grateful if you would keep Sec(AS)2a involved in this process.

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The attached note from DI55c seems fine. AD DI55c came over to discuss this some time ago, and I advised him that I saw no difficulties, although I asked him to write to us setting out their proposals. [redacted] and I discussed this at the time, and viewed it as, essentially, their money, their business.

As our policy already commits us to looking at all reports to ensure there is no threat to the defence of the UK, we are not in any way going outside our remit, as this study is no more than a review of data.

As you can see, the term "UFO" is being dropped, as it is rather a loaded term.

Coincidentally, this week we have received another report of a huge triangular object flying over the UK mainland.

I have attached a short draft reply to DI55.

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18 October 1993

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

1. For some years we have had a general remit to advise on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) but have never been able to devote any effort except filing of reports. A cursory glance at the files indicates that over the years a large amount of data has been accumulated. We have never therefore established if UAP's exist and, if they do, whether or not they pose a defence threat to the UK. Some recent events, and a cursory examination of the files indicate that the topic may be worthy of a short study.

2. I am aware, from intelligence sources, that Russia believes that such phenomena exist and has a small team studying them. I am also aware that an informal group exists in the US intelligence community and it is possible that this reflects a more formal organisation.

3. It is probable that the vast majority of the reports on file have reasonable explanations, such as military aircraft, balloons, clouds, satellites and possibly stealth aircraft. However, there appear to be a residual number of reports that can not be so easily explained, and if true, may merit further study.

4. It is difficult to meet our remit of advising on possible threat implications since we have never studied the topic of UAP's. You will recall at a recent meeting with AD DI 55 that he was proposing an initial study of our files to determine the whether or we should apply any significant effort to the matter. Since we are unable to divert any of our desk officers or existing contractors to the study we propose to modify an existing long term contract and take on board another contractor. DI 55 have been using contractors, cleared to far higher levels than most intelligence staff, with complete success for many years. I believe that opening a new contract especially for this study and using competitive tendering would potentially expose the study to too wide an audience and thus we propose modifying an existing [redacted] The manager is [redacted] and well known to DI 55. When the contract was last renewed we received a very competitive price and will obviously keep costs to a minimum. I am anticipating a man year of effort maximum at this time. Since a potential exists for political embarrassment the study and output will be graded [redacted]

5. I have attached a draft copy of the proposed amendment to

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the contract. Although this study will be undertaken by the DIS, with due account of the sensitivities, I believe that I should seek your support for this limited study.

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Attachment:

1. Proposed Contract Amendment.

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ATTACHMENT 1

AMENDMENT DETAILS

1. Item Numbers. Add:

"4. Provision of a degree level engineer, with a [redacted] background, to prepare a Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) database and produce reports in accordance with the detailed technical requirements at Annex "B". The contractor will be located at the Old War Office and will require appropriate security screening. DI 55 will interview proposed candidates and provide required hardware and software.

2. New Annex B.

"1. This work package has 3 main elements, the production of a data base, the production of a report, and possible follow on activities as directed by DI 55. At present it is envisaged that the study will last for up to one year.

3. Data Base. The data base should contain the minimum following features:

a. A discrete event number for each incident.

b. Details of location(s), including any military of economic potential targets.

c. Times and dates.

d. Details of witnesses.

e. Details of the event to include size, shape, colour, speed(s), noise, other effects such as effects on electronic equipment or ignition systems

f. Any possible explanation, such as military exercises etc.

g. A categorisation of the event as follows:

1 - Probable NATO/civilian aircraft.

2. - Probable space-based event such as meteor, re-entry vehicle or planet.

3. - Probable hoax or publicity stunt.

4. - Unidentified.

4. Report. The contractor is to read all available DI 55

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reports, be aware of major UAP publications, and produce a report that will summarize the data. The contractor will specifically:

a. Classify, types of UAP.

b. By examination of reported sightings/locations comment on possible explanations/missions.

c. By examination of reported sightings/locations comment on possible vehicle performance parameters.

d. Comment on any evidence for advanced technology and especially propulsion systems.

e. Comment on the possibility that any events are caused by devices other than vehicles operated by members of NATO.

f. Propose an improved UAP reporting format, if required.

g. Propose possible data collection methods, if required.

4. The work will be undertaken at the Old War Office Whitehall. All reports will initially be graded [redacted] unless otherwise instructed by DI 55.

There may be a long term requirement for additional studies post the production of the report and the data base.

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3 Jun 93

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UFOs

Reference: D/DI55/108/15 dated 1 Jun 93

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference.

2. I was pleased to hear about the funds you have secured, and stand ready to assist with any of the projects you are planning.

3. The conference at Sheffield Polytechnic is only one of a number of conferences being held this summer; I have attached the details of those I am aware of.

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1 June 1993

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28 April 1993

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO UFO FILES

Reference:

A. D/Sec(AS)12/1 dated 29 Mar 93.

1. At reference you asked for my views on witness privacy and internal distribution lists for files about to be released under the 30 year rule.

2. Witness Protection. I see no reason why this information should be protected for longer than the normal 30 years.

3. Internal Distribution. This is a finely balance decision to make. Public acknowledgement of investigation of UFOs by an intelligence branch would lead many people to erroneous conclusions. Although DI 55 do not operate covertly we do not court publicity, and publicity could affect our main task. Some books have mentioned an association of DI 55 with UFO investigation but they have no real evidence of this and in any event I see no reason to confirm any link. On balance I believe that mention of AI(Tech) should be deleted.

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Reference DI52/TMCK/1

Wednesday 19th June 1991

Report by [redacted] (DI52)

Arrived in my hotel room at approx 2305 and tuned in to Radio 1 "The Nicki Campbell Programme". I had heard last night (18th) that he was going to broadcast a "very controversial" interview regarding UFO's. It was due to start at 2230 so I've probably missed a lot!

The interview was with a Tim Good (I believe). He started expounding about his knowledge of UFO's and that 6 alien craft had arrived on our planet! He claimed that senior people in Whitehall and the states know of the reality of these events.

He said this was the "most sensitive area in the UK Intelligence field of all time". Sources had made him aware of MOD intelligence in Northumberland Avenue, and that there was a section DI55 working on this topic in a locked and guarded room No 801 (I think he said). He claimed that the facts relating to UFO's was classified 37 levels higher than Top Secret! Numerous references were made to an ex NASAphysisist Bob Lassare. Apparently, alien craft had been studied, and their propulsion systems were so sophisticated technically that engineers had taken years to derive an understanding. Instantaneous motion. An ex astronaut (I think) Gordon Cooper had chased UFO's. There was video film of them in the Nevada desert. One planet he quoted where aliens had come from (37 light years away) was Zeta Particulii. NORAD track such craft daily he claimed.

He claimed further that the states have a 'Black Budget' for such Projects - making it unaccountable to the senate.

When asked if he believed George Bush had ever seen one of these "quarantined"? craft, he said he was sure that he had, as they were "available". Parts of his dialogue was linked to the Bible and spiritualism as a way of justifying the reality of such phenomina presumably. He mentioned ASC - alternative space craft. With that the interview ended.

Nicki Campbell asked listeners to phone in if they were interested to find out more. If response was good, he would try and set up a tele link with the states (one of his sources) tomorrow evening (20th).

I'm new to DI (4 weeks). I sat down and spent 30 mins considering what I should do. I didn't have any phone numbers to ring so decided to go to the office (by taxi) (I may put in a bill Ha). Couldn't find any next of kin lists for [redacted] or anyone else. Used [redacted] phone to make him aware of this (via his HOME Button!) This was at about 0005 I guess. He asked me to contact the Duty Officer in MB which I did. Rather than talk on the phone, I went across and told [redacted] the above. He didn't seem unduly concerned, but said he would pass the details over to the "day shift".

I can't vouch 100% for the accuracy of my recollections above, but took lots of notes throughout the programme so am reasonably confident about names and statements made. It's now 0150 - I'm tired. I should have listened to Radio 4 perhaps! Maybe not. Hope I did the right thing.

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Recommendations

I think it would be prudent to obtain a copy of the transcript of the interview, in order to verify/correct the foregoing for accuracy. I guess then its down to considering whether there is a justification for the security services to take the matter further in view of what has been broadcast.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

Ref: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 27 Jan 97

1. Thank you for reference on the discussions on the possibility of a study into unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). This is a holding reply, not least because [redacted] who is central to this matter, is on terminal leave from the RAF and not available to advise for some weeks. (U)

2. However I wish to point out now that reference to planned DI55 activity conveys too firm an impression. [redacted] had been investigating what might be achieved within our current resources prior to seeking any commitment. He had sought your views because in the past your branch had supported an (unsuccessful) application for additional resource to create an electronic database. The interest of your branch has also been evident from many occasions over the last 20 years when DI55 has responded to your short notice demands to undertake extensive manual searches of the current and very large paper-based UAP archive. (S)

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3. In addition to your requirements we also consider there are several other parties who have an interest in the data as an intelligence source. However our ability to adequately exploit the data is severely constrained by lack of resources and the limitations of the paper based archive. While I rejected the specific application for additional resources mentioned above I remain concerned that we are not in a position to conduct intelligence assessment, which leads me to question whether there is any point in maintaining the archive. Once we have investigated further I would welcome a discussion over what the customer requirements are and whether we are resourced to meet them.

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References:

A D/Sec(AS) 64/1 dated 14 January 1997
B. D/DI55/108/15 dated 11 December 1996
C. D/DI55/108/15 dated 16 November 1993

1. In reply to your letter at Reference A, there are several differences in the current tasking which I have received from [redacted] (as an internal DI55 formal note) at Reference B; compared with the work programme envisaged in the proposal at Reference C.

2. Whereas the 1993 proposal would have involved a fully funded [redacted] contract, and hence a formal contract amendment, the current tasking is that I should carry out some work (see para 4 below) within the constraints of an existing contract. This would be one of many tasks I undertake for the Department and which can be done under a current 3 year contract while the funds are present to do so. No extra money has been added to the contract for this purpose.

3. Historically, it is perhaps useful for you to know that, during 1995, subsequent to the unsuccessful 1993 initiative, the Department again attempted both in June and October to get approval for funding. The timing eventually clashed with the onset of Defence Study 18 and the requests were shelved. In the 1995 case the work would have been accommodated within an existing budget and undertaken by [redacted] as is the case now.

4. Now to the current situation. My remit is to build a new database from scratch - nevertheless, the whole task is summarised in just 4 subheadings of a sentence each. Thereafter to make a 'categorisation' or any possible explanation of the UAP events. As you can imagine, things are not quite as simple as this may sound.

5. My current progress, in the last few weeks, has been to read all of the 22 files held by the Department (although some I had seen previously, as occasionally my advice/opinion had been sought in the past). This was a pre-requisite, so as to scope the task. All files prior to 1975, having either been destroyed, or sent to the PRO, at least limits the events recorded to about 21 years. Working between other essential

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and often urgent DI55 tasks, I have now started to set up the data base, having realised that a minimal database will not be adequate. For example, there is no point in having a database which just comprises a list/log of events in textual form, unless useful information can be easily extracted. Hence, my database structure, when complete, must allow investigative and statistical reports to be made. The tool chosen is a relational database which, if all goes according to plan, will be capable of providing material which should be of use in your answers to PQs and other correspondence.

6. Once the database format is finalised, new Event Reports will be entered as they come in, while there will be a continual lower-rate effort to get all the old reports for the last ~20 years entered. This is consided essential, so as to provide a good basis for any investigative work we might need in the future. As there are literally thousands of inputs to make, I am sure you realise that this part of the work will take many months to complete. I intend only to include UK reports made within the UK Air Defence Region (i.e. within the UKADGE area of responsibility).

7. There is, of course, the sensitivity of the matter in view of Press and Public interest. As you know, the actual sighting reports are all unclassified. I intend that the data tables are structured so that those containing witness names should be CONFIDENTIAL. This might enable the other material to be separated more easily for public disclosure, if so desired at some future date. If, as is the current trend, an 'electronic office' culture develops, the paper reports may diminish anyway. Therefore a move towards a properly structured electronically recorded system seems appropriate at this stage.

8. This leads to another important point, that of the current public UFO questionnaire format - which was 'invented' in the 1950's (I know because I filled one in myself after a sortie when flying in the RAF at the time). You will already be aware that a lot of effort goes into form design when a computerised data base is to be used. The current form, which leaves a lot to the initiative of the witness and reporting officer, could replaced with a much simpler format. I envisage that much can be done with little narrative but mainly with ticked boxes and cryptic yes/no answers - I realise that it might be difficult to bring a new form into use without some media reporter or ufologist mis- interpretation! One can imagine ...."MOD UFO Investigation Intensifies" ! You may wish to comment on this possibility?

9. Much of my present task will involve extracting the several (for database purposes) diverse bits of information that are often contained within a sentence which forms one answer on the present form. To do this effectively I shall have to examine every sheet, individually and extract the information and mark it up on paper copies of the new form for each table used in the database. My Secretary will then enter the data. It is the correlation of these individual elements of information within the total report with sources of external information I can construct in other tables (e.g. Space debris re-entry data, meteorological phenomena, location of power lines etc.), which will make the tool useful for evaluation and categorisation.

10. Finally, I wish to keep a low profile. As [redacted] one could imagine the embarrassment to [redacted] if my activities were

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media knowledge - especially as they would undoubtedly soon link these with my other known activities on [redacted] and probably connect my long-standing involvement with DI55 - which we also wish to avoid. I note you have copied Reference A to ADGE1, which includes my name. I would not wish my name to be further linked with them because of my [redacted] links with that same organisation. I have a 50-60% weekly commitment to DI55, but this is not always in OWOB. The rest of the time is spent both nation and worldwide for [redacted] My Secretary, [redacted] always knows my whereabouts, should you need to make urgent contact when I am not in London. Please do not use the term UFO on the phone to this number, as it it operator-handled. [redacted] is, of course, cleared, and would understand the words PROJECT CONDIGN and relay any messages.

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14th January 1997

DI55c - [redacted]

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

Reference:

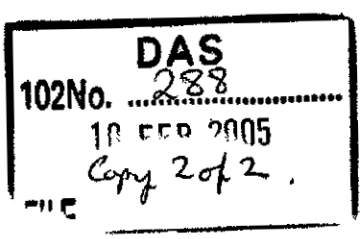
A. D/DI55/108/15 dated 18th October 1993
B. D/Sec(AS)12/1 dated 16th November 1993

1. [redacted]rang Sec(AS)2a recently to say that he was retiring and that in his absence you would be looking at the 'UFO' reports we routinely copy to DI55c. He also mentioned that you had been contracted to compile a database of reported 'sightings' and that, once compiled, you would go on to analyse the material.

2. I should be grateful if you could confirm that the work on compiling the database, which I believe is a fairly recent initiative, is that envisaged in the [redacted]contract amendment attached to Reference A (which was supported by my predecessor at Reference B).

3. The contract amendment sets out a number of issues to be addressed in the course of this work but mentions only a database and a report (it would be helpful to se a copy when produced). I am not, therefore, clear on the scope of the proposed analytical work and it would be helpful to have some more information on this aspect.

4. I should add that my concern is to ensure that the line taken when answering PQs and dealing with Ministerial and public correspondence about 'UFO' reports and associated phenomena accurately reflects the Department's position.



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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) - POLICY

References
A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97
B. D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 Feb 97
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 Mar 97
D. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 Apr 97
E. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 Apr 97

1. My apologies firstly for not responding sooner to your minutes at Ref. Unfortunately it took much longer than expected, at the time of my holding reply, to recover from a number of staff changes and to give the subject sufficient attention against other priorities. I am pleased that we should have this debate since at present there is a significant mismatch between our assumed responsibilities and our ability to resource them.

Policy

2. Referring to the policy stated in your initial minute (Ref A, Annex paras 1 & 2) an immediate difficulty arises over the use of the term 'UFO'. This term is discredited in some circles and I think that consistent use of UAP would be much more satisfactory. This would then avoid an immediate association with 'extraterrestrial' phenomena and the difficulty which arises in trying to distinguish whether events are 'extraterrestrial' or not, a judgement which we are strictly incapable of making. While analysis may enable MoD to identify some phenomena, those that remain are by definition 'unidentified' rather than 'extraterrestrial'.

3. You queried at Ref A, para 3a the extent of DIST interest in UFO reports. We agree that MoD's interest has to be related to defence significance but this is not solely to determine whether

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the UK ADR is breached, as implied by the parenthetical text in your Annex, para 2. DIST's role in support of customer requirements is to assess all source intelligence on foreign weapon systems and science & technology with military relevance. We have the responsibility to decide which sources are most appropriate and how they should be weighted for assessments. We regard UAP as a source, akin in some respects to human reporting not least in that the phenomena are reported by people and may not be fully appreciated or understood at the time. This intelligence interest needs to be explicitly covered in the policy statement and we propose that your Annex, para 2 should read:

'MoD's interest in 'UAP' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance, viz:

a. whether the UKADR has been breached;

b. what intelligence is revealed on military capabilities of other countries;

c. whether scientific and technical information of military significance is revealed.'

Arrangements

4. Referring to your Annex, para 4, in the light of the above we do not consider that MoD can have no interest in extraterrestrial matters and needs to keep an open mind on whether 'unidentified' phenomena may have significance. Additionally the lack of evidence to date in the DIS on the extraterrestrial hypothesis has to reflect the fact that we have not carried out any analysis. Effectively the UAP source is unproven for DIST purposes, a situation of concern even if we never expect it to be as reliable or valuable as other sources. Two principles therefore arise:

Reports

5. Firstly DIST needs to continue to receive reports in order to make the judgements at para 3b and 3c above. It seems probable that only credible sources are likely to provide enough information for a substantive analysis and we are therefore prepared to constrain ourselves to receive reports in the categories at Ref D, para 2.

Analysis

6. Secondly DIST needs to have an adequate system in order to reference the information. In line with developing practices for other source intelligence we need a reliable system for the retention and analysis of data. Hitherto the paper records have been much too unwieldy for effective action leading to the failing noted above. The proposed filtering of reports will reduce the volume considerably and we need to take the opportunity to initiate a database now. How we do this remains to be decided. Our resources are heavily over-bid but it seems essential that we establish the database in order to reduce subsequent analysis effort to the minimum. The extent to which we incorporate retrospective reports into the database depends on the resource costs. At best we would aim to apply the proposed filters in order to reduce the task to manageable

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proportions. Concurrently we have to decide whether it should be DIS policy to retain the other reports or rely on your own archive. I favour the latter. Once the database is established and populated we would commission a limited analysis to determine whether reports possess any intelligence, S&T value or discernible patterns (locations, features, performance) and establish the residue of significant unidentified events.

7. This requirement for a database needs to be considered alongside DAO's interests and we should aim to develop a single framework and decide how to share the responsibility for data entry.

Action

8. We therefore propose to:

a. plan in conjunction with DAO and customers how to achieve the database;

b. implement the plan, sharing resources if appropriate;

c. conduct, in DIST, a limited analaysis of events;

d. review the situation once the database is accessible and no later than 12 months hence.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) – DI55 REPORT

1. The DIS has received copies of UAP sighting reports from Sec(AS) for about 30 years. Until recently these have been filed with only a cursory look at the contents by DI55 to discover whether anything of intelligence value could be determined. However, it was obvious that any value from the sighting data could only be derived by carrying out a Study of a significant sample of the reports. Consequently, over the past 2 years DI55, under low priority tasking, has compiled a database of information taken from reports received between 1987 and 1997, and has carried out an analysis based on data statistics. A report is now available. With the exception of DG(R&T), who receives the full report, other addressees are being provided with the Executive Summary only, which details the main findings of the Study. Should you require the full report, or parts of it, contact details are given on page 3 of the Summary.

2. The main conclusion of the Study is that the sighting reports provide nothing of value to the DIS in our assessment of threat weapon systems. Taken together with other evidence, we believe that many of the sightings can be explained as: mis-reporting of man-made vehicles; natural but not unusual phenomena, and natural but relatively rare and not completely understood phenomena. It is for these reasons that we have taken the decision to do no further work on the subject and will no longer receive copies of sighting reports.

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4. Although we intend to carry out no further work on the subject, we would value any comments you may wish to make on the report. Please direct such comments to AD/DI55. Finally, while most of the report is classified at only [redacted] we hardly need remind addressees of the media interest in this subject and consequently the sensitivity of the report. Please protect this subject

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accordingly, and discuss the report only with those who have a need to know.

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Enclosure:

DCDI, IFS(RAF), HQ MATO, - Executive Summary
UKADGE – Executive Summary and Volume 3
DGR&T, ADI/55, ADI/51 – Executive Summary and Volumes 1,2 and 3

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CLEARANCE OF OUTSTANDING DOCUMENT FOR DR CLARKE'S FOI REQUEST

D/Sec(AS) 12/1 Part A – UFO Policy

Enclosure 150 – Sec(AS) file note. Due to content, it has been discussed with Section 40 Section 40 (DIST-GM OMS AD) who is content for release. Info-Records 1 (Successor to CS(RM)1) has also confirmed his contentment for release.

Enclosure 83 – DI55 document. Examined, downgraded and cleared for release by DIST-GM OMS AD.

Enclosure 70 - DI55 document. Examined, downgraded and cleared for release by DIST-GM OMS AD.

Enclosure 68 - DI55 document. Examined, downgraded and cleared for release by DIST-GM OMS AD.

Enclosure 32 - DI55 document. Examined, downgraded and cleared for release by DIST-GM OMS AD.

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FILE NOTE

ENCL No 150

D/Sec(AS)/12/1

25 Aug 95

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO "UFO" FILES

Background

- In April we were asked by Hd CS(RM)1 to reconsider the requirement to delete the internal distribution lists from documents contained in our "UFO" files, when they are released into the public domain at the 30 year point. This note represents the combined thoughts of [redacted] and myself.

- My minute at **Enc 138** set out the position to DI55c, and **Enc 145/1** is DI55c's response. Essentially, the DI55 view is that as the existence of DI55 and the link to this subject has been in the public domain for a number of years (although never formally acknowledged), there would seem little point in denying their role any longer.

- In a subsequent conversation I had with Hd CS(RM)1 earlier this week, he told me that he has recently discovered that a number of "UFO" files which have been released to the Public Records Office have not been sanitized of the internal distribution (presumably by mistake). It would therefore appear that this information is in the public domain already. For us to insist on the continuation of the policy that the internal distribution list be withheld now would appear to the public to be a MOD "U" turn.

- Therefore we need to devise an appropriate line to describe the role of DI55 in connection with "UFO" reporting, once the "UFO fraternity" pick this up.

DI55c's Role and Views

- In his minute at **Enc 83** [redacted] stated that for some years DI55 have been under general remit to advise on "UAPs" but that due to lack of resources they have not been able to study the reports we send over to them, and the reports were merely glanced at and placed on file.

- [redacted] concluded that it was not possible to advise on the possible threat implications of "UAPs" unless some short study into the subject were conducted to determine whether there is any firm evidence that "UAPs" actually exist and if so whether they indeed pose any threat. He thought that the topic might be worthy of limited study - initially in the form of a review of the data held by DI55 - which would establish whether it was worthwhile devoting resources to conducting a more wide ranging study. In his note he said that it would not be possible to divert any of his officers to the study, but that one way of overcoming this would be to enlist the services of a contractor.

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- He sought Sec(AS)'s support for the limited study and at **E85** we confirmed that we were content with his proposals. We have heard nothing more about this proposed review of data and as far as I am aware nothing further has been done about it.

Sec(AS)2a Perspective

- From the tone of [redacted]s note at **E83** I do not get the impression that there is any urgency in the requirement, or any conviction that there is a real need for this assessment to be conducted.

- It is important that we use this opportunity to disabuse the "UFO fraternity" of the notion that DI55 receive copies of reports of unusual aerial activity to look exclusively for evidence of extraterrestrial activity which is of defence concern.

Proposal

- Suggest that we should not seek to hold the line on keeping DI55's 'involvement'/'role' out of the public domain; the revelations from CS Records on those files with unexpurgated references already in the public domain precludes this.

- If, however, we are to be open about the role of DI55, we need carefully to construct the description of that role. The "UFO lobby" will doubtless see in all this much to get excited about: cover ups; DI research and sinister implications thereof; a change in the Department's line, and speculation about what might have bought this about etc.

- As to the line; we don't think our current line needs much if any amendment. Reports are looked at by experts within the Department to establish whether what was seen represents anything of defence significance. DI55 **[which generally do what?? check with** [redacted] is one such branch.

- On research we need to know what is already in the public domain on this. However, the truth is to our knowledge that no 'research' into the phenomena has been undertaken by MOD - by DI55 or anyone else. What DI55 are planning is to review existing data to determine whether any research is justified. But as this is yet to be established, and represents possible future plans, we are under no obligation to reveal the fact.

- Essentially, we don't do research into the phenomena; we haven't done any; we only would if there were some good reason for doing so - ie. evidence of a threat. It remains that case that no threat has been discerned which has been attributed to an unidentified flying object.

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D/DI55/108/15

18 October 1993

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

1. For some years we have had a general remit to advise on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) but have never been able to devote any effort except filing of reports. A cursory glance at the files indicates that over the years a large amount of data has been accumulated. We have never therefore established if UAP's exist and, if they do, whether or not they pose a defence threat to the UK. Some recent events, and a cursory examination of the files indicate that the topic may be worthy of a short study.

2. I am aware, from intelligence sources, that Russia believes that such phenomena exist and has a small team studying them. I am also aware that an informal group exists in the US intelligence community and it is possible that this reflects a more formal organisation.

3. It is probable that the vast majority of the reports on file have reasonable explanations, such as military aircraft, balloons, clouds, satellites and possibly stealth aircraft. However, there appear to be a residual number of reports that can not be so easily explained, and if true, may merit further study.

4. It is difficult to meet our remit of advising on possible threat implications since we have never studied the topic of UAP's. You will recall at a recent meeting with AD DI 55 that he was proposing an initial study of our files to determine the whether or we should apply any significant effort to the matter. Since we are unable to divert any of our desk officers or existing contractors to the study we propose to modify an existing long term contract and take on board another contractor. DI 55 have been using contractors, cleared to far higher levels than most intelligence staff, with complete success for many years. I believe that opening a new contract especially for this study and using competitive tendering would potentially expose the study to too wide an audience and thus we propose modifying an existing BAe contract. The manager is a former DIS officer and well known to DI 55. When the contract was last renewed we received a very competitive price and will obviously keep costs to a minimum. I am anticipating a man year of effort maximum at this time. Since a potential exists for political embarrassment the study and output will be graded SECRET UK EYES B.

5. I have attached a draft copy of the proposed amendment to

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the contract. Although this study will be undertaken by the DIS, with due account of the sensitivities, I believe that I should seek your support for this limited study.

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Wing Commander
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Attachment:

1. Proposed Contract Amendment.

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ATTACHMENT 1

AMENDMENT DETAILS

1. Item Numbers. Add:

"4. Provision of a degree level engineer, with a wide aerospace background, to prepare a Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) database and produce reports in accordance with the detailed technical requirements at Annex "B". The contractor will be located at the Old War Office and will require appropriate security screening. DI 55 will interview proposed candidates and provide required hardware and software.

2. New Annex B.

"1. This work package has 3 main elements, the production of a data base, the production of a report, and possible follow on activities as directed by DI 55. At present it is envisaged that the study will last for up to one year.

3. Data Base. The data base should contain the minimum following features:

a. A discrete event number for each incident.

b. Details of location(s), including any military of economic potential targets.

c. Times and dates.

d. Details of witnesses.

e. Details of the event to include size, shape, colour, speed(s), noise, other effects such as effects on electronic equipment or ignition systems

f. Any possible explanation, such as military exercises etc.

g. A categorisation of the event as follows:

1 - Probable NATO/civilian aircraft.

2. - Probable space-based event such as meteor, re-entry vehicle or planet.

3. - Probable hoax or publicity stunt.

4. - Unidentified.

~~2~~ 3. Report. The contractor is to read all available DI 55

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reports, be aware of major UAP publications, and produce a report that will summarize the data. The contractor will specifically:

a. Classify, types of UAP.

b. By examination of reported sightings/locations comment on possible explanations/missions.

c. By examination of reported sightings/locations comment on possible vehicle performance parameters.

d. Comment on any evidence for advanced technology and especially propulsion systems.

e. Comment on the possibility that any events are caused by devices other than vehicles operated by members of NATO.

f. Propose an improved UAP reporting format, if required.

g. Propose possible data collection methods, if required.

4. The work will be undertaken at the Old War Office Whitehall. All reports will initially be graded Secret unless otherwise instructed by DI 55.

There may be a long term requirement for additional studies post the production of the report and the data base.

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UFOs

1. You may be interested to hear that at long last I have had some funds allocated for serious UFO research. The study will include a review of our data, the construction of a data base, a detailed review of specified incidents and recommendations for the future. Needless to say we do not want this broadcast and it is for your information only.

2. I have heard that there is a conference at Sheffield Poly in August, I would be grateful if you have any further information.

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28 April 1993

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO UFO FILES

Reference:

A. D/Sec(AS)12/1 dated 29 Mar 93.

1. At reference you asked for my views on witness privacy and internal distribution lists for files about to be released under the 30 year rule.

2. Witness Protection. I see no reason why this information should be protected for longer than the normal 30 years.

3. Internal Distribution. This is a finely balance decision to make. Public acknowledgement of investigation of UFOs by an intelligence branch would lead many people to erroneous conclusions. Although DI 55 do not operate covertly we do not court publicity, and publicity could affect our main task. Some books have mentioned an association of DI 55 with UFO investigation but they have no real evidence of this and in any event I see no reason to confirm any link. On balance I believe that mention of AI(Tech) should be deleted.

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To Head ITAU
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Reference DI52/TMCK/1

Wednesday 19th June 1991

Report by Section 40 [redacted] (DI52)

Arrived in my hotel room at approx 2305 and tuned in to Radio 1 "The Nicki Campbell Programme". I had heard last night (18th) that he was going to broadcast a "very controversial" interview regarding UFO's. It was due to start at 2230 so I've probably missed a lot!

The interview was with a Tim Good (I believe). He started expounding about his knowledge of UFO's and that 6 alien craft had arrived on our planet! He claimed that senior people in Whitehall and the states know of the reality of these events.

He said this was the "most sensitive area in the UK Intelligence field of all time". Sources had made him aware of MOD intelligence in Northumberland Avenue, and that there was a section DI55 working on this topic in a locked and guarded room No 801 (I think he said). He claimed that the facts relating to UFO's was classified 37 levels higher than Top Secret! Numerous references were made to an ex NASA physisist Bob Lassare. Apparently, alien craft had been studied, and their propulsion systems were so sophisticated technically that engineers had taken years to derive an understanding. Instantaneous motion. An ex astronaut (I think) Gordon Cooper had chased UFO's. There was video film of them in the Nevada desert. One planet he quoted where aliens had come from (37 light years away) was Zeta Particulii. NORAD track such craft daily he claimed.

He claimed further that the states have a 'Black Budget' for such Projects - making it unaccountable to the senate. STATIONARY

When asked if he believed George Bush had ever seen one of these "quarantined"? craft, he said he was sure that he had, as they were "available". Parts of his dialogue was linked to the Bible and spiritualism as a way of justifying the reality of such phenomina presumably. He mentioned ASC - alternative space craft. With that the interview ended.

Nicki Campbell asked listeners to phone in if they were interested to find out more. If response was good, he would try and set up a tele link with the states (one of his sources) tomorrow evening (20th).

I'm new to DI (4 weeks). I sat down and spent 30 mins considering what I should do. I didn't have any phone numbers to ring so decided to go to the office (by taxi) (I may put in a bill Ha). Couldn't find any next of kin lists for Section 40 [redacted] or anyone else. Used Section 40 [redacted] phone to make him aware of this (via his HOME Button!) This was at about 0005 I guess. He asked me to contact the Duty Officer in MB which I did. Rather than talk on the phone, I went across and told Sqn Ldr Section 40 [redacted] the above. He didn't seem unduly concerned, but said he would pass the details over to the "day shift".

I can't vouch 100% for the accuracy of my recollections above, but took lots of notes throughout the programme so am reasonably confident about names and statements made. It's now 0150 - I'm tired. I should have listened to Radio 4 perhaps! Maybe not. Hope I did the right thing.

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Recommendations

I think it would be prudent to obtain a copy of the transcript of the interview, in order to verify/correct the foregoing for accuracy. I guess then its down to considering whether there is a justification for the security services to take the matter further in view of what has been broadcast.

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CLEARANCE OF OUTSTANDING DOCUMENT FOR DR CLARKE'S FOI REQUEST

Request 2. – D/DIST/11/10 –LM entitled *UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA STUDY* dated 3 February 1997, DI55 document. Examined, downgraded and cleared for release by DIST-GM OMS AD.

Three associated papers: DI55/108/15 – LM entitled *UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA* dated 22nd January 1997, DI55 document. Examined, downgraded and cleared for release by DIST-GM OMS AD.

D/DIST/11/10 – LM entitled *UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) – POLICY* dated 25 April 1997, DI55 document. Examined, downgraded and cleared for release by DIST-GM OMS AD.

D/Sec(AS)64/1 – LM entitled *UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY* dated 14th January 1997, Sec(AS) document. Downgraded and cleared for release by myself.

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Any comments - it answers to my when/for what questions would be helpful - any idea of the time these comments apply to?

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

Ref: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 27 Jan 97

1. Thank you for reference on the discussions on the possibility of a study into unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). This is a holding reply, not least because Section 40 [redacted] who is central to this matter, is on terminal leave from the RAF and not available to advise for some weeks. (U)

2. However I wish to point out now that reference to planned DI55 activity conveys too firm an impression. Section 40 [redacted] had been investigating what might be achieved within our current resources prior to seeking any commitment. He had sought your views because in the past your branch had supported an (unsuccessful) application for additional resource to create an electronic database. The interest of your branch has also been evident from many occasions over the last 20 years when DI55 has responded to your short notice demands to undertake extensive manual searches of the current and very large paper-based UAP archive. (S)

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3. In addition to your requirements we also consider there are several other parties who have an interest in the data as an intelligence source. However our ability to adequately exploit the data is severely constrained by lack of resources and the limitations of the paper based archive. While I rejected the specific application for additional resources mentioned above I remain concerned that we are not in a position to conduct intelligence assessment, which leads me to question whether there is any point in maintaining the archive. Once we have investigated further I would welcome a discussion over what the customer requirements are and whether we are resourced to meet them.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

References:

A D/Sec(AS) 64/1 dated 14 January 1997
B. D/DI55/108/15 dated 11 December 1996
C. D/DI55/108/15 dated 16 November 1993

1. In reply to your letter at Reference A, there are several differences in the current tasking which I have received from Section 40 (as an internal DI55 formal note) at Reference B; compared with the work programme envisaged in the proposal at Reference C.

2. Whereas the 1993 proposal would have involved a fully funded Section 40 contract, and hence a formal contract amendment, the current tasking is that I should carry out some work (see para 4 below) within the constraints of an existing contract. This would be one of many tasks I undertake for the Department and which can be done under a current 3 year contract while the funds are present to do so. No extra money has been added to the contract for this purpose.

3. Historically, it is perhaps useful for you to know that, during 1995, subsequent to the unsuccessful 1993 initiative, the Department again attempted both in June and October to get approval for funding. The timing eventually clashed with the onset of Defence Study 18 and the requests were shelved. In the 1995 case the work would have been accommodated within an existing budget and undertaken by Section 40 as is the case now.

4. Now to the current situation. My remit is to build a new database from scratch - nevertheless, the whole task is summarised in just 4 subheadings of a sentence each. Thereafter to make a 'categorisation' or any possible explanation of the UAP events. As you can imagine, things are not quite as simple as this may sound.

5. My current progress, in the last few weeks, has been to read all of the 22 files held by the Department (although some I had seen previously, as occasionally my advice/opinion had been sought in the past). This was a pre-requisite, so as to scope the task. All files prior to 1975, having either been destroyed, or sent to the PRO, at least limits the events recorded to about 21 years. Working between other essential

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and often urgent DI55 tasks, I have now started to set up the data base, having realised that a minimal database will not be adequate. For example, there is no point in having a database which just comprises a list/log of events in textual form, unless useful information can be easily extracted. Hence, my database structure, when complete, must allow investigative and statistical reports to be made. The tool chosen is a relational database which, if all goes according to plan, will be capable of providing material which should be of use in your answers to PQs and other correspondence.

6. Once the database format is finalised, new Event Reports will be entered as they come in, while there will be a continual lower-rate effort to get all the old reports for the last ~20 years entered. This is consided essential, so as to provide a good basis for any investigative work we might need in the future. As there are literally thousands of inputs to make, I am sure you realise that this part of the work will take many months to complete. I intend only to include UK reports made within the UK Air Defence Region (i.e. within the UKADGE area of responsibility).

7. There is, of course, the sensitivity of the matter in view of Press and Public interest. As you know, the actual sighting reports are all unclassified. I intend that the data tables are structured so that those containing witness names should be CONFIDENTIAL. This might enable the other material to be separated more easily for public disclosure, if so desired at some future date. If, as is the current trend, an 'electronic office' culture develops, the paper reports may diminish anyway. Therefore a move towards a properly structured electronically recorded system seems appropriate at this stage.

8. This leads to another important point, that of the current public UFO questionnaire format - which was 'invented' in the 1950's (I know because I filled one in myself after a sortie when flying in the RAF at the time). You will already be aware that a lot of effort goes into form design when a computerised data base is to be used. The current form, which leaves a lot to the initiative of the witness and reporting officer, could replaced with a much simpler format. I envisage that much can be done with little narrative but mainly with ticked boxes and cryptic yes/no answers - I realise that it might be difficult to bring a new form into use without some media reporter or ufologist mis- interpretation! One can imagine ...."MOD UFO Investigation Intensifies" ! You may wish to comment on this possibility?

9. Much of my present task will involve extracting the several (for database purposes) diverse bits of information that are often contained within a sentence which forms one answer on the present form. To do this effectively I shall have to examine every sheet, individually and extract the information and mark it up on paper copies of the new form for each table used in the database. My Secretary will then enter the data. It is the correlation of these individual elements of information within the total report with sources of external information I can construct in other tables (e.g. Space debris re-entry data, meteorological phenomena, location of power lines etc.), which will make the tool useful for evaluation and categorisation.

10. Finally, I wish to keep a low profile. As Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 one could imagine the embarrassment to the Section 40 if my activities were

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media knowledge - especially as they would undoubtedly soon link these with my other known activities on Section 40 and probably connect my long-standing involvement with DI55 - which we also wish to avoid. I note you have copied Reference A to ADGE1, which includes my name. I would not wish my name to be further linked with them because of my Section 40 links with that same organisation. I have a 50-60% weekly commitment to DI55, but this is not always in OWOB. The rest of the time is spent both nation and worldwide for Section 40 My Secretary, Section 40 always knows my whereabouts, should you need to make urgent contact when I am not in London. Please do not use the term UFO on the phone to this number, as it it operator-handled. Section 40 is, of course, cleared, and would understand the words PROJECT CONDIGN and relay any messages.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) - POLICY

References
A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97
B. D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 Feb 97
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 Mar 97
D. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 Apr 97
E. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 Apr 97

1. My apologies firstly for not responding sooner to your minutes at Ref. Unfortunately it took much longer than expected, at the time of my holding reply, to recover from a number of staff changes and to give the subject sufficient attention against other priorities. I am pleased that we should have this debate since at present there is a significant mismatch between our assumed responsibilities and our ability to resource them.

Policy

2. Referring to the policy stated in your initial minute (Ref A, Annex paras 1 & 2) an immediate difficulty arises over the use of the term 'UFO'. This term is discredited in some circles and I think that consistent use of UAP would be much more satisfactory. This would then avoid an immediate association with 'extraterrestrial' phenomena and the difficulty which arises in trying to distinguish whether events are 'extraterrestrial' or not, a judgement which we are strictly incapable of making. While analysis may enable MoD to identify some phenomena, those that remain are by definition 'unidentified' rather than 'extraterrestrial'.

3. You queried at Ref A, para 3a the extent of DIST interest in UFO reports. We agree that MoD's interest has to be related to defence significance but this is not solely to determine whether

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the UK ADR is breached, as implied by the parenthetical text in your Annex, para 2. DIST's role in support of customer requirements is to assess all source intelligence on foreign weapon systems and science & technology with military relevance. We have the responsibility to decide which sources are most appropriate and how they should be weighted for assessments. We regard UAP as a source, akin in some respects to human reporting not least in that the phenomena are reported by people and may not be fully appreciated or understood at the time. This intelligence interest needs to be explicitly covered in the policy statement and we propose that your Annex, para 2 should read:

'MoD's interest in 'UAP' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance, viz:

a. whether the UKADR has been breached;

b. what intelligence is revealed on military capabilities of other countries;

c. whether scientific and technical information of military significance is revealed.'

Arrangements

4. Referring to your Annex, para 4, in the light of the above we do not consider that MoD can have no interest in extraterrestrial matters and needs to keep an open mind on whether 'unidentified' phenomena may have significance. Additionally the lack of evidence to date in the DIS on the extraterrestrial hypothesis has to reflect the fact that we have not carried out any analysis. Effectively the UAP source is unproven for DIST purposes, a situation of concern even if we never expect it to be as reliable or valuable as other sources. Two principles therefore arise:

Reports

5. Firstly DIST needs to continue to receive reports in order to make the judgements at para 3b and 3c above. It seems probable that only credible sources are likely to provide enough information for a substantive analysis and we are therefore prepared to constrain ourselves to receive reports in the categories at Ref D, para 2.

Analysis

6. Secondly DIST needs to have an adequate system in order to reference the information. In line with developing practices for other source intelligence we need a reliable system for the retention and analysis of data. Hitherto the paper records have been much too unwieldy for effective action leading to the failing noted above. The proposed filtering of reports will reduce the volume considerably and we need to take the opportunity to initiate a database now. How we do this remains to be decided. Our resources are heavily over-bid but it seems essential that we establish the database in order to reduce subsequent analysis effort to the minimum. The extent to which we incorporate retrospective reports into the database depends on the resource costs. At best we would aim to apply the proposed filters in order to reduce the task to manageable

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proportions. Concurrently we have to decide whether it should be DIS policy to retain the other reports or rely on your own archive. I favour the latter. Once the database is established and populated we would commission a limited analysis to determine whether reports possess any intelligence, S&T value or discernible patterns (locations, features, performance) and establish the residue of significant unidentified events.

7. This requirement for a database needs to be considered alongside DAO's interests and we should aim to develop a single framework and decide how to share the responsibility for data entry.

Action

8. We therefore propose to:

a. plan in conjunction with DAO and customers how to achieve the database;

b. implement the plan, sharing resources if appropriate;

c. conduct, in DIST, a limited analaysis of events;

d. review the situation once the database is accessible and no later than 12 months hence.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

Reference:

A. D/DI55/108/15 dated 18th October 1993
B. D/Sec(AS)12/1 dated 16th November 1993

1. Section 40 rang Sec(AS)2a recently to say that he was retiring and that in his absence you would be looking at the 'UFO' reports we routinely copy to DI55c. He also mentioned that you had been contracted to compile a database of reported 'sightings' and that, once compiled, you would go on to analyse the material.

2. I should be grateful if you could confirm that the work on compiling the database, which I believe is a fairly recent initiative, is that envisaged in the Section 40 contract amendment attached to Reference A (which was supported by my predecessor at Reference B).

3. The contract amendment sets out a number of issues to be addressed in the course of this work but mentions only a database and a report (it would be helpful to se a copy when produced). I am not, therefore, clear on the scope of the proposed analytical work and it would be helpful to have some more information on this aspect.

4. I should add that my concern is to ensure that the line taken when answering PQs and dealing with Ministerial and public correspondence about 'UFO' reports and associated phenomena accurately reflects the Department's position.

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ENCLOSURE 80

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CLEARANCE OF OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTS FROM DR CLARKE'S FOI REQUEST

Request No.3

DI55 decision to no longer receive UFO reports. D/DIST/11/10 dated 4 December 2000. Examined and cleared for release by Section 40 (DIST-GM OMS AD)

Section 40 suggested the removal of paragraph 3.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) – DI55 REPORT

1. The DIS has received copies of UAP sighting reports from Sec(AS) for about 30 years. Until recently these have been filed with only a cursory look at the contents by DI55 to discover whether anything of intelligence value could be determined. However, it was obvious that any value from the sighting data could only be derived by carrying out a Study of a significant sample of the reports. Consequently, over the past 2 years DI55, under low priority tasking, has compiled a database of information taken from reports received between 1987 and 1997, and has carried out an analysis based on data statistics. A report is now available. With the exception of DG(R&T), who receives the full report, other addressees are being provided with the Executive Summary only, which details the main findings of the Study. Should you require the full report, or parts of it, contact details are given on page 3 of the Summary.

2. The main conclusion of the Study is that the sighting reports provide nothing of value to the DIS in our assessment of threat weapon systems. Taken together with other evidence, we believe that many of the sightings can be explained as: mis-reporting of man-made vehicles; natural but not unusual phenomena, and natural but relatively rare and not completely understood phenomena. It is for these reasons that we have taken the decision to do no further work on the subject and will no longer receive copies of sighting reports.

3. In addition to this major conclusion, however, the study produced subsidiary findings which will be of interest to addressees. The potential explanations of UAP sightings, the characteristics of natural atmospheric phenomena and the consequences of sightings from aircraft will be of interest to those responsible for flight safety. [redacted]

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4. Although we intend to carry out no further work on the subject, we would value any comments you may wish to make on the report. Please direct such comments to AD/DI55. Finally, while most of the report is classified at only RESTRICTED UKEO, we hardly need remind addressees of the media interest in this subject and consequently the sensitivity of the report. Please protect this subject

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accordingly, and discuss the report only with those who have a need to know.

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 79

From: david clarke Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 04 August 2005 13:23
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request

Importance: High

4 August 2005

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your email and letter of 21 July in response to my Freedom of Information requests.
The material arrived early last week and I was grateful for the trouble you took in answering the questions posted in two earlier email messages.

The outstanding matters now relate to material from my 19 January and 17 June requests which have been with-held subject to consultation with other departments and/or subject to authority to downgrade information for release.

My records indicative that from my 19 January request this includes:

1) from file D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A - UFO Policy one enclosure subject to consultation with another department and 7 enclosures which are classified documents "withheld subject to authority to downgrade..for release" ✓

2) 4 papers including D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 February 1997 relating to UFO policy matters also awaiting downgrade from classified status. ✓

3) DIST letter dated 4 December 2000 detailing reasons for decision to no longer received UFO reports from DAS - also awaitng downgrade for release. ✓

From my 17 June request:

4) Copy of DI55 UFO policy file D/DI55.108.15 Pt 4, passed to DI55 so far without response. ✓

I note with reference to outstanding requests 1-3 that in your email dated 17 March you indicated that the person dealing with the release had returned from holiday and "he believes that most of (if not all) the information...could be released" and therefore I should receive most of the information before Easter.

It is now over 6 months since my original request (19 January)and I wonder if you could provide an update on progress with these requests and if possible a date by which I should expect to receive the outstanding material.

Two small points in reply to your letter of 21 July:

Point 3 in your letter relating to my request for copies from file HdS4(Air)/BF 82 re the House of Lords Debate. The copies you supplied were the ones I was seeking and I do not wish to request any further material from this file. Is it reasonable to assume that file HdS4(Air)/BF 82 and D/DS8/25/3 Pt A - UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence 1977-78 (your point 4) will be among the files offered to TNA when the next transfer of documents takes place?
Do you have a date when the next collection is likely to occur?

Finally, I understand from one of the responses to questions on the MoD FOI Reading Room that the Information Commissioner has recently approved an application to open two new classes of information on UFOs in the Publication Scheme. Am I correct in presuming these classes will include a) your UFO database and b) the file on the 1993 Cosford incident?

Yours sincerely

Dr David Clarke

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) POLICY

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14 Mar 97.
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97.

1. Thank you for your letter at Reference A reminding of the need to make progress on future handling of UFO reports against a background of increasing public interest and therefore workload. You ask what might be required insofar as air defence interests are concerned.

2. Following your earlier letter at Reference B, you will recall our discussion of the topic. My views are unchanged. We have no direct air defence interest in UFO reports unless there is intelligence, reliable sighting or evidence that UK national airspace, or the UKADR, may be, or has been, penetrated by aircraft of potentially hostile powers without authorisation. Orbiting satellites are accounted separately and appropriate COMSEC implemented.

3. A majority of UFO reports are tenuous in nature, are reported at second hand or with a time lag, and frequently overland or at night in areas where we have little radar cover. Those described as at great height, if they exist, may lie above radar cover, as only Fylingdales has tracking capabilities in the endo-atmosphere and in space. Some reports describe objects in terms of manoeuvre, speed and shape which lie beyond our engineering knowledge and that which could be reasonably expected from hostile powers.

4. There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil

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airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity.

5. I would emphasise that such sightings have been few and far between, with only Russia among potentially hostile powers being capable of penetrating UK airspace at very high altitudes; while no hostile power could reasonably be responsible for low level sightings, because of the range or political risk involved, except in the context of large civil register aircraft diverting from flight plans (where we have had incidents).

6. Staffing UFO matters, however, is a time consuming concern. As you are painfully aware, reported sightings are frequently explored in the public domain, often by organised societies, seeking extra-terrestrial explanations. Whilst using best judgement at the time, we are sometimes left accounting for the inexplicable or investing large numbers of man hours to establish rational explanations (as recently in the "Skegness sighting" when the Service's professional competence was called into question in an MP's letter to the SofS). These frustrations are compounded by supporting PQs of the sort "... on how many occasions have ..." which require paper searches of long put down records. Neither do explanations that "the cost of the search cannot be justified" satisfy the public, for it only re-inforces their conviction that if the truth cannot be found out there, it is certainly available in the MOD. The MOD may eventually be caught out by cross referring to previous answers and other information, cherished on PCs and exchanged on "the web". The consequences are further questions and ever greater care and time taken to ensure that we do not contradict ourselves.

7. The problem is unlikely to subside especially as the US brings into service over the next decade high flying capabilities such as Global Star, Dark Star, the X-33 and, should it come to fruition, the manned spaceplane. Other nations will follow, especially with UAVs, which may permit risk taking in unauthorised penetrations of airspace. Activities of these sorts would clearly require monitoring and control by the MOD.

8. The extra-terrestrial business is also likely to boom, exacerbating the staffing problem. Continuing discoveries of planets, and emerging knowledge of circumstances needed for at least non-intelligent life, lead to speculation that planets and life may commonly occur. With that change of perception, arguing that our rock alone is a teeming and verdant speck in a vast and sterile nothingness may soon be as unrewarding as the Church once found in continuing to enforce the idea that the world was flat; more so, with the knowledge that many suns are older than our own, and perhaps provide conditions for advanced evolution. Even though some experts argue very low probabilities for intelligent life, and allowing for barely imagined transit distances, requiring unknown uses of physics, we cannot rule out entirely the idea of extra-terrestrial observation/visitation, either covert or overt. Our current policy to retain an open mind on these matters is therefore probably correct.

9. It is a fine judgement whether UFO sightings are MOD matters, or Government responsibilities best located with other agencies given the unproven nature of a vast majority of reports. I

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believe they should continue to be managed in the MOD because of inevitable inter-weaving of terrestrial sightings, some of military origin, with extra-terrestrial pre-occupations. Moreover, any future concerns, terrestrial or extra-terrestrial, are likely to require national or international co-ordination responsive only within security alliances.

10. Whether we should set aside for further examination outside the MOD unexplained phenomena, I leave others to decide, knowing that political, scientific and cost judgements are associated with their investigation. I am not wholly convinced, however, that covert investigations would be the best way forwards. When inevitably discovered, they lead to mistaken ideas that "contact has been made" or that "government is worried, knowing something we don't." Should we decide regularly to investigate UFO reports, then we might look at how the US has handled some aspects with, for example, the targeted search of deep space for artificial signals which attracts little public speculation. The downside, of course, is "Roswell" with plastic kits as visible proof of alien capture and reverse engineering. What are US reporting and investigation practices?

11. The UK air defence interest is primarily to automate reporting, handling and administration of incidents so that operators, infrequently switching their busy routines to consider unlikely phenomena, react in a focused and consistent way. Reaction and reporting needs for UFOs are similar to those practices necessary for handling flight safety incidents, and potentially we could mimic them. However, a computer based system is needed to support accurate handling and recording of incidents, and to allow easy extraction of historical data for parliamentary response or retrospective study. Such a system is not, per se, an air defence requirement.

12. We therefore differ in view over responsibilities, organisation and funding. These matters are not for the air defence forces alone to consider, or to utilise the output from. Public reporting of phenomena is essentially government business to which we contribute infrequently when there are matters of direct air defence interest and, on other occasions, to exclude known air movements. As always, when tasked to respond, we do so to the best of our abilities. However, PQs that ask what similarities we have found between recent incidents and those of years ago, or to count them, leave us embroiled in dusty paperchases or in making retrospective assessments of incidents when we are not fully expert.

13. My response has turned out longer than I had intended, but hopefully lays the issues fully on the table as we see them. The policy is fine, how we manage public enquiries probably needs some re-consideration, also whether we need to fund investigation of a minority of incidents which may be inexplicable; above all, we need an electronic database and management system against which

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sightings may be uniformally handled and recorded. If nothing else, we owe successors an easily extracted historic record.

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 78

Dr David Clarke
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
21 July 2005

Dear Dr Clarke

I am writing in response to your two e-mail messages of 17th June in which you asked some questions about the contents of D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A, and made a further Freedom of Information request. I apologise for the delay in sending a substantive reply.

First I will address your questions. For ease of reference I will number these replies in the same order as your letters.

1. When releasing information it is at the discretion of government departments whether they wish to remove the names of officials who work within the department.
Generally this is considered on a case by case bases and may depend on such factors as the sensitivities of the area they work in, whether their name is already in the public domain and the age of the documents. Our duties to the individual to protect their personal information has also to be considered. MOD has been developing policies on all aspects of the release of information over the last few years in preparation for the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act and in these early months of FOI this continues to evolve. While the release of information will always be considered on a case by case basis, it has recently been decided that the names of officials will not be redacted from copies of released documents in the future unless there would, for example, be harm caused to the individual by releasing this data. With regard to the Rendlesham papers, the incident and many of the records were already 20 years old at the time of release and it was not considered necessary to remove these details.

2. Science 3(RAF) no longer exists. We have located a copy of the MOD telephone directory for the period which shows that this branch was part of the Assistant Chief Scientist (Personnel) (RAF) and their duties are described as "RAF Selection, training, manpower modelling, flight safety, air traffic services, and social factors affecting recruitment and retention of RAF personnel." Searches of the archive database have not identified any surviving UFO records from this department still held by the MOD.

3. I understand that in 1967 it was decided to preserve records of UFO reports because of the increased public interest in the subject. However, there are no policy records for this period still held by the MOD so it is not clear whether it was intended to include only UFO reports (not policy, correspondence or parliamentary business) or all records about UFOs. We know of no formal agreement with The National Archives that they would accept any of these records indefinitely. During our work to identify and locate all the surviving records held by the MOD on UFOs it has become clear that a number of files have been destroyed and I suspect this may be

because different incumbents of the branches within the MOD who were responsible for these records have used their judgement as to which files to preserve and this has inevitably lead to the destruction of some records. In recent years, with the introduction of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information and now, the Freedom of Information Act, there has been a change in the type of correspondence we receive, from people wishing to tell us about their sightings, to requests for information held by the MOD. In response to this we have tried to preserve everything we can on the subject and Section 40 and his staff look out for any UFO related documents when reviewing MOD files. As requested, attached at Annex A is a list of UFO related files which are known to have been destroyed.

Moving on to your request for information.

1a&b). File D/DS8/10/209 Part E (General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence, Reports) was opened on 2 November 1982 and closed on 10 May 1983. The file contains four letters from Ms Randles and some associated correspondence. None of these letters refer to a meeting at MOD Main Building in August 1983 and there is no other relevant information on this file. As Ms Randles has provided her permission for the release to yourself of copies of her correspondence, I have enclosed these for your information.

File D/DS8/10/209/1 Part A (General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence-Reports) was opened on 6 May 1983 and closed on 23 October 1983. This file contains no correspondence with Ms Randles, or any reference to a meeting at MOD Main Building in August 1983.

In addition to the files you mentioned I have also asked the department responsible for air Defence matters to search D/DD Ops(GE)10/8 Part K (Admin & General, UFOs) for any relevant information. This file was opened on 11 January 1983 and closed on 27 June 1983. The file contains no papers about a meeting in August 1983. There is however, correspondence between Section 40 and Ops(GE)(RAF) in March 1983 concerning radar at the time of the Rendlesham incident. This was not a pre-meeting briefing, but followed a letter from Ms Randles dated 28 February 1983 in which she claimed there was "evidence of radar tracking". I am not sure if this is relevant to your request, but I have enclosed copies of these documents for your information.

As D/DS8/10/209 Part E was closed in May 1983, I have also examined D/DS8/10/209 Part F (General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence). This part was opened on 10 May 1983 and closed on 22 February 1984. This file contains only one letter from Ms Randles dated 1st August 1983 which makes no mention of a meeting and there are no other relevant papers on this file. A copy of Ms Randles letter and Section 40 reply is enclosed.

These files consist of all the known surviving UFO files available for this period.
I can therefore only conclude that there are no surviving papers relating to the meeting with Ms Randles.

2. Your request for a copy of D/DI55/108/15 Part 4 (UFO Policy 1996) has been passed to DI55. I have yet to have a response, but I will hasten them on your behalf.

3. Please find enclosed the two documents from file Hd S4(Air)/BF 82 which I informed you about in my e-mail of 21 June 2005. You also made a further request for a copy of a signal from the British Defence Staff (Air) in Washington dated 19 August 1976 from this file. I can inform you that this file was not opened until 13 July 1978 and does not contain a copy of the signal. You may wish to be aware that UFO files for 1976 are already open at The National Archives. With regard to the remaining papers in this file, it is impossible to say whether you have already had copies of all the documents without examining every page (the file contains more than 250 pages) and trying to match them with the large amount of information you have been sent in response to

your previous requests. Such an exercise would be extremely time consuming and likely to exceed the time permitted in accordance with the FOIA. However, if there is something in particular you are seeking, I will see if this is amongst these papers.

4. Please find enclosed copies of correspondence between US of S (RAF) and Nicholas Edwards MP in June 1977 concerning a letter from Section 40 of the Section 40 Section 40 I can confirm that the Community Relations Officer at nearby RAF Brawdy was asked to visit Section 40 and details of this are also enclosed. A few details have been removed as these are personal to Section 40 and another member of the public. There is no evidence that the Provost and Security Service Flying Complaints Flight was asked to make inquiries into these events.

I hope this is helpful. I will hasten DIS for the outstanding papers from both this and your earlier request and will contact you about these again as soon as possible. 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 me 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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ANNEX A

File Reference	Period of contents	Title	File destroyed
AF/X58/64 Part 1	1968 (Last enclosure 22.2.1968)	UFO Policy & Policy Statements	16.3.1990
AF/X58/64 Part 2	1970 (Last enclosure 31.2.1970)	UFO Policy & Policy Statements	15.3.1990
AF/1505 Part 2	1970 (Last enclosure 1.7.1970)	Parliamentary Enquiries on UFOs – Prime Minister's Folders Section 40 [redacted]	15.3.1990
D/DS8/75/2/1/1 Part I	1978 (Last enclosure 11.1.1978)	UFOs – Reports & Correspondence- Section 40 [redacted]	19.3.1990
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part D	1978 (Last enclosure 25.8.1978)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	19.3.1990
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part E	1978-79 (Last enclosure 10.1.1979)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	19.3.1990
D/DS8/75/3/1 Part A	1979 (Last enclosure 15.1.1979)	UFO Parliamentary Correspondence – House of Lords Debate- January 1979	22.3.1990
D/DS8/75/3/1 Part B	1979 (Last enclosure 15.2.1979)	UFO Parliamentary Correspondence – House of Lords Debate – January 1979	22.3.1990
D/DS8/75/1 Part A	1979 (Last enclosure 18.1.1979)	UFO Policy Statements	16.3.1990
D/DS8/75/3 Part B	1979 (Last enclosure 25.1.1979)	UFO Parliamentary Correspondence	20.3.1990
D/DS8/76/2/4 Part C	1979 (Last enclosure 24.9.1979)	UFO Reports (June-October 1979)	22.3.1990
D/DS8/75/1 Part B	1979 (Last enclosure 4.12.1979)	UFO Policy Statements	20.3.1990
D/DS8/75/5	Not known	UFO- Solar Satellite Power Station	19.3.1990

D/DS8/75/3 Part C	1982 (Last enclosure 11.2.1982)	UFO Parliamentary Correspondence	22.3.1990
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part J	1982 (Last enclosure 12.2.1982)	UFO Correspondence	26.3.1990
D/DS8/10/209 Part H	1984 (Last enclosure 24.12.1984)	General briefs & reports, UFO Correspondence	26.3.1990
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Part A	1988 (Last enclosure 9.4.1988)	Command, Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control – Low Flying UFOs	15.11.1989
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Part B	1988 (Last enclosure 2.8.1988)	Command, Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control – Low Flying UFOs	2.8.1988
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Part C	1989 (Last enclosure 27.1.1989)	Command, Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control – Low Flying UFOs	15.11.1989
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Part D	1989 (Last enclosure 17.10.1989)	Command, Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control – Low Flying UFOs	26.11.1989
D/Air Def/111/6/4 Part E	1990	Command, Control, Communication & Information – Air Traffic Control – Low Flying UFOs	26.11.1991

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
D.S.8
- 9 MAY 1983
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Jenny Randles
Section 40

May 6 1983

Dear Section 40

This is just a further line regarding the incident in Rendlesham Forest, adjacent to the Woodbridge AAF base, in December 1980. I wanted to keep you advised of the present situation.

Your last letter to me confirmed that 'lights' were seen in the vicinity , but that no reports relevant to 'aliens' were involved. I take it that it might be possible to have the relevant file information released, in the way that you have sent me 'sanitised' versions of a couple of 1982 reports? This would certainly be of very great value in this ongoing research.

I should advise that a book is being written about this matter. I am not the actual author, but I am giving whatever information I can to its production. This I do because I think the incident if of interest and public concern, and because you have given me no reason to think that the book would not be in the public's best interests. Were I to be made aware that the book might compromise or contravene the security or defence interests of this country, in any way, then I would naturally not be in support of it. Could I ask you directly about that point? In other words, could you assure me that the Ministry see no reason why a book which discusses the basis of the story (all the numerous reports from civilian and military personnel and the more substantive data) would be prejudicial? I can in turn assure you that it is not being prepared as a 'cover-up' or 'the earth is being invaded' mouthpiece. It will instead simply relate the claimed facts and allow the public to judge for themselves.

Naturally, to have the full support of the MOD in this matter would prove both a great advantage towards expressing the truth (which is what we want to do) and also would positively assist yourselves. Failure to assist (except in instances where there are reasonable grounds for such a failure, eg compromise of defence interests) might be construed the wrong way by the readers of the book. I would hasten to add that this interpretation would not be implied, but it might be an anticipated response if readers see the barrage of data met by relative lack of data supplied by your own department. It might, for example, seem strange that an incident seen by so many (and attested by several sources as being the direct result of some very unusual aerial incident and the direct cause of what might be fairly termed panic) in the vicinity of a strategic military base, did not result in an investigation by the MOD which took the form of more than a dozen one-line answers to questions on a one-page form. Of course, it may be that such a position is quite tenable, or that some other agency actually conducted the investigation. If so, a statement by you to that effect might be beneficial.

I must again stress that I have no axe to grind, nor any preconceived reason to suppose that you are concerned with any kind of cover-up operation. And even if you were I can think of many very excellent reasons why this might become both appropriate and opportune. However, my sole concern in this affair, and through the book about it, is as follows:-

1: The information that some kind of incident took place is substantive enough to be unquestionable in my view. (Indeed you do admit that there was an incident)

2: The character of that incident is very clearly defined by the visual sightings and other more probative data in our possession.

3: Such an incident in the vicinity of one of our strategic bases is of concern to the people of this country, whatever its causation.

4: The MOD express the opinion that they do not know what the causation was.

On that basis I think it reasonable to tell the story, factually and honestly.

Best Wishes, Section 40

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Miss J Randles

Section 40

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D/DS8/10/209/1270

6 April 1983

Thank you for your recent correspondence on the subject of UFOs.

As regards your offer to summarise the reports held by this Department there really is very little to summarise. I attach a copy of a blank report form showing the type of information we require together with a couple of examples of completed reports (with the name and address of the informant deleted for reasons of confidentiality). I am sure you will agree that, although we hold a large number of reports, each one is indeed very brief.

Turning now to your interest in the sighting at RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, I can confirm that USAF personnel did see unusual lights outside the boundary fence early in the morning of 27 December 1980 but no explanation for the occurrence was ever forthcoming. There is however, no question of the account being a cover-up for a crashed aircraft or testing of secret devices as you suggest, nor was there any contact with "alien beings".

I understand that an article on the Woodbridge sighting has been published in the magazine "OMNI" (Vol 5 No.6) in which you may be interested.

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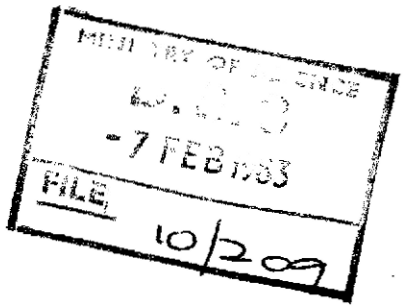

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Jenny Randles
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February 4 1983

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your recent reply to my letters of last year on the subject of UFO reports.

I appreciate that you probably find my repeated letters a nuisance since you do n not regard the collection of UFO sightings as one of your primary duties. This I appreciate. Your responsibility is to protect the defence of this country, and it is evident that UFOs (as you rightly say) do not represent a defence threat. The problem is rather one of scientific merit; which is why your decision to release the material for scientific scrutiny is one to be much appluaded.

Naturally, I recognise that there will be certain materials that will not be releasable, because to do so might compromise national defence. By that I mean possible circumstances where sensitive information has been used in attempting to elliminate certain identification possibilities. I doubt very much that you have a flying saucer locked up in an airbase somewhere!

Another problem, of course, is the question of confidentiality of the individual who reports the experience. In many instances that person probably would not object to any serious attempt by outsiders to study the phenomenon he has reported. But I respect the problem that this causes for you.

You advise that you are studying the best means by which to release the files. It would seem to me that the ammount of data which you possess must be considerable since experience in Australia indicates that the Royal Australian Air Force Files were extensive enough; and from published figures in Britain that you have released the files you hold must be greater still.

The actual mechanism by which you make this volume of data available will cleary be a problem. To release just summaries, for example, would clearly be in your interests from the point of view of time consumption. But this would be likely to lead to suspicions on some peoples part that you are keeping back the most evidential data.

You could, of course, afford access to the data to any bona-fide individual; although that is a process that would be likely to be very expensive in terms of time for you to undertake, with what is, after all, a low prbrity item.

I would have thought that the simplest means would be to delete sensitive references from the files and lodge a copy of the whole set with some reputable scientific interest who are willing to offer them to public access (subject to certain guarantees that would protect the confidentiality of witnesses).

In previous letters I have proposed that you might consider let me have access to the files at your offices before these are made accessable to the public. This could be done in a similar way to which Mr Bill Chalker has been given access in Australia. Here he signed a document to guarantee the confidentiality of all witness names in the files he studied. He has since described the content of the material very thoroughly in Australian UFO publications. This has largely defused interest and concern in the files in that country, so reducing the work which the RAAF may have been called upon to handle simply by saying...'the files are now accessable'.

I appreciate your point that if you gave access to me you might feel it difficult to justify in the face of requests from other sources. However, I would point out several things. Firstly, that I am the only full-time UFO researcher in this country. And secondly that I am in a position whereby I can make the content known on a wide scale within the UFO community. In Australia it was decided that they had to chose spmebody and Bill Chalker proved his credentials and his perseverance

continuing to request access.I think you will note that I have also been requesting that you release the files for a good while and we have exchanged letters for at least five years.My motives have always been those actually expressed in one of the RAAF minutes which Bill Chalker has quoted..."we only foster the incorrect (but nevertheless widely held) belief that we have much vital information to hide". They had seen the problems caused by not making the reports open.

As to my credentials I can only direct you to the several UFO books that I have written in which I have continually stated that UFOs are not spaceships or a defence threat, and have affirmed that the only 'cover-up' in force is one of ignorance...that is an acceptance of some unexplained cases but no more. This is the position that you adopt yourselves.I think, therefore, that I have shown my desire not to misrepresent the motives or position of your department and would welcome the opportunity of putting the record straight with the UFO community.

Bill Chalker has also offered to support my application if that would assist.

Why do I feel this would be in your interests? I am certainly not suggesting it for self-glorification; because I do not expect to find any revealations within your files that will be of 'salable' importance to the outside world. It will also be a long and tedious job sifting through them.But the benefits will be there in the sense of serious UFO research, both from the point of view of the occasional report which might signify a novel phenomenon and also from those many which indicate various misidentifications. My purpose in suggesting this move is partly to take some of the pressure off you that need not come.In other words by my summarising the data for the UFO community (as Bill Chalker has done) there becomes no need for a large number of people to have first hand access to the data since they will see from the summaries that the content is not 'explosive'. (Imagine if you made them available and dozens of 'ufologists' came after them,expecting hints about crashed spaceships and so on...Not finding this they will feel cheated and will probably make a bigger issue out of the materials they will claim you are holding back).

Another advantage is this. Merely putting the files on open release at any one time will obviously attract the media.The media (as I am sure you know) care little about the truth behind UFOs.They rather prefer to sensationalise. They would undoubtedly be interested in the files for the 'good story' they can get out of them by hinting at various things. Journalists, of course, are generally quite unaquainted with the truth about the UFO subject.I deal with them all the time and still marvel at the way they sit in amazement as I tell them that UFOs are not little-green-men,and all the images they love to spin, but are instead natural physical phenomena such as plasmas and the like. Not being familiar with the true situation they would tend to misinterpret what they read in what could only be a superficial glance through the data in the rush to get into print. Whereas if I could have access first and publish a detailed account in the UFO community (and I would of course make this freely available to <u>all</u> other researchers) then this could be distributed to the media in advance of your decision to release the files and they could absorb a summary of the data written by someone familar with the subject. This again would defuse the potential misuse of the data.

I am holding firm with this idea simply because I do not wish to see the release of the files (which I regard as an excellent move) to be misused by anyone; It is my view that UFOs are an interesting scientific problem, especially in terms of psychology and atmospheric science.I wish these branches of science to make fullest use of the opportunity the release of your files will present. To this end it is very much in my interests to prevent widespread interpretation of the material in terms of the traditional (and unproven) allegations about UFO origin. I suspect this is in your interests too.

Nevertheless, I welcome the decision to press ahead with the release of the materials you hold and look forward to news of when this might occur.

Yours sincerely,

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Miss J Randles
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Your reference

Our reference
D/DS8/10/209 -998

Date
20 January 1983

Dear Miss Randles,

Thank you for your letters of 1 November 1982 and 15 December 1982.

I can confirm that Mr Chalker has written to the Ministry of Defence. As regards the question of publication of UFO reports, we are currently discussing the mechanics of printing and distributing the reports and once agreement is reached on those aspects it will of course take a little while before we can assemble all the material in a form suitable for printing. However, once we are in a position to start releasing these reports you will be informed.

Turning to the Ministry's investigations into low flying complaints, it is, of course, our policy to investigate such incidents but you will realise that when a large number of military aircraft are flying in one area at any particular time it is very difficult to pinpoint the offending aircraft. It becomes increasingly difficult to do so the longer the intervening period following the violation. As regards the possibility of Russian military aircraft penetrating UK airspace unbeknown to the RAF, we would regard this as unlikely since any such aircraft would be tracked on the radar constituting the United Kingdom Air Defence Ground Environment (UKADGE) and subsequently intercepted by our air defence aircraft. Air defence of the United Kingdom is one of our main areas of concern and a major modernisation programme is underway designed to provide a flexible, survivable air defence system capable of swift and effective reaction. I hope therefore that it will be clear that we do treat the air defence of the United Kingdom as a matter of the utmost importance.

I am not at all clear what sort of material you require to support the Ministry's position on UFOs and I think the most I can do is to provide a statement of our policy. This I attach at Annex and hope that it will be of some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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ANNEX A TO
D/DS8/10/209
DATED 20 JAN 83

1. The sole interest of the Ministry of Defence in UFO reports is to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest (eg intruding aircraft). Reports are passed to appropriate staff who examine them as part of their normal duties. There is no unit within the Ministry appointed solely for the study of UFOs, and no staff are employed upon the subject on a full-time basis.

2. The Ministry of Defence does not deny that there are strange things to see in the sky. It believes, however, that there are adequate material explanations for these satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles etc. It certainly has no evidence that alien spacecraft have landed on this planet.

3. In response to demands for publication of UFO reports Viscount Long (in the House of Lords on 7 April 1982) said that he saw no objection to these reports being made public. We are therefore studying the best means of publishing this material.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
D.S. 8
20 DEC 1982
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Jenny Ra[redacted]es
Section 40
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Dear Section 40

There are several reasons for writing this letter.Firstly, as I have not yet received a reply to my letter of November 1 I enclose my new address. Should you have already written to my previous address and the letter be caught in the Christmas mail then I will receive it, as I have releatives there and am collecting mail regularly ffom them.

Secondly, I understand that Mr W Chalker from Australia has now written to you directly about the status of UFO files.He has,since I wrote to you,communicated the results of several more visits he has made extracting data from the RAAF, and is now in the process of obtaining material from other Australian sources. Is there any progress to report on the British situation?

Thirdly, your letter referamt to the February 24 1979 situation arrived in time for me to be able to ask my publishers to add a footnote to the book to clarify the Ministry of Defence's position. I had no desire to appear to be unfair to you, or to create false inferences. The ability of myself to publish the true situation for the public to see is in both of our interests. For me it clarifies misconceptions; and for you it will (presumably) allay suspicions of more sinisster motivations. Although let me point out, that nobody doubts that the MOD do have a right to secfecy on some matters. National security may well be infringed during certain aspects of your UFO investigations (such as they might be) and clearly a'cover-up' of information in that respect would be just and reasonable. It is the emotive interpretation put onto the 'cover-up' that is what misleads folk. They believe you are covering-up some fantastic solution to the UFO mystery...a solution which does not seem to be there, quite honestly.Hence, it is much to your advantage to show your hand to the limits afforded by necessary security.

However, returning to this matter of the USAF F-111s on February 24 1979.I take the point that there was a special low-flying exercise that night (although my information is not that it was strictly USAF aircraft involved).In addition I recognise the USAF denial. However, as you must appreciate, the best answer by far to what was seen over the Ormskirk area that night was an F-111.Is it possible that the USAF are protecting their crew,who might have strayed into a forbidden zone? If so, because of the concern caused to the caravan park residents at Scarisbrick especially, and the inquiries of the local Member of Parliament, I would have expected the MOD to have made a clear statement More problematic is what was seen, by civilians and police officers, further east over the Pennines that same night.Superfivially it looked like the F-111 seen over the coast. Yet it was silent. Manchester Airport (who knew about the exercise) also immediately (that day) denied to us it was any aircraft.

Very recently we have had access to NOTAM - United Kingdom Nos. B 40 - B 45 / 1979 (dated February 13 1979). This warns civilian traffic of 'Low Flying by Military Fixed Wing and Helicopter Aircraft' on Saturday February 24 and Sunday February 25 1979 (which dates do not precisely align with your suggested February 21 to 24 exercise) However, in the period during which the postulated F-111 was seen over the coast and the more mysterious object over the Pennines it seems that 54 F-111s and 8 Hercules were flying locally. No helicopters were listed, but it is feasible they could have inflown from other areas. The witnesses are adamant that they did not see a helicopter...but clearly this must be an option.

What bothers me is not simply that this data in some senses contradicts those you have quoted in your letters. But the fact that it was fortuitously obtained,too late for inclusion in the book, where incomplete understanding of the events of that night thus occurs. I am puzzled why a properly definitive statement could not have been made at the time to the enquiring media, and subsequently to ufo investigators such as myself. Merely to point out the extent of the exercise that night,and the types of craft involv would have been sufficient to raise many doubts about any UFOs being seen that night. As it is, you have created the quite reasonable speculation that there are ulterior motives not to make such a statement, and that the 'special exercise' might actually

have been in response to the wave of local UFO sightings. This was certainly an option which struck me in the circumstances. Although had I known the simple fact that the NOTAM was issued on February 13 it would have been evident that the exercise was pre-planned. Once again, by not being open where it would have been possible you have really just fuelled the fires.

Finally, I make once more my plea for some advance cooperation from you. The reason is simple enough, and should be evident after the above, BUT IS EMPHASISED by certain things. I have just been asked to prepare a 6500 word series for THE UNEXPLAINED, a weekly publication to which I have contributed in the past. This series will look at what we know of official UFO projects throughout the world; ie publically disclosed material. Naturally I will have to refer to the situation in Britain, and I will endeavour to be fair to the Ministry. But I cannot be blamed for making inferences (as in the February 24 1979 incident) if relevant data is with held from me for no obvious reason. Since NOTAM is not a secret document; nor are the air corridor routes which military exercises take. Putting these facts together with the help of aviation experts was all I needed to place an entirely new interpretation on the facts.

What I am really saying is that my series in THE UNEXPLAINED could be used to your advantage. By offering me some material, which I could use to state and support your position, I would be reaching a large audience. I know that THE UNEXPLAINED are not the most respectable of outlets; but they are honest and have a good integrity. They have not shirked ffom publishing negative facts or retractions. They also have a considerable subscription (in the hundreds of thousands) and so reach the people who are most uninformed about the Ministry's activities. I could defuse a good deal of the public feeling if I had the ammunition to so do. If not, then I will still put your case, of course, but without back-up it will pfobably not be acceptable to most. The readers of THE UNEXPLAINED are broadly sure (simply because they want to be sure) that UFOs are spaceships, and the MOD knows this fact.

Unfortunately, I have a tight schedule for the production of this series, having little more than 6/7 weeks. But anything you are willing to offer, either access to data, cleared documents, or statements for me to quote, will be used to present a balanced argument. I genuinely do want to write the truth about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Jenny Randles

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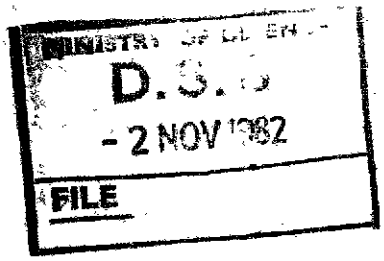

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Jenny Randles

[redacted]

November 1 1982

Dear [redacted]

Thank you most kindly for your letter of Oct 27, outlining replies to mine of 24 April & 20 August on the subject of UFOs.

The comments on the 24 Feb 1979 incident do accord with my interpretation of your original statements. Indeed, I had to go ahead with the book (THE PENNINE UFO MYSTERY) without your reply (although I will try to get it referenced in the page proofs). Fortunately, I read your initial statement in the way you now state you intended it, and not in the way many people took it at the time. You must see that it was very easy to regard it as a little more than a suggestion of explanation. However, this presumably leaves us back at square one regarding the case. I am certainly more than a little concerned that the MOD is seriously advising the people of this country that no action was taken about the investigation of an object (which certainly behaved like an F1-11) that shook caravans, was seen independantly by (to my current count) about 30 people, and which without any question was streaking low over our north west coast and populated terrain (not to mention civil airlanes) on that winter night. I find it incomprehensible that you were not aware of its presence due to radar, and secondly that no investigation resulted if not because of the fact the queery came in three months later. Surely such an incontrovertable low-flying violation must be your province?

I am not trying to proclaim that the event of that night was a spaceship. Indeed it makes rather more sense to presume it was a military jet...and if not a USAF, or British one, then what?...a Russian one? What concerns me is that the public should get the impression the MOD is not concerned about the matter. Would it not be preferable to have undertaken a study and to comment that the affair was explained to your satisfaction (even if you could not state what that identification was)? I know that I would personally feel much happier to hear such a thing. Quite frankly from all the work I have done on the case for the book to be told you did nothing about it leaves me horrified at the state of our

def[illegible]e systems over this country.For if you missed out on this extremely extrovert object then God help us if a sneak attack is attempted.

Let me stress thaf I do <u>not</u> think the object was a spaceship. But it does distirb me if it is really true that, whatever it was, did what it did without your knowledge or subsequent immediate concern.

Otherwise your comments about the UFO file situation afe enlightening and hopeful.I presumably should not make too much of a fuss of this at the present, because otherwise you may get confronted by some rather silly correspondance. There are some really strange people around who profess to be involved with UFOs.If you do not know this now then you soom will find out. It certainly must have occurred to you that the precise way in which you declassify material, and make it available, may be a problem.

For a start, if you just release a summary of information in the files this will be wholly unsatisfactory, both from the research viewpoint and from your critics,who will proclaim that the rest is still being hidden for 'secret' reasons. You seem to be well aware of the uphill struggle you face with some of the lunatic elements within the subject.

I would be very interested to know what your plans are for making the material generally available (that is how you intend to do it practically). And I am very grateful for your promise of information when release is imminent. However, I will just throw into the fire for your consideration one point. It might <u>help</u> to offer me privileged access prior to general release. The reason is, I could assist from a public relations point of view by writing within the UFO community to placate readers about the content. This will help remove from you some of the flow of requests you may get from all and sundry, who may imagine the material will contain rather different things. Forewarned by a serious summary of content, written by a ufologically knowledgable person, only those who really need specific data will request it...easing the burden on yourselves. This was the principle behind the Australian decision to make their files open to Bill Chalker.Bill wrote such a detailed summary within the UFO literature...as would I (in FSR to be precise). Bill, incidentally, has offered to endorse my request if it would help.

It is only a thought.But it could prove useful to you.

Sincerely, Section 40

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/DD Ops(GE)/10/8

DS8

UFO SIGHTING - RAF WOODBRIDGE DECEMBER 1980

1. At Reference you ask if the suggestion that the USAF be asked for the tape recordings was followed up by this Deputy Directorate. It was considered that the tapes would reveal no better report than that already received, and no further request was made. However, it is considered that your approach to the RAF Liaison officer, will produce any considered views on the event.

2. I believe your outlined response is the right one; Neatishead, which is the Sector Ops Centre responsible for that area had nothing unusual to report, and nothing more substantive has come to light. I have received no evidence that any radar reported unusual tracks. MISS Randles appears to have "evidence of radar tracking", and provided that it can be managed without undermining our position, I would like to have a look at this radar evidence.

21 Mar 83

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Sqn Ldr
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Section 40

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/DS8/10/209

Ops(GE)(RAF)

UFO SIGHTING - RAF WOODBRIDGE DECEMBER 1980

1. You may recall that in December 1980 two USAF security patrolmen saw unusual lights at the back gate of RAF Woodbridge and on investigation found a brightly lit triangular object either hovering or on legs.

2. You began investigations into the incident and suggested asking the USAF for tape recordings (your D/DD Ops(GE)/10/8 of 16 Feb 81 refers) but unfortunately our files do not appear to show the outcome of your investigations.

3. I attach a copy of a letter received from one of our more regular UFO correspondents in which she seeks advice as to the Ministry's position on this incident. I am inclined to say that we are aware of the incident, that we made investigations but that we could find no explanation for the lights. Is this a true reflection of the facts or did we, in fact, come up with anything more substantive?

4. Any help you could give in replying to Miss Randle's letter would be much appreciated.

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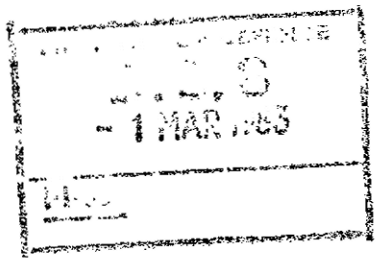
Jenny Randles
Section 40



February 28 1983

Dear Section 40

Further to your letter to me of 20 January 1983 (your ref: D/DS8/10/209); the subject UFOs. I trust you have received my subsequent letter to this (addressed to Section 40 wherin I suggested that you might consider lodging the files you hold with a recognised scientific establishment. Here they could be accessable (in arrangement) to serious researchers, and their use could be adequately controlled. I really think this makes sense because the volume of data you must hold would make it very difficult to release other than summaries in printed form and often access to the full materials might be essential for scientific study.

A number of possible sources for locating these files, eg a university, come to mind. Indeed there have been a number of interested responses to the article on UFOs by myself and Peter Warrington (New Scientist, 10 Feb 1983) to which I refer you for illustration of my, hopefully, serious and none-sensationilst position on this topic.

I am well aware that to you UFO data is barely of interest and, as it does not seem to directly impinge on defence implications, of relatively low priority. However, I hope you also see that whilst 90% of these reports are unquestionably explicable there are reports that seem to offer probative data to scientists. Work that you, of course, have neither the facilities nor the resources to handle. It should be your concern that you hold this data, faithfully reported by individuals who would like something done. And I am delighted at your decision to make the material accessable for research.

Presumably it will be in your interests to cultivate a mood whereby UFO reports are not made to you, but to a scientific establishment (another advantage of lodging the files there). You could naturally rely upon the UFO community to transmit reports to you which might suggest defence implications. That is, if you are fair by serious investigators serious investigators will naturally be fair by you. And we too, of course, have the interests of Britain at heart and would not wish you to be unaware of any cases that might involve defence implications. Even though, as you have pointed out to me previously, none of your studies so far have produced such implications.

You have promissed to advise me when you have taken a decision to release data, which is why I was somewhat surprised to learn that you have supplied to some colleagues of mine in Bristol data on cases in South Wales. I would, therefore, very much like an update on the current position please. For the last few years while writing to you I have stressed that I want to help put across your true position to the public (with which I have some influence as a full-time writer of UFO books and articles). But for this purpose I do need your help in return, of course. I see from the current issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, for example, that much is said about your alleged cover-up and it is towards correcting this view with the facts (if you will openly give them) that I am concerned. Hence my previous requests to be granted access to the data prior to release so that I might present a fair review in the UFO literature and defuse such commentary.

Finally, on the question of defence implications, I would wish to advise you of an accretion of data concerning an incident which appears to have taken place at the US Air Force base at Woodbridge, Suffolk, in December 1980. It is of some concern to me that you have not been able to offer any statement on this event, because on face value the evidence does suggest that somebody is hiding something.

Now I have published some of the material supplied to me (and gathered myself) in the UFO literature, primarily because in lieu of any other reason I believe the information should be told. But understand my position here. I have no wish to do anything injurious to British defence and if I was offered any reason (however roundabout) which suggested the case should simply be dropped then I would do so. For example, it is possible that the UFO story is covering either an accident or

[illegible] of some secret device (either by British or American sources). Therefore, to [illegible] actually stress this in a UFO context (which is how it has been repo[illegible]) and yet inevitably have to mention such none-UFO explanations as these possibilities might be against this nations interests. Yet what else can I do, since I have no such reason to argue in this way and feel myself duty bound to discuss the matter in case it genuinely has gone un-noticed and yet may be of potential importance?

Very briefly, on this case, we have first-class hard evidence (which we could of course give to the national press but have had no desire to so do) that something occurred (during the last three days of the month, possibly December 29, 1980). This includes evidence of radar tracking of the unexplained object, its 'landing' in Rendlesham Forest and a number of independant testimonies that relate to a quite fantastic account of what supposedly happened after that. It is impossible for me and the couple of other people in possession of these full facts not to accept that a genuine event did occur and naturally we are more than a little concerned that (a) it has not been admitted to and (b) you profess to know nothing about it.

As I said, the evidence is strong (almost, I might say, categorically probative) and could (if we chose to discuss the full facts in the right way outside the limited circulation we have done so far) lead to quite an outcry about cover-ups. Personally, I believe you must have very good reason for doing what you are doing about this incident, and that may have nothing to do with UFOs per se. However, please see my position and recognise my dilemma. I want to do the right thing.

I am not expecting a reply saying anything specific about this event, but you may be able to offer advice about the problem I face. I have this data that seems probative. You do not seem to want it and claim to know nothing about it. I cannot just sit on it because it appears to be too important. Yet if I make a big issue out of it national security may suffer.

I would add that the story behind these events indicates that there was contact between military sources and an other intelligence (which is not alien spaceships in the nuts and bolts sense) but which is an indigenous intelligence to planet earth which in fact is way beyond us in terms of most capacities and therefore represent the real rulers of our world.

This account does merge with data offered by other sources to me (in confidence) including government officials in this country and abfoad. I have never published it and have actually played down the possibility in my books. I am not saying I believe it. But I am saying that I have heard it from so many dources that I do have to listen. And it does make a great deal of sense out of many things.

The UFO subject is complex and to represent it fairly very difficult. I so very much do want to do the right thing. But I am beginning to doubt if I am doing the right thing. Can you offer any advice?

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Jenny Randles

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Miss J Randles
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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
26 August 1983

Dear Miss Randles,

Thank you for your letter of 1 August concerning the Bentwaters-Lakenheath incident on 13 August 1956.

As I explained in our discussion last week, prior to 1967 it was the Ministry's policy to retain reports of UFO sightings only for a period of five years and that the earliest records we hold date back to 1962. In view of your claim about the importance of the 1956 case in UFO circles I have checked to see whether, by chance, the file relating to that period had been retained in spite of the general policy in force at that time but have managed to find no papers relating to the incident. I can only conclude, therefore, that they were destroyed along with other reports for the year 1956.

I am sorry that I can be of no assistance in this case.

Yours sincerely

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Jenny Randles
Section 40

August 1st 1983

Dear Sirs,

We have corresponded a number of times in recent years about UFOs, a subject which I realise is of relatively minor importance to your department. However, as I think we have tended to agree, there is some scientific value in the study of data, even though its character is often misrepresented by the media (eg the recent example of the pseudo-circles in Wiltshire of which you are no doubt aware).

I have been much heartened by your expressed decision to release Ministry of Defence UFO files, as I am sure this policy will reflect well upon yourselves. Indeed I am grateful for the sample materials which you have supplied to me before. I wonder if there is any progress to report on the method of release of all your materials? I request information in this regard because it would certainly prove very advantageous (I think to yourselves as well as myself) if such was to become available prior to the end of 1983. Could you assess the liklihood of this, perhaps?

My principle intention in writing this letter is to request your specific help on one specific file.

The incident in question occurred on the night of August 13 1956, between the hours of 21.30 and 24.00 GMT (possibly a little beyond). It involved military personnel (both RAF and USAF) at Lakenheath, Bentwaters and Neatishead and included multaple radar trackings and visual observations (including some by RAF pilots on board Venom aircraft). There were civilian and military ground observors to the events also.

The case is heralded within the UFO literature as a 'classic', and indeed I admit that I have held to this view myself in the past. The opinion is based upon several sources. These include the file on the case which was collated by the US Air Force (Project Blue Book) and now publicly available (via the Freedom of Information Bill); the assessment of the case by Dr Gordon Thayer, a US radar specialist for the Colorado University UFO project; a reinvestigation in 1970 by atmospheric physicist Dr James McDonald; statements from some of the British radar operators and some of the ground observors (collated much more recently). However, all these evaluations have been carried out without the M.O.D. (or other British governmental department) report on the incident.

I realise that you have a policy regarding UFO materials and I understand this does not include pre-1962 materials. However, it would seem (in view of the interest in the affair by official US sources and the potential defence implications of such an incident, which involved three military radar systems and RAF aircraft) that somewhere a file on this case must exist. I would be grateful if you would look into this possibility and advise of the results, or at least suggest avenues of approach that I might try should it prove (by some chance) that your department has not retained a file on the matter.

I would add that myself and colleague Section 40 are particularly interested in this case for the following reason. In February 1983 we published an article in the scientific journal, New Scientist, and we have since been commissioned to expand this into book form. The book is for a scientific publisher and will be aimed at the British scientific community, not a popular market. To this end we are reassessing many allegedly prime cases with more thoroughness than hitherto. This incident (which does offer some preliminary suggestions as regards a possible solution I might add) is a natural candidate.

Ideally, Section 40 and myself would very gratefully welcome a clearance to see your UFO file material ourselves (for which we would gladly sign any papers, to prevent our misuse, that you care to devise). Failing this, however, we hope you can assist with data on this particular case.

Yours Sincerely,
Section 40

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Head of S4 (Air)

I have just announced the postponement formally within the Department & I think they would appreciate a note from you.

Unless you have done so I will now minute our 3 MOD addressees so that the debate is postponed.

UFO: DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS Section 40

References: A. D/S4(Air)/8/3 loose minute dated 17 May 1978
B. D/S4(Air)/8/3 letter to Section 40 dated 17 May 1978
C. Background Note on UFO

I consider the background note on UFO to be a well balanced summary of the situation and I think it is an excellent basis for a speech by the Minister. I agree with the attitude expressed at the opening of para 4 of reference B that we should treat the subject sensibly rather than flippantly.

One additional point that could be made is that if there were extraterrestrial space activity by other civilizations then one would have expected some of the intensive radio listening searches carried out by reputable scientific organizations, particularly in the US, to have intercepted some of the transmissions between spacecraft or between spacecraft and their original base, but as far as I know, nothing has yet been intercepted that is accepted by reputable scientists as being evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence. Since radio communication is somewhat cheaper than space travel, one would have expected rather more radio communication than actual visits.

Turning now to your proposal in para 5 reference B, I would strongly advise against issuing a challenge even in the last resort. From the DI55 files I could easily produce 10 plausible events that, because of the lack of adequate descriptions, are quite inexplicable in terrestrial terms. I am sure that a convinced Ufologist could do likewise, particularly as some of the reports came from trained observers such as RAF aircrew.

At a much lower level of discussion than is used in your paper, there is another argument which may be advanced against an extreterrestrial origin for UFO as follows. First, recent US and Soviet space probes rule out the possibility of intelligent life elsewhere in the solar system. If UFO are therefore extraterrestrial, they are also from outside the solar system. If now one makes reasonable assumptions about the number of stars in the universe and the proportion of those which might have inhabitable planets, and then further draws up a list of all the interesting places in the universe that an intelligent community might wish to visit, one is driven to the conclusion that a visit to an insignificant planet (the earth) of an uninteresting star (the sun) would probably not occur more than once in a thousand years or so, even if one assumes that every intelligent community made say 10 launches a year. Thus, claims of thousands of visits in the last decade or so are far too large to be credible.

I hope these comments are of some assistance.

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30 May 1978

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE 319 Head of S4 (Air) 31 MAY 1978 LONDON

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DATA

Age of the galaxy	about ten thousand million years (10^{10})
Number of stars in the galaxy	about one hundred thousand million (10^{11})
diameter of galaxy	about one hundred thousand light years.
/Note 1 light year is about	6 million million miles (6×10^{12})
position of sun	about 27000 light years from centre of galaxy
age of the sun	about 4½ thousand million years (4.5×10^{9})
Currently achievable speeds	about 12 miles/sec, to which can be added the earth's orbital speed of 18 miles/sec to give a total of 30 miles/sec.
time to journey to Pluto	Depending on the gravitational assistance, or otherwise, of the major planets of Jupiter and Saturn, 3 to 5 years.
Ultimate speed.	In principle speeds near that of light should be achievable but technology does not yet exist.

OCKHAM'S (OR OCCAM'S) RAZOR

This phrase was applied to the philosophy of William of Ockham (c1290 - c 1349) which in essence said "entities must not be multiplied without necessity". In every day language this principle suggests that theories which need to elaborate in order to explain phenomena for which there is a simple explanation, are probably wrong.

JUDGEMENT

'It is unlikely that positive proof of the existence of UFO will be obtained without the examination of the remains of objects, crashed or otherwise. Proof of non-existence is equally impossible to obtain unless a reasonable and convincing explanation is determined for each incident. Many sightings by qualified and apparently reliable witnesses have been reported. However each incident has unsatisfactory features, such as shortness of the time of observation, distance from the observer, vagueness of the description, very poor quality of photographs, inconsistencies between observers apparently reporting the same incident, which prevents a definite conclusion being drawn.

(conclusion in report of project sign February 1949).

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Dr might be useful to have a copy of the CRO's letter for our files

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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TELEPHONE Section 40

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

AF/JW 199/77

15th June 1977

Dear Nicholas,

My Department have investigated the report about an Unidentified Flying Object which you referred to me on 17th May on behalf of Section 40 Section 40 of the Section 40 I regret to say however, that although a RAF officer has visited Section 40 we are unable to offer any further information. It is true that the Royal Observer Corps have a post in the adjoining field but there is no evidence that their activities could have seemed unusual in any way and we have no record of any other unusual activity in the area.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Nicholas Edwards Esq MP
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Request Para 4 refers

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REDACTIONS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

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Your reference
D/S4(Air)/8/3
Our reference
BWY/130/10 /Air
Date
3 June 1977

Dear Section 40

Following our recent communication I have visited Section 40 at the Section 40 Section 40 told me that one night in April of this year she saw a round object 'like the moon falling down' land in a field at the back of her property. Two very tall, faceless 'humanoids' got out of this object (about the size of a mini bus) and appeared to 'take measurements or gather things'. When Section 40 returned after calling members of the family the objects had vanished.

I examined the suggested landing site, which is in a field adjacent to a Royal Observer Corp underground monitoring post (MOD Post Shelter?) but could find no evidence of a landing. I can offer no explanation of Section 40 sighting but can confirm that it is not connected with the operations of RAF Brawdy.

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

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

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for Officer Commanding

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

AF/JW/199/77

25th May 1977

Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for your letter of 17th May covering the enquiry you have received from Section 40 of the Section 40 on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

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

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Nicholas Edwards Esq MP
House of Commons
London
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Section 40

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

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APS/US of S(RAF)

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

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

[redacted]

20 May 1977

S4 (Air)

(12)

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

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

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

From: Section 40

(11)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40 (Direct Dialling)
01-218 9000 (Switchboard)

See E 18.

Flight Lieutenant Section 40 RAF
Community Relations Officer,
RAF Brawdy.

Your reference

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

Date 30 May 1977

Dear Flight Lieutenant Section 40

I enclose a letter which Mr Nicholas Edwards MP has forwarded to US of S(RAF) on the subject of a UFO which is thought to have been seen near the Section 40 There is also a cryptic reference to a "Ministry of Defence Post Shelter" in an adjoining field.

The Minister wishes to send as sympathetic a reply as possible and you agreed during our discussion on 19th May that a visit to Section 40 might be the best way of defining her problems and perhaps of allaying her fears.

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Nicholas Edwards MP

AMSW 199/77
Hd of S9(Air)
recd 18th May.

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I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from Section 40 at the Section 40 Section 40 quiring about a Ministry of Defence Post Shelter in the field adjoining her Section 40 where she claims to have seen a UFO. I should be grateful for further information.

Section 40

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

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted] Pembrokeshire

Section 40 [redacted]

Proprietor : Section 40 [redacted] Manager :

Nicholas Edwards
M.P. for Pembrokeshire

Dear Sir,

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

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Dr David Clarke

Case Number: 17-06-2005-153410-005 **Expiry**: 15 July 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Dr Clarke asked three questions concerning information given to him in response to his previous requests and made four new requests for information. In response to my e-mail on 21 June in which I sought Dr Clarke's clarification of the information he was seeking, he also made a further request. A copy of all of this correspondence is attached and replies to all of these issues have been covered in this draft reply.

Case for release of information

Dr Clarke's questions

1. It is at the discretion of departments whether or not to remove details of officials and we have not always been entirely consistent with the redaction of names etc, largely due to evolving FOI /DPA policy over recent years. Recently this has changed again and we have now been told not to redact names of officials when releasing documents unless we can claim that it is for health and safety reasons (s38). An explanation is included in the attached draft response.

2. I do not know what role Science 3 (RAF) had with regard to UFOs and I have only seen one mention of them in the mid 1980s on one UFO file. The branch no longer exists. Info-Records have located a copy of the MOD directory of the period and established this branch's role. Although Info-Records have located documents still in MOD archives from this branch, there is no suggestion that they have anything to do with UFOs. An explanation is given in the attached draft response.

3. We do not know what the original 1967 agreement was with regard to the retention of UFO files and there are no UFO policy files of this period still held in MOD. Info-Records know of no formal agreements with The National Archives about the permanent retention of these records. I have a record of the destruction of a number of UFO files, which is probably due to the incumbents of this post deciding they were not worthy of preservation. Dr Clarke has requested a list of the destroyed files and I see no reason to withhold this information. A list is attached at Annex A to this draft.

Dr Clarke's request for information

1a&b) I have searched the two files Dr Clarke mentioned and two other surviving UFO files of the period. None contain any mention of the meeting with Ms Randles on 18 August 1983.There is some correspondence with Ms Randles and she has given her written permission for us to release this to Dr Clarke. Copies of these are attached. D/DD Ops(GE)10/8 Part K contained a few papers that may be relevant and copies of these are also attached. Wg Cdr Section 40 CTand UKOps –Airspace Integrity) has confirmed her agreement to the release of these documents.

2. I have passed Dr Clarke's request for a copy of D/DI55/108/15 Part 4 to Section 40 (DIST-GM OMS AD). I have yet to have any response but will chase this.

3. A search of file Hd S4(Air)/BF 82 revealed two papers that might be relevant to Dr Clarke's request and he confirmed in an e-mail 21 June 2005 that he would like copies of these. I see no reason not to release them. On 2 July 2005 he also made a further request that this file be searched for a copy of a signal from the British Defence Staff in Washington dated 19 August 1976. This file was not opened until 1978 and does not hold a copy of the signal. Dr Clarke also requested a copy of any other papers from this file which refer to the House of Lords debate, which he has not already had. It is impossible to be certain which papers are relevant without examining all 250 pages and trying to match them to the vast amount of information already supplied. I have told him this is likely to ~~accede~~ the £600 limit, but if there was something specific he was seeking I will see if it is on the file.

4. Our files contain the documents Dr Clarke is seeking relating to Section 40 Section 40 experiences in June 1977. I do not know where Dr Clarke has got her name and address from, but I suspect it may be local newspaper reports. I can find no mention of her name on the internet, although there is an article about the Section 40 at the time which says it features in three UFO books. I have discussed the release of these documents with the PTC FOI Cell and we agree that there seems no reason to withhold these documents under an exemption of the FOIA. It is not worth redacting Section 40 name and address as Dr Clarke is already aware of this and we would not be supplying these documents unless they were relevant to the request. As these events took place 28 years ago it would not be practical to try to contact Section 40 to gain her permission to release this information. The file should be released into The National Archive probably within the next year and at that point will be fully open to public inspection. I therefore propose to send copies of these documents to Dr Clarke. A few lines have been redacted in accordance with the Data Protection Act as they contain personal information about Section 40 and give details of another member of the public.

Authorisation

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

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

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 21/7/05

DRAFT REPLY TO DR CLARKE

Dear Dr Clarke

I am writing in response to your two e-mail messages of 17th June in which you asked some questions about the contents of D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A, and made a further Freedom of Information request. I apologise for the delay in sending a substantive reply.

First I will address your questions. For ease of reference I will number these replies in the same order as your letters.

1. When releasing information it is at the discretion of government departments whether they wish to remove the names of officials who work within the department. Generally this is considered on a case by case bases and may depend on such factors as the sensitivities of the area they work in, whether their name is already in the public domain and the age of the documents. Our duties to the individual to protect their personal information has also to be considered. MOD has been developing policies on all aspects of the release of information over the last few years in preparation for the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act and in these early months of FOI this continues to evolve. While the release of information will always be considered on a case by case basis, it has recently been decided that the names of officials will not be redacted from copies of released documents in the future unless there would, for example, be harm caused to the individual by releasing this data. With regard to the Rendlesham papers, the incident and many of the records were already 20 years old at the time of release and it was not considered necessary to remove these details.

2. Science 3(RAF) no longer exists. We have located a copy of the MOD telephone directory for the period which shows that this branch was part of the Assistant Chief Scientist (Personnel) (RAF) and their duties are described as "RAF Selection, training, manpower modelling, flight safety, air traffic services, and social factors affecting recruitment and retention of RAF personnel." Searches of the archive database have not identified any surviving UFO records from this department still held by the MOD.

3. I understand that in 1967 it was decided to preserve records of UFO reports because of the increased public interest in the subject. However, there are no policy records for this period still held by the MOD so it is not clear whether it was intended to include only UFO reports (not policy, correspondence or parliamentary business) or all records about UFOs. We know of no formal agreement with The National Archives that they would accept any of these records indefinitely. During our work to identify and locate all the surviving records held by the MOD on UFOs it has become clear that a number of files have been destroyed and I suspect this may be because different incumbents of the branches within the MOD who were responsible for these records have used their judgement as to which files to preserve and this has inevitably lead to the destruction of some records. In recent years, with the introduction of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information and now, the Freedom of Information Act, there has been a change in the type of correspondence we receive, from people wishing to tell us about their sightings, to requests for information held by the MOD. In response to this we have tried to preserve everything we can on the

subject and Section 40 and his staff look out for any UFO related documents when reviewing MOD files. As requested, attached at Annex A is a list of UFO related files which are known to have been destroyed.

Moving on to your request for information.

1a&b). File D/DS8/10/209 Part E (General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence, Reports) was opened on 2 November 1982 and closed on 10 May 1983. The file contains four letters from Ms Randles and some associated correspondence. None of these letters refer to a meeting at MOD Main Building in August 1983 and there is no other relevant information on this file. As Ms Randles has provided her permission for the release to yourself of copies of her correspondence, I have enclosed these for your information.

File D/DS8/10/209/1 Part A (General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence-Reports) was opened on 6 May 1983 and closed on 23 October 1983. This file contains no correspondence with Ms Randles, or any reference to a meeting at MOD Main Building in August 1983.

In addition to the files you mentioned I have also asked the department responsible for air Defence matters to search D/DD Ops(GE)10/8 Part K (Admin & General, UFOs) for any relevant information. This file was opened on 11 January 1983 and closed on 27 June 1983. The file contains no papers about a meeting in August 1983. There is however, correspondence between Section 40 and Ops(GE)(RAF) in March 1983 concerning radar at the time of the Rendlesham incident. This was not a pre-meeting briefing, but followed a letter from Ms Randles dated 28 February 1983 in which she claimed there was "evidence of radar tracking". I am not sure if this is relevant to your request, but I have enclosed copies of these documents for your information.

As D/DS8/10/209 Part E was closed in May 1983, I have also examined D/DS8/10/209 Part F (General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence). This part was opened on 10 May 1983 and closed on 22 February 1984. This file contains only one letter from Ms Randles dated 1st August 1983 which makes no mention of a meeting and there are no other relevant papers on this file. A copy of Ms Randles letter and Section 40 reply is enclosed.

These files consist of all the known surviving UFO files available for this period. I can therefore only conclude that there are no surviving papers relating to the meeting with Ms Randles.

2. Your request for a copy of D/DI55/108/15 Part 4 (UFO Policy 1996) has been passed to DI55. I have yet to have a response, but I will hasten them on your behalf.

3. Please find enclosed the two documents from file Hd S4(Air)/BF 82 which I informed you about in my e-mail of 21 June 2005. You also made a further request for a copy of a signal from the British Defence Staff (Air) in Washington dated 19 August 1976 from this file. I can inform you that this file was not opened until 13 July 1978 and does not contain a copy of the signal. You may wish to be aware that UFO files for 1976 are already open at The National Archives. With regard to the remaining

papers in this file, it is impossible to say whether you have already had copies of all the documents without examining every page (the file contains more than 250 pages) and trying to match them with the large amount of information you have been sent in response to your previous requests. Such an exercise would be extremely time consuming and likely to exceed the time permitted in accordance with the FOIA. However, if there is something in particular you are seeking, I will see if this is amongst these papers.

4. Please find enclosed copies of correspondence between US of S (RAF) and Nicholas Edwards MP in June 1977 concerning a letter from Section 40 [redacted] of the Section 40 [redacted] I can confirm that the Community Relations Officer at nearby RAF Brawdy was asked to visit Section 40 [redacted] and details of this are also enclosed. A few details have been removed as these are personal to Section 40 [redacted] and another member of the public. There is no evidence that the Provost and Security Service Flying Complaints Flight was asked to make inquiries into these events.

I hope this is helpful. I will hasten DIS for the outstanding papers from both this and your earlier request and will contact you about these again as soon as possible. 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 me 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 [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information



Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2005 09:39
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: AIR 20/12966

Section 40 [redacted]

We discussed the above file on Monday (Dr Clarke enquiry) and I undertook to check with TNA about the likelihood of its inclusion in the next pickup.

I am advised that it will be include in the next transfer to Kew - a possibility of transfer next week (w/c 11 Jul) but if not then "definitely" w/c 18 Jul.

Section 40 [redacted]



Section 40 [redacted]

From: david clarke Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 02 July 2005 10:14
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Freedom of Information Request
Importance: High

2 July 2005

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

With reference to our exchange of emails dated 21/22 June concerning papers in file HdS4(Air)/BF 82 you will recall I
asked if you could supply any additional papers relating to UFO matters/House of Lords debate contained in this
file that were not supplied in response to my earlier (2003) request.

Having scanned the contents of the other file (DD Ops 10/8/1 Pt A) I found a reference to a signal sent from the
British Defence Staff (Air) in Washington to MODUK S4 Air, reference RAFS/1280/1/ORG, dated 19 August 1976.
Apparently this was a summary of the US Air Force position on UFOs circa 1976 that was sent to S4 Air
for use in the House of Lords debate.

If this signal/letter and any associated papers are contained in the HdS4(Air)/BF 82 I would of course appreciate
copies.

Yours sincerely

Dr David Clarke

File not opened until 13 July 1978

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UFO sightings sparked MoD probe
May 28 2005
Sam Burson, Western Mail

A SPATE of UFO sightings in Wales prompted a secret Ministry of Defence investigation, newly-released information has revealed.

The clamour around the possibility of "little green men" visiting Pembrokeshire forced Government officials to look into the situation in the late 1970s.

There were numerous tabloid reports, including one of an entire class of schoolchildren claiming to have seen a UFO landing.

Many others reported being petrified by a strange silver alien.

It all happened in what became known as the Broad Haven Triangle.

Canny tourist operators even started running UFO sighting weekends.

But new documents show despite publicly dismissing the reports as hoaxes, defence experts were racing to get answers.

In a letter from May 1977, MoD minister Dr John Gilbert MP tells officials in the department, "I am being inundated at the present time with representations about UFOs said to have been seen in Pembrokeshire."

He asks whether any investigations are being carried out.

A reply tells the minister, "We look into detailed reports of unexplained phenomena to see if they have a bearing on the national defences."

But they reassured we were not in danger of alien takeover, saying, "My department has carried out that type of investigation on the reports received from Wales, but these have been few in recent months.

"No evidence has been revealed to suggest that the alleged sightings in Wales, or indeed those reported from other parts of Great Britain in the past, contained anything of significance from a defence point of view.

"All I can tell you on the basis of the department's past experience, is that most reports of this nature can usually be referred to a commonplace object, which may have been observed perhaps from an unusual angle or in somewhat unusual weather or lighting conditions."

However, unbeknown to the minister, the RAF in West Wales was asked to carry out a "discreet" investigation.

An extract of a private memorandum to the Provost and Security Service of the RAF, (effectively the military police), reads, "I should be grateful if you would have a look at these papers and let me know whether you think some sort of discreet inquiry would be worthwhile.

"What I would really like to know is the volume of local interest and/or alarm, and whether there is a readily discernible rational explanation for it (perhaps a

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practical joker), or even whether there is prima facie evidence for a more serious specialist enquiry.

"But I have not committed you in any way, and I have not even told the minister I am consulting you."

The report called for has yet to be released.

Sheffield University's folklore lecturer Dr David Clarke, who uncovered the other documents under the Freedom of Information Act, is now trying to track it down.

Dr Clarke, who is researching a book called Saucer Full of Secrets about the folklore of UFO sightings, said, "I was really surprised to find this.

"Generally the MoD dismisses these things and doesn't take them too seriously.

"But to find they ordered an investigation behind the Minster's back is pretty interesting.

"It's not quite the X-Files, but it is along the same lines."

Dr Clarke is now trying to get hold of people who were featured in what he sees as the tall tales of nearly 30 years ago.

"What I'd really like is to speak to some of the kids who apparently saw the alien craft."

A newspaper at the time reported Broad Haven Primary School headmaster Ralph Llewellyn backing the claims of his pupils, 14 of whom had drawn similar pictures of the craft.

"What would be fantastic is to meet whoever it was wearing the alien suit," added Dr Clarke.

"As far as I've been able to work out it was someone living locally, who'd got hold of a chemical suit, having a great time terrifying people."

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UFO 'hysteria'

IN 1977 the talk of Pembrokeshire was all about UFOs.

Among dozens of alleged sightings, Billy and Pauline Coombes, living at a remote farmhouse near Broad Haven, were apparently terrified to see a 7ft giant in a silver suit outside their front room window at 1am.

Josephine Hewison, meanwhile, was reported to have seen a 50ft craft the shape of an upturned jelly mould parked outside her greenhouse.

As well as pranksters, and talk of strange goings-on at local military bases, folklore expert Dr David Clarke thinks films fuel the hysteria.

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind and Star Wars had just come out, so the idea of space was very much at the front of people's minds, which is fascinating in itself."

Anyone with stories or recollections from the time wanting to help David's research can get in touch on 07906 377 988.

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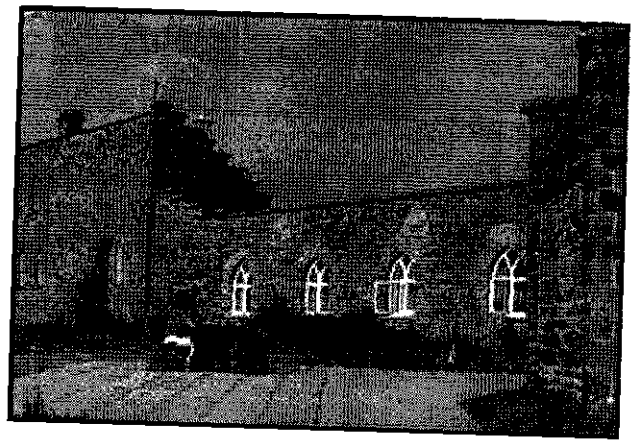

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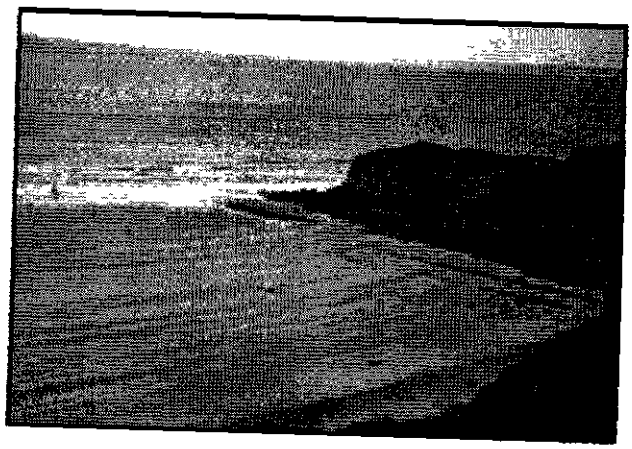



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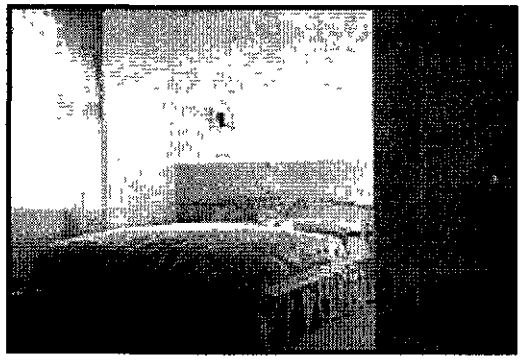



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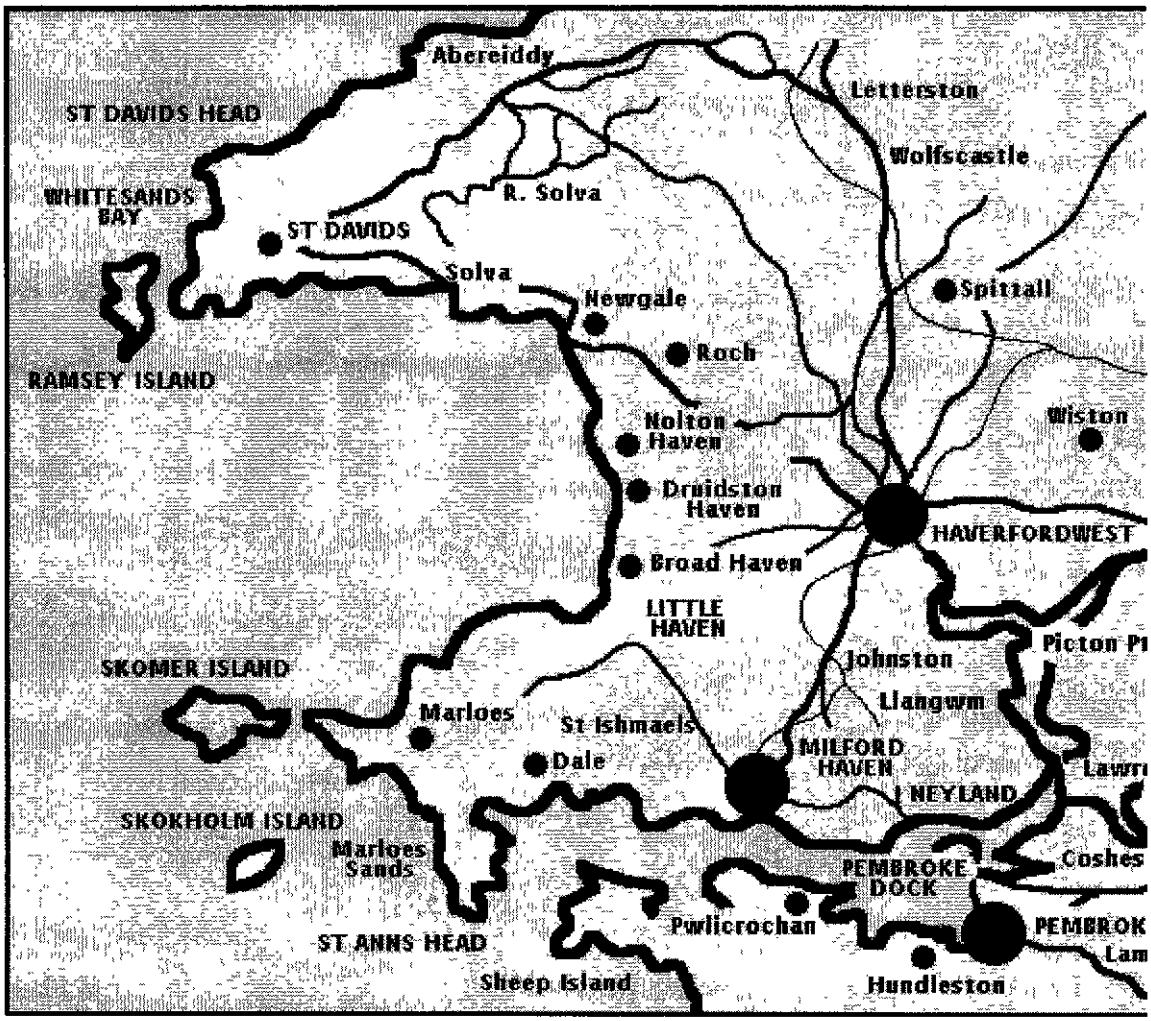

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D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt D	1978 (Last Enc 25/8)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 19.3.1990
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D/DS8/75/1 Pt B	1979 (Last Enc 4/12)	UFO Policy Statements	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 20.3.1990
D/DS8/75/5	Not Known	UFOs – Solar Satellite Power Station	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 19.3.1990
D/DS8/75/3 Pt C	1982 (Last Enc 11/2)	UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 22.3.1990
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D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt J	1982 (Last Enc 12/2)	UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 26.3.1990
D/DS8/10/209 Pt H	1984 (Last Enc 24/12)	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file FILE DESTROYED 26.3.1990

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

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Dated 16 April 2003

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) FILES DIRECTOR OF AIR OPERATIONS

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

None.

Files known or thought to have been destroyed

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

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ASSISTANT CHIEF SCIENTIST (PERSONNEL) (RAF) — ACS(P)(RAF)

ACS(P)(RAF) Senior Principal Psychologist Scientific briefs and research on RAF personnel matters Personal Assistant		Section 40
Science 3 (RAF) — RAF selection, trg, manpower modelling, flight safety, air traffic svcs, and social factors affecting recruitment and retention of RAF personnel	Service support staff Clerical staff	Section 40

ASSISTANT CHIEF SCIENTIST (GENERAL) (RAF) — ACS(G)(RAF)

ACS(G)(RAF) Senior Principal Scientific Offr Long term review of RAF eqpt programme. Scientific briefs and research on logistics Personal Assistant		Section 40
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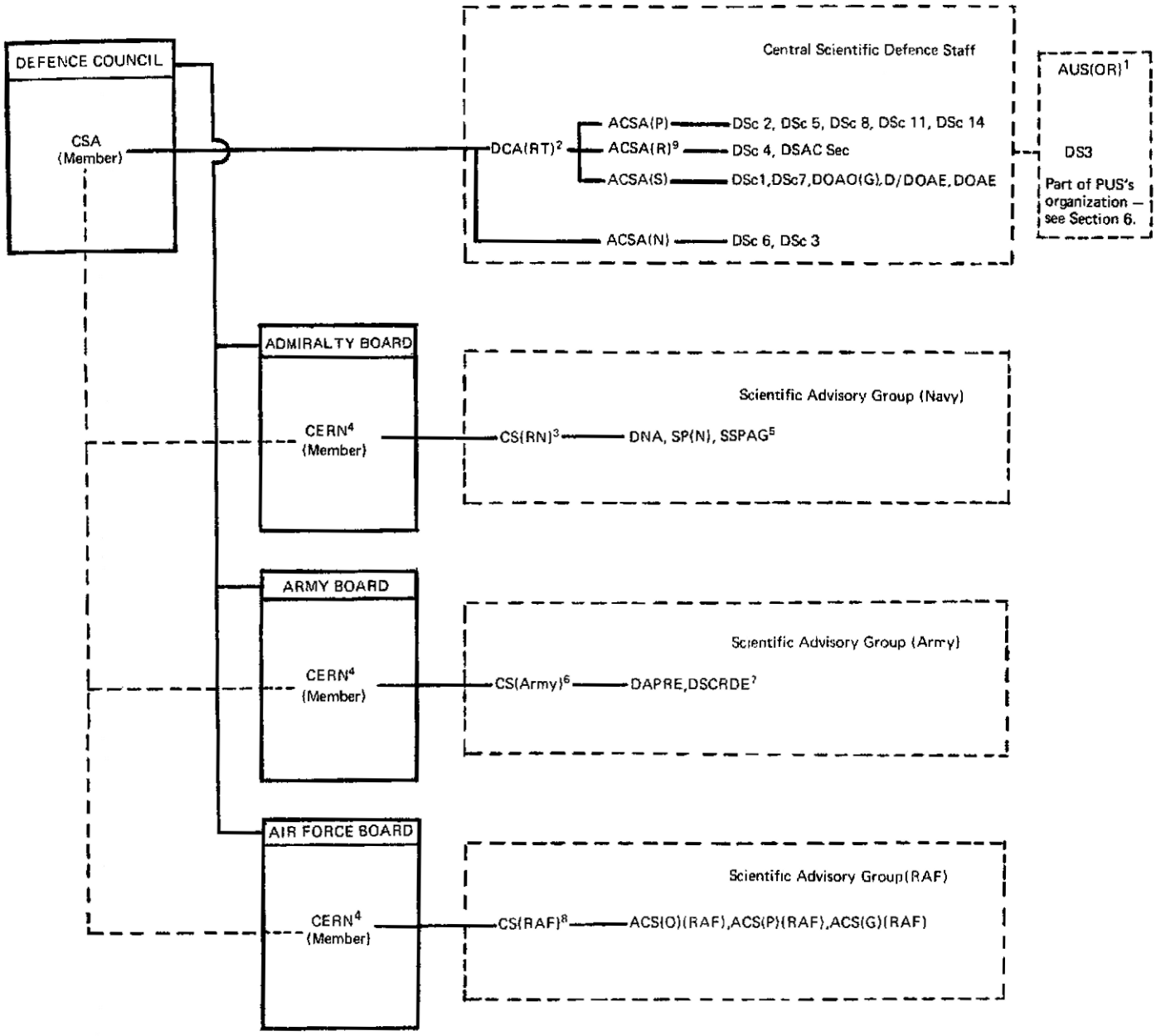

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Personal Assistant		
Radiological health and safety pol. Sec, MOD Radiological Protection Tech Advisory Ctee (RAPTAC); tech sy and safety aspects of naval nuclear propulsion matters incl US/UK liaison; nuclear wpn effects and nuclear hardening; management and classification of def nuclear records; tech aspects of nuclear emergency arrangements; PQs		
Junior Sec of Nuclear Powered Warship Safety Ctee (NPWSC), Nuclear Wpns Safety Ctee (NWSC) and MOD Radiological Protection Tech Advisory Ctee (RAPTAC). Deputy Atomic Control Offr		
ATOMIC Control Offr; pol and procedures on nuclear sy matters incl classification guides and clearance for access to ATOMIC, CONIFER and PRINCIPAL info; management of def nuclear records		
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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 21 June 2005 11:38
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request

Nof A
only 2 enclosures on the file that refer to radar & Ms Randles.

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On my list of files, there is only one of yours which could possibly hold relevant information and that is D/DD Ops(GE)10/8 Part K – Admin & General, UFOs
(Covering 11.1.1983 – 27.6.1983). I have recalled my files from Archives to see if the information Dr Clarke is seeking are on these, but if not I expect there is a slim chance that your file may hold something relevant.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 21 June 2005 08:46
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request

Section 40

The only UFO files I am aware of are the 33 files that we published last year. If there is no record of the discussions in 1983 on those files, I do not have any other records that I can search for you.

Realistically, any briefing on radar would be core business for the AD staffs and unlikely to have attracted any written records at MOD level.

Let me know if you need to me to do anything.

Section 40
SO1 Airspace Integrity
DCT&UK Ops
Section 40
Internet account Section 40 @mod.uk

From: Section 40
Sent: 17 June 2005 17:03
To Section 40
Subject: Freedom of Information request
Importance: High

Dear All

Please see attached two e-mails which I have received today from Dr Clarke about UFOs. One is some follow on questions from his previous requests for information and one is a new FOI request. I would be grateful for your advice as follows:

Section 40
FOI request, para no.2. – During inquiries with Section 40 about records affected by the asbestos contamination in OWOB, it was established that there were four DI55 UFO Policy files which were previously thought to be in the contaminated archive, but were in fact held by DI55. One of these is the file requested here by Dr Clarke. Please could you let me know whether you wish to release (or withhold) this information through me, or answer this part yourself.

FOI request, para no.3 – This file is one of mine, but as he is looking specifically for a document sent to S4 (Air) by ADI/DI55, is it possible you may also hold any relevant information?

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Section 40 please could you also let me know how you are getting on with the papers still outstanding from Dr Clarke's January FOI request.

Section 40
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Section 40
FOI request, para no.3 – Given the date of this file, please could you let me know if you or your staff hold it for review or it is likely still to be in the TNT archives?

Thank you all for your help. I would appreciate a response as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Section 40 [redacted]
DAS-FOI
Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]



From: david clarke Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 21 June 2005 17:46
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request
Importance: High

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thanks for your e-mail re my request 3: Yes I can confirm the two pieces of information from file HD S4 (Air)/BF 82 sound like the
ones I am seeking.

My reference to these papers actually comes from the Rendlesham file (enclosure 29) - marked 'copy taken from
D/DS8/10/209 Pt A on 26 Feb 2001' which is a Loose Minute from Section 40 to DI 55 dated 28 Jan 1981, this
reads: "During the preparation for the Lords Debate on UFOs on 18 Jan 1979, DI 55 Section 40 made contributions to Hd of S4 (Air)'s Draft Closing Address and Background note."

I took this to mean a formal briefing, but from the contents of the file you mention it would seem it was in the form of notes. I'm asking for these as DI 55's contribution to the debate materials was missing from the other House of Lords file supplied last year (see below):

If the remainder of HD S4(Air)/BF 82 duplicates the content of DD/Ops(GE)10/8 Pt A then I'm content just to receive the two items you mention. If there is any additional material not duplicated in the latter file I would appreciate copies of these.

Many thanks for your attention to this request.

David Clarke

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40 [redacted]
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 4:39 PM
Subject: Freedom of Information request

Dear Dr Clarke

I am working on your requests for information and will send a substantive reply as soon as possible. I would however, be grateful if you could clarify the information you are seeking relating to request 3.

I have examined file HD S4(Air)/BF 82 and as you suspected the file does contain correspondence relating to the House of Lords Debate on UFOs, most of which I believe you have already received in response to your previous requests. With regard to a briefing sent to S4(Air) by ADI/DI55 for the debate, I can advise you that the file contains two pieces of information which might be relevant, although neither appear to be an actual "briefings". The first is a letter from ADI/DI55 Section 40 to Head of S4(Air) Section 40 dated 30 May 1978 in response to a request from Section 40 for any comments on a background note for the House of Lords Debate. The other is not addressed to anyone (or dated) but is simply titled "Notes from Section 40 Section 40 and gives some information about stars, the galaxy and the time it would take to reach other planets. There is also an explanation of Occam's Razor and a quote from Project Sign in February 1949.

Please could you confirm whether either of these documents are likely to be the one you are seeking.

Your sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]
Ministry of Defence

Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
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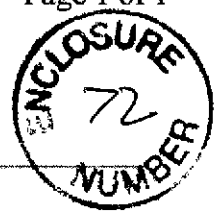

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 20 June 2005 10:05
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: AIR 20/13011 (provisional0

Section 40 [redacted]

The above piece - former ref Hd S4(Air)/BF82 UFOs Sept 1978 to Jan 1979 - should be with you and ready for the next pick-up (?).

Section 40 [redacted] has an FOI request about the file; please contact her Section 40 [redacted] to arrange for its temp transfer to her.

If the file is included in a pick-up while still out to DAS please contact Section 40 [redacted] I would rather the file not miss the transfer opportunity!

Section 40 [redacted]

DR CLARKE
17-06-2005-153410-005. Exp. 15 July.

ENCLOSURE 71

Dear All

Please see attached two e-mails which I have received today from Dr Clarke about UFOs. One is some follow on questions from his previous requests for information and one is a new FOI request. I would be grateful for your advice as follows:

Section 40 DST-GMOMS AD
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Thank you all for your help. I would appreciate a response as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40

17th June 2005

17 June 2005

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email dated 25 May in response to my question concerning the provenance of the Flying Saucer Working Party and Rendlesham documents released to me under the Code of Practice in 2002.

I look forward to receiving the outstanding DIS papers from my FOI request of 19 January 2005. Having now examined the papers contained in D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A - UFO Policy I have three questions relating to content:

1) Could you explain why the names of MOD employees/military personnel have been removed from these papers? I am puzzled as to why names of personnel *have* been released in the papers relating to the Rendlesham incident, currently on the MOD Publication Scheme, but have been removed from this and other requests. I attended an FOI conference held by the Association of Journalism Education at Sunderland University on 20 June where I was informed by a representative of the Information Commissioner's office that there is no specific exemption under the FOI for names of public servants to be removed from papers released, and the decision to do so is purely at the discretion of the department concerned. Could you confirm this is the case?

2) Enclosure 13 (and surrounding papers) in the file refer to a xcomputerised UFO database compiled by an MOD department/ branch known as Science 3 (RAF) circa 1985-87. E14 refers specifically to a UFO file held by Science 3 at this point that ran to Part M (i.e. eight parts). However, no reference to these files can be found on the list you supplied earlier this year. What happened to the UFO file and database compiled by Science 3?

3) In Enclosure 27 (Loose Minute D/Sec(AS)12/1 2 April 1990) reference is made to "clearing our cupboards of old files on the subject of UFOs, some of which have been sent to CS(Records) for retention." I note from your letter of 25 April 2005 (note 5) that two files (D/DS8/75/3/1 Pts A & B - UFOs, House of Lords debate) were destroyed on 22 March 1990 - presumably as a result of this clear-out. Do you have details of any other UFO files and their titles that were destroyed at this time? How was it that destruction of these files was authorised in 1990 when the same minute (above) refers to Ministerial policy from 1967 that UFO files should be preserved for release at the PRO under the Public Records Act?

I understand that as more 60 working days have elapsed since my last FOI request I am now able to make a further request under FOI which I am sending separately, both by email and post (as my request contains a written note of consent under the DPA 98).

Yours sincerely,

Dr David Clarke

TNA – UFO Policy 1967 – DEFE 31/119

Jenny Randles

Section 40

[redacted]

DAS
102No. .....
21 JUN 2005
FILE _____

8 October 2004

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to confirm that I am happy for the Ministry of Defence to release to Dr David Clarke and any persons that he nominates, any documents, letters or files concerning myself. In particular those materials that might relate to my correspondence with Department DS 8, its predecessors and successors, in connection with UFOs and the release of papers into the public domain. This occurred during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Also during that period any records pertaining to my visit, with two others, to Whitehall during the summer of 1983. On this visit I was able to present to the MOD a document

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released under the Freedom of Information Act in the USA regarding incidents in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, December 1980 - that being a report signed by Lt. Col. Charles Halt and sent to the MOD by his British base supervisor, Squadron Leader Donald Moreland. It is agreeable to me for the MOD to release to Dr Clarke anything referent to this meeting, its build up or its aftermath, or, indeed any subsequent papers in their possession relevant to myself.

Sincerely,

Section 40

[redacted]

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 69

david clarke

From: "david clarke" [redacted]
To: [redacted]@mod.uk>
Sent: 17 June 2005 11:28
Subject: FOI Request

Dr David Clarke
[redacted]

17 June 2005

Freedom of Information Request: Ministry of Defence

Dear [redacted]

I wish to make a FOI request for hard copies of all documents/papers etc related to the following specific subjects.
I am also sending by post a printed copy of this email, enclosing a letter from Ms Jenny Randles dated 8 October 2004
giving you consent under the Data Protection Act (DPA 98) for personal material related to request 1a and 1b (below)
to be released to me.

FOI requests:

1a: Copies of all relevant material (briefings/notes/reports/correspondence) relating to a meeting between Jenny
Randles [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] of the Ministry of Defence DS8c which took place
at MOD Main Building, Whitehall, on 18 August 1983 to discuss the UFOs and specifically the release under the
USA FOIA of the memo by Col Charles Halt relating to the "Rendlesham UFO incident."

1b: Copies of any notes/reports or other material relating to a briefing in pre-18 August 1983 given by Air Defence
staff to [redacted] and other staff at DS8 relating to the role of radar in the investigation of reported UFOs.
This briefing was, I understand, referred to by [redacted] during her meeting with Ms Randles on 18 August
1983. Reference to your file list suggests this material will be located in file D/DS8/10/209 Pt E and D/DS8/10/209/1
Pt A (General Briefs, reports, correspondence 1983)

2. I request a copy of the contents of file DI/DI 55/108/15 Pt 4: UFO Policy 1996. I understand from your letter of 25 April 2005 that this file, along with 3 others, have escaped the asbestos contamination currently affecting the DI file store. I note that the file I am requesting is held by DI 55 and its contents will in all probability contain classified documents that will have to be downgraded before they can be released under FOI. I would appreciate in advance of this process any information on the number of enclosures contained in this file and the approximate dates covered by the contents.

3. Copy of file Hd S4(AIr)/BF 82 - Unidentified Flying Objects Sept 1978-January 1979. I understand from the list of files you supplied this is held by MOD. I suspect this file contains correspondence relating between the head of S4 (Air), [redacted] and other MOD branches relating to the House of Lords debate on UFOs held in January 1979. In particular, I wish to obtain a copy of a briefing for use in the debate sent to S4(Air) by ADI/DI 55, [redacted] during the period mentioned.

With reference to your email dated 17 March 2005 in respect of my request in 2003 under the Code of Practice for copies of Parliamentary correspondence relating to UFO sightings in Wales during 1977. I now make a request for a fresh search of file D/DS8/25/3 Pt A - UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence 1977-79, particularly enclosures nos: 1-45 for copies of the following: correspondence between Nicholas Edwards MP and the PUS of S for the RAF dated 15 & 17 June 1977 and any other related material concerning sightings reported to Mr Edwards by Section 40 of the Section 40 Section 40 This correspondence is seperate from the letter by Mr Edwards dated 24 May and reply dated 16 June you supplied in 2003. I understand Section 40 was interviewed by an officer from RAF Brawdy and inquiries were made by the Provost and Security Service Flying Complaints Flight in the area. As a result of a report on the findings was forwarded to S4 (Air) by the Community Relations Officer, RAF Brawdy, during the period May-June 1977. Please supply copies of these papers if they can be found in this file.

I would not expect this request to exceed the £600 limit under the FOI for the search and copying of material. If you believe it does, then please could you let me know so that I can modify my request accordingly.

I am grateful for your assistance,

Yours sincerely

Dr David Clarke

17-06-2005-153410-005
Expiry: 15 July 2005.

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 68

Dr David Clarke
[redacted]

17 June 2005

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1b: Copies of any notes/reports or other material relating to a briefing in pre-18 August 1983 given by Air Defence staff to [redacted] and other staff at DS8 relating to the role of radar in the investigation of reported UFOs. This briefing was, I understand, referred to by [redacted] during her meeting with [redacted] on 18 August 1983. Reference to your file list suggests this material will be located in file D/DS8/10/209 Pt E and D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A (General Briefs, reports, correspondence 1983)

2. I request a copy of the contents of file DI/DI 55/108/15 Pt 4: UFO Policy 1996. I understand from your letter of 25 April 2005 that this file, along with 3 others, have escaped the asbestos contamination currently affecting the DI file store. I note that the file I am requesting is held by DI 55 and its contents will in all probability contain classified documents that will have to be downgraded before they can be released under FOI. I would appreciate in advance of this process any information on the number of enclosures contained in this file and the approximate dates covered by the contents.

3. Copy of file Hd S4(Air)/BF 82 - Unidentified Flying Objects Sept 1978-January 1979. I understand from the list of files you supplied this is held by MOD. I suspect this file contains correspondence relating between the head of S4 (Air) [redacted], and other MOD branches relating to the House of Lords debate on UFOs held in January 1979. In particular, I wish to obtain a copy of a briefing for use in the debate sent to S4(Air) by ADI/DI 55, [redacted] during the period mentioned.

4. With reference to your email dated 17 March 2005 in respect of my request in 2003 under the Code of Practice for copies of Parliamentary correspondence relating to UFO sightings in Wales during 1977. I now make a request for a fresh search of file D/DS8/25/3 Pt A - UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence 1977-79, particularly enclosures nos: 1-45 for copies of the following: correspondence between Nicholas Edwards MP and the PUS of S for the RAF dated 15 & 17 June 1977 and any other related material concerning sightings reported to Mr Edwards by [redacted] of the [redacted]

Section 40 This correspondence is seperate from the letter by Mr Edwards dated 24 May and reply dated 16 June you supplied in 2003. I understand Section 40 was interviewed by an officer from RAF Brawdy and inquiries were made by the Provost and Security Service Flying Complaints Flight in the area. As a result of a report on the findings was forwarded to S4 (Air) by the Community Relations Officer, RAF Brawdy, during the period May-June 1977. Please supply copies of these papers if they can be found in this file.

I would not expect this request to exceed the £600 limit under the FOI for the search and copying of material. If you believe it does, then please could you let me know so that I can modify my request accordingly.

I am grateful for your assistance,

Yours sincerely

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ENCLOSURE 67 NUMBER

Dr David Clarke
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
25th April 2005

Dear Dr Clarke

Further to my e-mail message of 17th March, I am now in a position to give a reply to your request for information. I will also address the questions you asked in your e-mail message of 18th March. I apologise for the time taken to provide this response.

1). Please find enclosed a copy of file D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A – UFO Policy, as requested. This copy is reproduced in the same order as the original file. A number of documents have been removed for various reasons which I will indicate below and their place in the file has been marked to indicate where the documents sit within our records. The enclosures removed are as follows;

Enclosure 150 – Withheld subject to consultation with another department.
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Enclosures 83-85 – Classified documents which are being withheld subject to authority to downgrade this information for release.
Enclosures 70-71 - Classified documents which are being withheld subject to authority to downgrade this information for release.
Enclosure 68 - Classified documents which are being withheld while we seek authority to downgrade this information for release.
Enclosure 64 – Has not been supplied as it is a duplicate of pages 2 and 3 of Enclosure 65.
Enclosure 32 - Classified documents which are being withheld subject to authority to downgrade this information for release.
Enclosures 22-23 - Contains personal information and is withheld in accordance with the DPA98.

Please note that the documents marked as withheld awaiting downgrading have not been supplied at this time because they were originally covered by security classifications. Information is not withheld under the Freedom of Information Act purely because it was classified on creation, but the reasons for such a classification and any continuing sensitivities have to be considered before the information can be released. Only the originator has the authority to downgrade classified

information and in this case, the documents have been returned to them for consideration and I will write to you again about these records as soon as possible. All the information redacted from the released documents has been removed because it is personal information and therefore subject to the Data Protection Act 1998, or is original security classifications which have now been removed. A few documents have entirely been withheld under DPA98 because the whole document concerns information personal to an individual.

2). Please find enclosed a copy of all the documents you requested, except for D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 February 1997. As above, I am currently seeking authority to downgrade this document and I will write to you again about this as soon as possible. As advised in my e-mail message of 17th March 2005, you will notice that D/Sec(AS)64/1 dated 14 March 1997 is actually dated 1994. As this refers to previous correspondence dated 29 January 1997, I believe this was an error and this is the document you are seeking. You also requested any additional correspondence that follows in this sequence and I am seeking authority to downgrade the three further papers that I have identified as relevant.

3). With regard to your request for copies of correspondence relating to DIST's decision to no longer receive UFO reports, DIST have now supplied a copy of a letter dated 4 December 2000 which details the reasons for this decision and I am seeking their permission for downgrading and release.

4) You also asked which files from a list of 34 files are now at The National Archives (TNA). I am advised that the last pick up of records by TNA was on 15th March 2005 and this included only four UFO files. These were D/DS8/75/2/2 Part E, D/DS8/75/2/2 Part F, D/DS8/75/2/3 Part D and D/DS8/75/2/3 Part G. These have been allocated to DEFE 24/1288 – DEFE 24/1291. Following collection, TNA take 50 working days to prepare records before they are open for public viewing, so you may wish to look at their catalogue to see when these become available. In addition, you may wish to be aware that the following records on your list are already open at TNA. All other records are still with the MOD.

D/DS8/2/3 Part C -	TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1205
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part B –	TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1206
DI55/108/15/1 Part 21-	TNA Ref: DEFE 31/163
DI55/108/15/1 Part 22-	TNA Ref: DEFE 31/164
DI55/108/15/1 Part 23 -	TNA Ref: DEFE 31/165
DI55/108/15/1 Part 24 -	TNA Ref: DEFE 31/166
DI55/108/15/1 Part 25 -	TNA Ref: DEFE 31/167

With regard to the transfer of UFO files to TNA it may assist you if I explain the transfer process and why it is not possible to be exact about dates of transfer. MOD records are reviewed at various times up to the time when they are 30 years old and are either destroyed or selected for TNA. If the department consider they warrant preservation at TNA they are given a provisional TNA reference and added to a list which is sent to TNA for approval. These lists can sometimes run to hundreds of records and TNA may not agree to accept everything that is offered to them (although UFO records are usually accepted because of their popularity). If accepted, TNA will then decide which items from the list they will collect and when. This is not conducted at regular intervals but entirely at the discretion of TNA, who will inform the MOD (often at short notice) of when they will be collecting. Once records are collected, TNA take a further 50 working days to prepare and catalogue the records before they are open for public viewing. You may wish to note that the reference given to these items by MOD staff when they are listed is provisional only and may be changed by TNA during this process. Until this stage has been completed the TNA catalogue will show the item as not available. This does not necessarily mean that the record is still with the MOD, but simply that it is not yet available for viewing. I have been informed that there are no collections by TNA scheduled in the near future.

5) In your e-mail message of 18th March you enquired about the numbering of the UFO Parliamentary Correspondence file from 1977-1978. I can confirm that this file has been given three reference numbers. The file cover of the file shows the number as D/DS8/25/3 Part A, although the writing could also be interpreted as D/DS8/75/3 which would fit more easily with the rest of this series of files which all seem to be in the 75 series. It appears that this file also had a previous number of D/S4(Air)8/3 Part A and it is likely the file was renumbered when the branch changed from S4(Air) to DS8. This is, however, separate from the two files which you refer to that were destroyed on 22 March 1990. These were D/DS8/75/3/1 Parts A and B – UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence, House of Lords Debate 1979.

6). You also asked about four DIS UFO policy files which Section 40 said were believed to be with DI55. Although it was initially thought that these files were amongst those which were stored in the asbestos contaminated archives, DI55 have confirmed that D/DI55/108/15 Parts 4-7 have escaped the contamination and are held in the branch.

7). Finally, as mentioned in my message of 17th March 2005 please find enclosed copies of enclosures 95 and 96 from D/D Air Def/111/6/4 Part F which were outstanding from one of your earlier requests for information. I apologise for the length of time it has taken to supply this information, but it was necessary to consult a third party before release and unfortunately this can sometimes be a lengthy business.

I hope this covers your request for information, plus the additional questions you have raised. DIS have indicated that they will come back to me shortly concerning the documents they have for downgraded and I will write to you again as soon as possible regarding these. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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D/Sec(AS)64/1

14th March 1994

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DAO
Head of Sec(AS)
DI Sec
AD/DI55
DPR(RAF)

'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29th January 1997

1. You will recall that I wrote at Reference seeking advice and comment on the way forward for handling 'UFO' reports and I wonder if you have yet had time to consider what might be required so far as your respective interests are concerned. I discussed a number of points at a meeting some three weeks ago with [redacted] but have not heard further.

2. I appreciate that other issues might well have taken priority in recent times but I would like to make some progress on this in the near future.

[redacted]

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FAX : Section 40

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D/Sec(AS)/84/1

29th January 1997

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

1. I have been giving some thought to the way the Department currently handles 'UFO' reports and letters from members of the public, many of the latter actively seeking information about the existence of extraterrestrial life forms, or seeking a detailed investigation/explanation for what has been reported (allegations of abduction by aliens, out of body experiences, animal mutilations, crop circles etc).

2. The increasing media attention given to this subject in recent months has almost doubled the work of the desk officers involved to the detriment of other tasks more directly relevant to the work of the Branch. In the circumstances it seems timely to reappraise the situation with a view to clarifying the Department's role and requirements. Existing Government policy and my understanding of the current arrangements is set out at Annex.

3. I believe there should be a demonstrated need to continue current policy if we are to do so and would be grateful to know:

a. the extent of DAO and DI ST current interest in 'UFO' reports;

b. whether Sec(AS) should continue to forward any sighting reports to DAO or DI ST from members of the public for further examination/clarification and, if so, the criteria on which such decisions might be based.

c. whether the focus of interest [redacted] should be internally generated (ie air defence) or rely on reports only from credible witnesses with full involvement from DAO and DI ST in the investigation process.

4. Depending on the nature of any changes proposed it may be necessary to seek Ministerial agreement to proceed. I look forward to receiving your formal comments. [redacted]

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Sec(AS)2
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Annex

'UFO REPORTS ': MOD INTEREST AND CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

Policy

1. The Government's policy on 'UFOs' is that the air defence implications of unidentified flying objects are a matter for the MOD; air traffic implications are a matter for the Civil Aviation Authority.

2. MOD's interest in 'UFOs' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance (ie whether the UK Air Defence Region has been breached).

Sec(AS)2 Responsibilities

3. Sec(AS)2a acts as the focal point for MOD Policy on 'UFO' issues and maintains a simple record for all reported sightings, staffs sighting reports and public correspondence relating to alleged sightings to other MOD Branches as necessary, responds to Parliamentary and Ministerial inquiries, and deals with written and telephone enquiries from members of the public. DPO staff deal with media enquiries based on advice from Sec(AS)2.

Current Arrangements

4. It is generally the case that 'UFO' reports are copied to AO/GE1 for advice on air defence related issues, and to DI55 for the technology aspects of what has been observed. DAO has no interest in extraterrestrial matters and 'UFO' sightings are considered only in relation to a possible military threat to the UK's air defences. DI55 is responsible for studying aerodynamic missiles and is the DIS repository for UFO reports forwarded by Sec(AS): they have no evidence to date to support the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

5. It is considered that events giving rise to a defence interest are only likely to be reported by credible witnesses, ie military pilot reported incidents or detections by defence radar or early warning systems. In these circumstances DAO staffs would lead on the response in light of the circumstances at the time. Other credible witnesses might be professional civil pilots, officials at Air Traffic Control Centres (ATCCs) and the emergency services (police/fire). During the last two years only a handful of reports have been made by credible witnesses and none have provided evidence of defence significance.

6. There are no resources within the Department to provide an aeronautical identification service for every 'UFO' report. More importantly, given MOD's stated interest, there is no requirement to do so.

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

22nd April 1997

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Reference:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29th January 1997
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14th March 1997
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March 1997
D. D/Sec(AS)64/1 dated 2nd April 1997

1. It is now some time since I wrote (Reference A) seeking views on the way forward for the increasing amount of correspondence and sighting reports the Department now receives on the subject of 'UFOs' and related issues.

2. In the absence of any advice from DI of a need to see such material, I can only assume that this subject does not warrant significant interest. I therefore propose that for the future only information relating to 'credible' sightings will be further disseminated. The criteria for what constitutes a 'credible' sighting was given in my response to AOAD1 (Reference D - copied to you) following receipt of his advice on the extent of DAO interest.

3. I should be grateful to know that this course of action is acceptable to you.

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Sec(AS)2

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

2nd April 1997

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference A: D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March 1997

1. Thank you for your reply (Reference A) to my minute seeking advice on the way forward for the handling of 'UFO' reports.

2. In view of your stated interest in 'UFO' sightings (para 2 of Reference A), Sec(AS)2 will in future only refer to you for advice or investigation reports that fall into the following categories:

a. **documented** sightings - reports that are supported by evidence such as photographs, video recordings or radar traces, where these cannot be readily explained and are provided by sources who appear to be reliable;

b. **corroborated** sightings - a series of reports apparently describing the same phenomenon and provided by separate and independent sources, where these cannot be readily explained;

c. **timely** sightings - reports of a phenomenon that is currently being observed and might, therefore, be capable of detection by AD or other assets such as military aircraft or radar observers.

We will not follow-up undocumented, uncorroborated reports of past events unless, in the opinion of the Sec(AS) desk officer or duty officer, there are features of particular interest or dependability.

3. You asked about US reporting and investigating practices. We have inquired about this in the past through the Washington Embassy. The US DOD has a statement on their Internet web site recording their 'Project Blue Book' research and concluding that they no longer have any interest in UFO reports and related matters; those who wish to report 'sightings' are invited to contact local law enforcement agencies.

4. You question whether we need to fund investigation of

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inexplicable incidents. Ministers' policy is clear: we are not funded to investigate all unexplained phenomena and our interest is confined to any occurrence that may have an air defence significance. The Prime Minister sees no case for funding research into extra terrestrial 'UFO' phenomena.

5. Finally, you suggest that we need an electronic database and management system against which sightings might be recorded and handled. This is not something we ourselves see any need for.

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION REDACTIONS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT HOUSE OF COMMONS/LORDS

Answer on Thursday 27 February 92 by US of S(DP) PQ No.

Draft reply required by 1600 Wednesday 4 March 1992

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Mr George Foulkes (Labour)(Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make a statement on the number of unidentified supersonic radar contacts detected in the vicinity of RAF Machrihanish since January.

DRAFT ANSWER

There have been no unidentified supersonic radar contacts detected in the vicinity of RAF Machrihanish since January.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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BACKGROUND NOTE: PQ6007

1. This Question is one of four prompted by a recent article in the Scotsman speculating that a secret American aircraft has been operating around RAF Machrihanish. A copy of the background note supporting the draft answers to PQs 5983, 5979 and 6048 is attached.

2. Mr Foulkes would appear to be trying to establish whether any secret supersonic aircraft have been operating from RAF Machrihanish, as alleged in the Scotsman article. However, his Question asks only about unidentified radar contacts since January and the Scotsman article refers to an alleged unidentified contact in November 1991.

3. The draft Answer is self-explanatory.

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BACKGROUND NOTE - PQs 5983F and 5979F

1. These two questions from Martin Redmond MP and a third (due for answer later this week) from George Foulkes MP have probably been prompted by a recent article in the Scotsman speculating that "America's most secret aircraft has been operating in Scottish airspace" near RAF Machrihanish. The aircraft is alleged to be a "very high supersonic, possibly hypersonic" aircraft code-named "Aurora", and to be the "ultra-secret replacement" for the SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft. Copies of the Scotsman article and a follow-up article in Jane's Defence Weekly are attached at Annex A. A copy of a minute sent to APS/Secretary of State in reply to a request for advice on the former article is attached at Annex B.

2. The last SR-71 left the UK from RAF Mildenhall in January 1990 - this is public knowledge - and HQ 3rd Air Force advise that there have been no further visits to the UK. HQ3AF and the US Embassy have also confirmed that no secret new US aircraft has operated in Scottish airspace. The draft answer to PQ 5979F demonstrates that no unusual aircraft (apart from an Antonov) landed at RAF Machrihanish in the past year.

3. There may or may not be an Aurora project. There is no knowledge in MOD of a "black" programme of this nature, although it would not surprise the relevant desk officers in the Air Staff and DIS if it did exist. The simple answer to PQ 5983F (about what assistance the MOD has given to the US project) would therefore be "none" - but this pre-supposes the existence of the project. Nor would we be likely to be prepared to say publicly if any MOD assistance had been given to such a project. To answer instead that we have no knowledge of any such project is also arguably inappropriate, since in circumstances where we were aware we would probably not be prepared to say so. It is therefore suggested that the question is answered by saying that the existence of any such project (or operation) would be a matter for the US authorities - "would be" rather than "is" to avoid any implication that the project exists.

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...on in the month since the Usher Hall event to focus sharply on independence — and not on whether it is possible or impossible, but whether it is desirable.

The shadow Scottish secretary, Donald Dewar, said that "Scotland can have independence if Scotland wants it", but took every opportunity to attack the nationalist case.

He said that independence with a separate Scottish currency would pose unnecessary burdens on Scotland and reduce its home market from 50 million to five million people.

The SNP leader, Alex Salmond, countered that Scot-

Both Mr Dewar and the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, Malcolm Bruce, bitterly criticised Mr Lang for arguing that Scotland had no choice of between independence and the present system.

Mr Bruce said that Spain, France and Italy had all moved to decentralise power and argued that Scottish home rule would lead to a federal Britain.

Mr Lang clung to his assertion that Labour and Liberal Democrat plans for a Scottish parliament would be so unstable that they would cause the UK to break up.

Minister's speech; TV in the chair, Page 6

...rules out abortion

POLITICAL leaders in Ireland were last night urged to seek a review of the law as a judge, barred a pregnant schoolgirl who had been raped from having an abortion in Britain.

There were calls for the resignation of the Irish attorney general, Harry Whelehan, who initiated the legal moves to block the abortion, and the Irish Family Planning Association called for the review of the law.

The case of the 14-year-old girl was held in camera at the Irish High Court but the text of the judgment disclosed that the rape had been committed last December.

The 16-page ruling also revealed that rapist was the father of the girl's best friend.

It was believed an appeal to the Dublin Supreme Court could be heard later this week after the High Court's confirmation of an injunction preventing the teenager's seeking a termination in Britain.

Proinsias De Rossa, the opposition Workers' Party leader, said the ruling would deter future rape victims from reporting the crime to police.

Full story, Page 2

...Spey flooding

PROPOSALS to combat flooding in Badenoch could prove disastrous for two of Scotland's most important wildlife sites, the Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland claimed yesterday, writes Frank Urquhart.

Both schemes being considered by Highland Regional Council would have a detrimental impact on the environment of the Insh Marshes, part of the River Spey flood plain, and the gravel fan of the nearby River Feshie, a report commissioned by the NCC has concluded.

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Hot on the trail of America's biggest flying secret

By Alan Dron

REPORTS of mysterious, fast-moving radar blips and strange engine sounds have heightened speculation that America's most secret aircraft has been operating in Scottish airspace.

According to reports reaching *The Scotsman*, an RAF air traffic controller was startled to see a radar blip emerge from the area of the joint NATO-RAF station at Machrihanish at approximately three times the speed of sound.

Puzzled, he phoned the remote base near the tip of the Kintyre peninsula to inquire what type of aircraft was being operated — and was promptly told to forget what he had just seen.

At around the same time in November last year, there was a report from nine miles away from the base of an unusual, ear-splitting jet noise...

While the clues are sketchy, they fit with what little is already known of a shadowy project called Aurora.

Aurora is believed to refer to the ultra-secret replacement for the high-altitude, Mach 3 SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft. Reports of a "stealthy" Blackbird successor have been circulating since the mid-1980s.

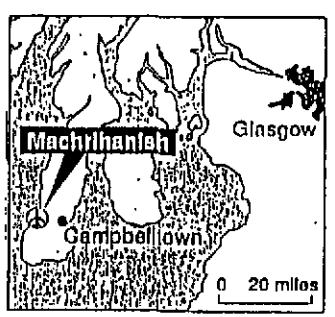
It is another product of Lockheed's notorious "Skunk Works" in Burbank, California. This secrecy-shrouded plant has designed the U-2, SR-71 and the F-117A Stealth fighter.

In 1990, just after the SR-71's retirement, the Lockheed Advanced Development Company president, Ben Rich, told *Jane's Defence Weekly*: "There is a need for some vehicle — I didn't say SR-71 — to complement the satellites. I won't tell you what it is, but there is a need."

Told of the Scottish reports, Bill Sweetman, technical edi-

> 'It's been described as a noise that people don't forget when they hear it'
> Bill Sweetman

tor of Jane's Information Group and an authority on Stealth aircraft technology, said: "That's very interesting. The last time I received a call out of the blue from a Scottish journalist was about five years ago. He was talking about



reports of F-117s ... operating from Machrihanish."

Speaking from Minnesota, Mr Sweetman said there had been reports since the mid-1980s of high-speed aircraft seen over the Pacific.

Seismologists from the California Institute of Technology had also discovered in recent years that their earthquake sensors were being triggered by sonic "boom fronts" caused by unidentified aircraft.

"They've been able to build up the track of the boom ... and tracking Mach 3 values back to Nevada," Mr Sweetman said.

"That all adds to the suspicion that there's a very high supersonic, possibly hypersonic, aircraft called Aurora that we don't know about."

For several years, Stealth-watchers' attention has been focused deep on the Nevada desert and the Tonopah Test Range airfield, 170 miles north-west of Las Vegas.

It was the initial base for the F-117 Stealth fighter, which the US Air Force managed to keep hidden from prying eyes for seven years until 1988, through a combination of the airfield's remoteness and the simple tactic of flying it only at night.

Mr Sweetman added that the Machrihanish reports of a fast-moving radar contact and of an extremely noisy aircraft fitted in with information from the US.

"It's been described as a noise that people don't forget when they hear it," he said. Several had described it as being "like the sky ripping open".

The MoD was last night still checking to see whether it had any record of a visit by a Blackbird successor. The Pentagon was closed for a US holiday.

ANNEX A 29/12

French firm's new missile

SINGAPORE

Aerospatiale was due to unveil its MM 15 anti-ship missile at the Asian Aerospace exhibition in Singapore which opened on 25 February.

The ship-launched missile has been developed in the last three months, according to officials from Aerospatiale's tactical missiles division (Engins Tactiques).

The MM 15, derived from the AS 15 TT air-launched weapon system, is designed to meet the growing demand for conventional lightweight weapons to destroy small surface targets within the 8-15 km range.

"Our new MM 15 missile will be offered as a direct competitor to the British Aerospace Dynamics ship-launched Sea Skua," a company official said.

According to Aerospatiale, the MM 15 could fill the gap between the shorter range (8 km) light naval artillery and long range tactical anti-ship missiles such as Exocet (20 km).

"In the 8-15 km gap, there is no effective conventional method of dealing with small targets which do not justify the use of Exocet."

MM 15 has a maximum effective range of 15 km, a maximum speed of Mach 0.9 and weighs 103 kg with a 30 kg warhead, says Aerospatiale. The light weight allows operation by small, fast surface vessels.

The MM 15 has no homing head but is guided by a radar-beam command-guidance technique via the Thomson-CSF AGRION 15 (X-band, pulse-compression) guidance radar installed on the platform.

The radar is used with the AS 15 TT heliborne missile system in service with the French, Saudi Arabian and Bahraini navies. It tracks both target and missile and computes the error in range and bearing between them.

Mystery contact may be Aurora

RECONNAISSANCE

BY BILL SWEETMAN

MINNEAPOLIS

Mounting evidence suggests that the US Government has secretly developed and deployed a hypersonic reconnaissance aircraft, probably as a replacement for the SR-71.

A Royal Air Force air traffic controller tracked a target leaving the NATO-RAF base at Machrihanish, Scotland, at an estimated speed of Mach 3 last November, according to *The Scotsman* newspaper last week. Another witness heard an extremely loud jet noise near the base around the same time, it said.

In the USA, highly supersonic aircraft believed to be operating from Nevada have been detected and tracked by seismological sensors installed by the US Geological Service (USGS). The booms were first recorded in June last year.

Machrihanish is one of the most remote bases in Europe, located near the tip of the Kintyre peninsula in Western Scotland. Recent base modernization and a rumoured association with the F-117 Stealth Fighter lend credence to the new reports.

Meanwhile, the California booms are the first substantial, corroborated evidence of unidentified supersonic aircraft operating over the USA.

On at least four occasions, sonic booms have registered on some of the 220 sensors across Southern California, from the Los Angeles basin to the eastern edge of the Mojave desert, according to Jim Mori, a USGS seismologist at the California Institute of Technology. The incidents were recorded in June, October, November and late January. The seismologists estimate that the targets were flying at speeds between Mach 3 and Mach 4.

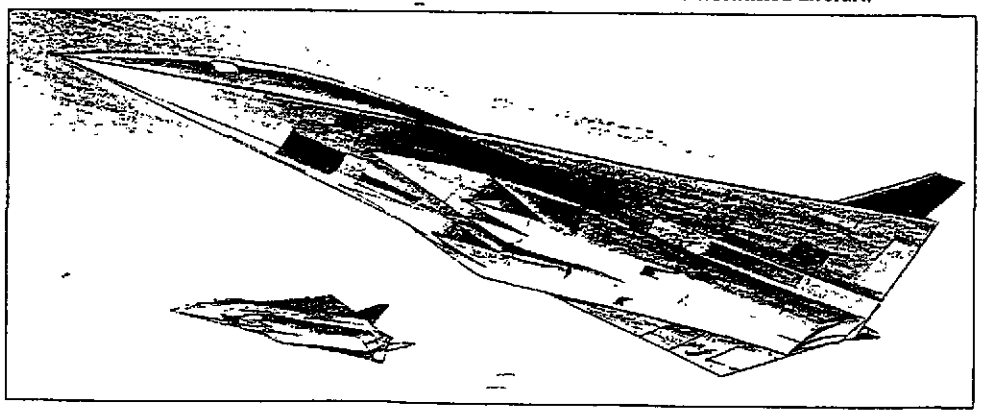
So far, all the tracks have been headed north and east over the Los Angeles basin, pointing directly to southern Nevada, 500 km away. Most secret US Air Force activities, including the large flight-test base at Groom Lake, are within the Nellis range in Nevada. Since the range is only 8 min from Los Angeles at such speeds, the targets were presumably decelerating as they crossed the coast.

The USGS first noticed that its seismographs could detect sonic booms when they registered space shuttle landings at Edwards AFB, California.

Mori says the wave-forms detected in the latest incidents are characteristic of a smaller vehicle than the 37 m long shuttle orbiter. Neither the shuttle nor the single SR-71B which NASA maintains in flight status were operating on the days the booms were detected.

Reports that USAF is developing hypersonic aircraft in undisclosed 'black' programmes date back to the mid-1980s. In early 1988, the *New York Times* reported that a Mach 6, stealthy reconnaissance aircraft called Aurora was being developed to replace the SR-71, which was retired in early 1990.

More recently, witnesses in Nevada and California have reported hearing extremely loud or 'pulsing' noises caused by unidentified aircraft.



***Is this Aurora?** Artist's impression of a Mach 6 reconnaissance aircraft incorporating ejector ramjet engine fuelled by liquid methane or hydrogen. Stealth would be maintained through ceramic radar absorbent material able to withstand the fierce temperatures encountered at hypersonic speeds* (Julian Cook)

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Annex B

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D/Sec(AS)26/8

19 February 1992

APS/Secretary of State

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RAF MACHRIHANISH - SCOTSMAN ARTICLE

1. You asked for advice on the article in yesterday's Scotsman which speculated that "America's most secret aircraft has been operating in Scottish airspace", near RAF Machrihanish. The aircraft is alleged to be a "very high supersonic, possibly hypersonic" aircraft code-named "Aurora" , and to be the "ultra-secret replacement" for the SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft.

2. The last SR-71 left the UK from RAF Mildenhall in January 1990 - this is public knowledge - and HQ 3rd Air Force advise that there have been no further visits to the UK.

3. There may or may not be an Aurora project. I can find no one on the Air Staff or at desk level in the DIS who knows for sure that such a project exists, but it would not surprise them if it did. However, until the Americans wish to trial or operate the new aircraft in UK airspace this is arguably a matter only for them. If you wish to pursue this aspect further, your best course may be to consult CDI's organisation.

4. On the question of whether a secret new aircraft has operated in Scottish airspace, I am on firmer ground. HQ3AF and the US Embassy advise that this aspect of the Scotsman story is unfounded, and this is confirmed by the Air Staff.

5. The press office have been advised not to comment on the Scotsman article (on the grounds that if any such aircraft did exist and had been operating in the UK we would refuse to

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In one of the papers for release to Dr Clarke dated 25 August 1995 it states in a paragraph about DI55c's role and views on UFOs

"For *some years DI55 have been under general remit to advise on "UAPs" but that due to lack of resources they have not been able to study the reports we send over to them, and the reports were merely glanced at and placed on file".*

This then leads on to a paragraph about Section 40 [redacted] (DI55c) view that ***"it was not possible to advise on the possible threat implications of UAPs unless a short study into the subject was conducted to determine whether there is any firm evidence that UAPs exist and if so whether they pose any threat".***

We are a little concerned that this could be interpreted to mean that DIS had some concerns about the threat to the UK from UAPs but did not have the resources to look at them properly. Please could you let me know if you would be content for this to be released? If you would like to see the whole document to put this in to context, please let me know and I will fax it over. In the meantime, Dr Clarke has been told that it is withheld while we consult with a third party.

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25 April 2005



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Dr David Clarke

Case Number: 21-01-2005-083912-001 Expiry:17 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

1. A copy of the entire file D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A – UFO Policy 1985-1995
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4. In addition to this information Dr Clarke also asked two questions relating to information he had already been sent in response to previous requests made under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.
5. Dr Clarke asked two additional questions on 10 March 2005 regarding UFO FOI requests and the FOIA Reading Room.
6. On 18th March 2005 Dr Clarke asked two additional questions regarding previous requests and correspondence.

Case for release of information

This request has taken longer to complete due to the necessity to consult other departments about release of some of this information. Although DIS have indicated that they are content to release the information generated by them, much of it was classified as Secret and they have yet to downgrade it. Section 40 (DI ST AM ALM AD) has assured me that we should get a response by the end of this week. Section 40 (Info-Records1) has confirmed he has no objection to the release of policy documents he has generated and the Cabinet Office have authorised the release of their documents at D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A - Enclosure 131/2 . In order to avoid further delay I propose to send Dr Clarke the information that is available at this time and temporarily withhold those documents which require downgrading.

Section 40 telephoned Dr Clarke in March to provide an update of progress and Dr Clarke sent another e-mail on 10 March asking two additional questions. These were answered when I provided a written update to Dr Clarke on 17th March. Dr Clarke sent another e-mail on 18th March asking two further questions. I telephoned Dr Clarke yesterday (18 April) to provide a further update.

I propose we now release the following information in response to Dr Clarke's request.

1. A copy of file D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A as requested. Five documents are to be withheld in accordance with DPA98. Four of these contain information which is personal to Mr Pope and one contains information personal to another individual who was employed by MOD. Two documents have not been supplied as they are copies of other documents on the file. Seven documents are classified and temporarily withheld while we seek authority to downgrade them for release. Personal data and original security classifications have been removed from all the released papers.

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Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant. — Subject to approval from PUS.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40

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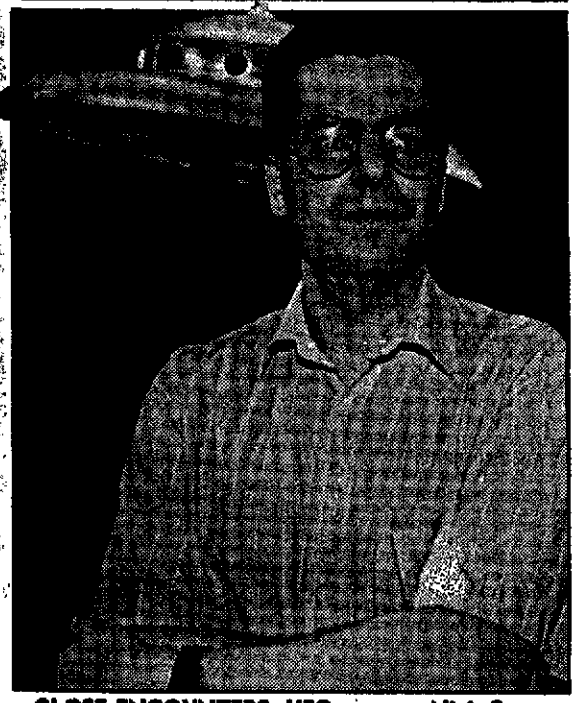

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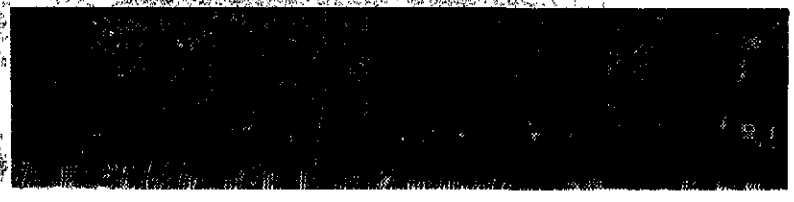

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Scanners of the alien nation

The Observer
13 August 1995

DON'T call me a fruitcake, but listen: on a warm summer's day at the age of eight, I lay on my back on the grassy playing fields, looked up and saw an unidentified flying object. A tiny triangular glint in the sky. My chums saw it, too. The local paper got wind and there was a little column, dripping sarcasm. The little green men were coming to take us kids away. Jeer on, but I had seen something. What it was, who knows?

This event hovered back into my mind last week in a Whitehall wine bar while talking to the British Government's foremost expert on UFOs. Nick Pope is a civil servant who has spent four years analysing reports of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects for the Ministry of Defence. He is a sane, cautious, bespectacled 29-year-old, 10 years at the MoD. He speaks in the carefully draughted idiom of the Whitehall memo, emphasising that his beliefs are personal, not those of the Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo — himself rumoured not to be as other earthmen.

'From 1991 to 1994 I worked in the Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A. I was the MoD's UFO desk officer. I came into that job with an open mind. After having seen all the evidence and the expert testimony, I came out of that job believing that a very small percentage of what are commonly termed UFOs may well be extra-terrestrial in origin.'

Had he ever seen a UFO, I asked him? 'No.'

I came clean about my experience. He looked at me, the unbeliever, with something approaching envy in his eyes.



Spooky-wooky millennium: Be it UFOs, tremors, tumours or the visions of the electrically disturbed, our search for aliens has a religious fervour about it.

THE OBSERVER ESSAY

John Sweeney

The UFO Research Association hosts its eighth Congress on Saturday. It is sold out, and reports from the final frontier say business is better than ever.

Still at the MOD, but no longer on the UFO desk, Pope has suffered for his views. His nickname in the MoD is 'Spooky', that of Fox Mulder, a character in the cult TV series *X-Files*. When he walks along the corridor, fellow civil servants whistle the theme from Steven Spielberg's film, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. His chances of becoming a permanent undersecretary have dimmed. And yet: 'We received between 2,000 and 3,000 UFO reports each year. We knew this was the tip of the iceberg because most people didn't know how to report a UFO, that is who to contact, or they were afraid of the ridicule.

'Among those 2,000 to 3,000 reports we always figured that 95 per cent could be explained away away in terms of known objects or phenomena. I know all the explanations: flocks of geese, aircraft lights, satellites, meteors, fireballs, ball lightning, lazers and searchlights reflecting off low cloud, hoaxes. There is still this 5 per cent that you can't explain, that defy explanation.' His book on UFOs, provisionally entitled *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, will be published by Simon and Schuster in June 1996.

The absurdist comedy of the MoD's own UFO-watcher turning from sceptic to (qualified) believer speaks to the spooky-woo-woo spirit of the millennium. Now that God, who once wound our sundials, is thought to be dead, human awe has turned to UFO sightings and even alien abductions — in the jargon, Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind. Next weekend the British UFO Research Association will host its eighth International UFO Congress to discuss these and other UFO events. It is sold out. Later this month, Channel 4 will screen a controversial film of an alien autopsy, allegedly shot after the UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947.

Pope has seen the footage: 'I found it gruesome and unpleasant, but then I'd never seen an autopsy before. There were 100 people in the auditorium at the Museum of London. The atmosphere was jokey for a minute, but as the autopsy started and the humans cut up the aliens there was a lot of uneasy shuffling and muffled cries of "Oh, my God".'

The best documented British UFO sighting, the Rendlesham Forest incident, rests on a sober memo headed 'Unexplained Lights', dated 13 January 1981. It is signed by Lt Col Charles I. Halt of the US Air Force. Halt and his officers saw a pulsing, metallic, triangular object which sent nearby farm animals into a frenzy and left above-background radiation levels in three holes in the ground.

The best documented American UFO sighting is the Roswell incident in 1947. The best abduction features a four-way alien pick-up, involving Manhattan Ufologist Linda Napolitano, two anonymous security guards and the 'Third Man' — a cover name purportedly to protect the identity of the then UN Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar.

His Excellency denies the abduction. The old saw, Occam's razor — 'No more things should be presumed to exist than are absolutely necessary' — slices up the little green men better than Channel 4's autopsy.

This is not to say that the people who report UFOs are bonkers. Ordinary people *do* witness such things as bright lights in the sky and should not be lightly mocked; so do military officers, who supply the best-authenticated cases. But there is a battery of good reasons explaining why UFO sightings and reported abductions — even Pope's 5 per cent — have more to do with the vagaries of the human mind than with aliens.

None of this is a match for the first law of storytelling: the exciting explanation will always drive out the boring.

First, bright lights in the sky. Psychologist Michael Persinger, of Canada's Laurentian University, has noted a big statistical correlation between flying saucer reports and earth tremors. He has speculated that electromagnetic pulses, released by the shuffling of the earth's tectonic plates, could stimulate images in the mind's eye — the brain's temporal lobe. This would also account for the cutting off of a car's electricity.

Professor Ashley Grossman of Bart's agrees: 'There is an increasing amount of evidence that electro-magnetic pulses can affect brain fuction. *In vitro* research suggests that there is some sort of sensory perception — you could call it a sixth sense — which some animals have. The brain works on electricity. It's rather like taking your credit card near a large magnet. If someone had a low threshold for temporal lobe epilepsy and seizure, an electro-magnetic pulse could fire off hallucinations.'

But temporal lobe epilepsy can be the first manifestation of a brain tumour. Prof Grossman warns: 'Anyone who sees a UFO or has a semi-mystical experience should have a brain scan. Of course, some experiences could be put down to hysteria. But there could be an underlying biological abnormality triggering the hallucinations.'

Looking back, visions of the Virgin could have been prompted by bio-abnormality. Joan of Arc famously took a long time to burn — maybe as a result of calcified lungs caused by tuberculosis. Had TB reached her brain, it could have triggered the visions. And never underestimate auto-suggestion, the phenomenon which drove the Salem Witches and may be responsible for Pérez de Cuéllar's 'trip'.

Second, Rendlesham. Let's presume Halt and the other Americans saw something in the sky, something which left a radioactive spoor in the forest. Why need it come from outer space? The Pentagon's ultra-secret Black Budget has been responsible for all sorts of weird lights in the sky, clocked by military men such as Halt who would not have been security-cleared for the programme. The post-Stealth bomber, Project Aurora, is currently whizzing around the world being mistaken for a UFO.

Third, Roswell. The UFO air crash is a 'bunch of horse pukey' according to one sceptic, Irving 'Newt' Newton. What actually crashed in 1947 was another secret Pentagon wheeze, Project Mogul, a high altitude balloon checking for radiation from Soviet atomic bombs.

Fourth, the Channel 4 hoax. The curiously humanoid shape of the aliens under the knife chimes with a line from Thomas Aquinas: 'Angels need an assumed body, not for themselves, but on our account'.

Anatomist Paul O'Higgins of University College, London, who has seen the film, says the aliens 'have our anatomy, plus a collection of relatively common anatomic anomalies: the six digits, the enlarged brain case which you get with hydrocephalia, distended abdomen, lack of umbilicus, membranes over the eyes — easy to do with plasticine. The chance that aliens would look like us by accident are remote'.

The writer Phillip Knightley famously objected, prior to its publication, to the Hitler Diaries hoax played on the *Sunday Times*. Knightley's memo is a classic of journalistic rigour. He asked: 'How thoroughly has the vendor explained where the diaries have been all these years and why they have surfaced now . . . The crux of the matter is that secrecy and speed work for the con man.'

Thus far, Channel 4 has not released any verifiable detail on the origins of the film — bad scepticism but great showbiz. *The Observer* bets Channel 4showman-in-chief Michael Grade a case of antipodean, H-bomb-free champagne the Roswell film will be proved to be a hoax before the year is out.

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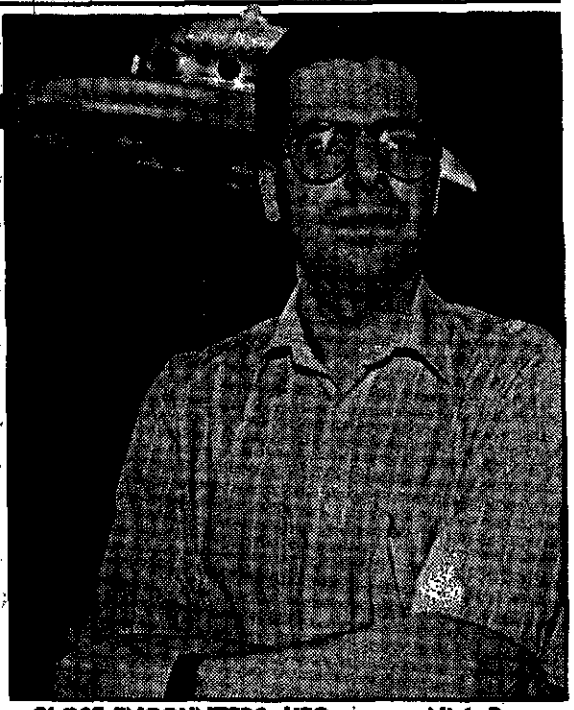

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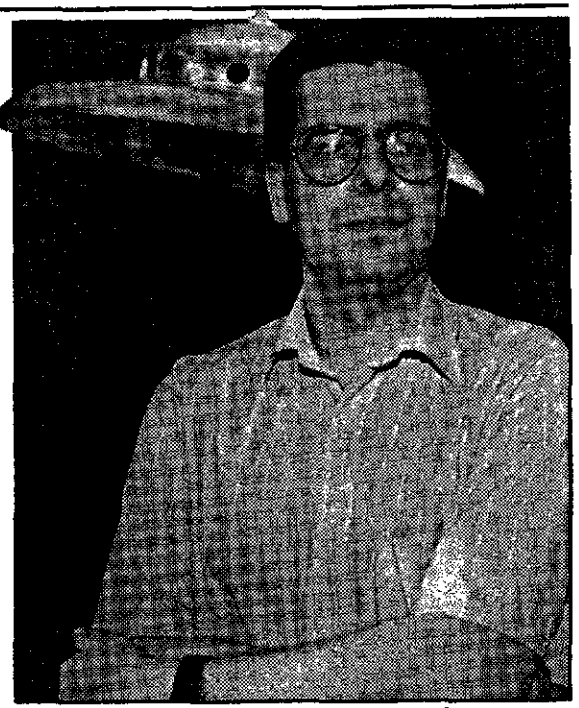

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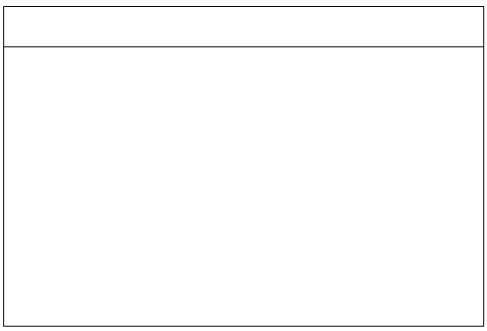

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MAIL ON SUNDAY - NICK POPE

- Late on Wednesday (27 Jun), I received a telephone call from Nick FIELDING of the Mail on Sunday asking to speak to Nick Pope. I explained that Nick had left last July and asked if it was a personal or work matter as I was his successor.

- He explained that he had had contact with Nick in the past and it was really a personal matter he supposed because he wanted to talk to Nick about his book.

- As it was after 1700 hrs, and I knew Nick would have gone home, as well as the fact that I did not want to give Nick's telephone number to FIELDING, I said I would pass a message on and Nick would get in touch if he wanted to.
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- FIELDING then started asking some questions and I told him as a member of the Press he should address any queries via the Press Office.
- I sent Nick an E-Mail telling him of the call and that I had not given FIELDING his telephone number. I told Section 40 of the contact and he suggested that I tip Section 40 off, and Martin Fuller, which I did.

- Thu afternoon Section 40 called. FIELDING had contacted the Press Office and they had had a little chat. He knew that Nick had found a publisher and had submitted his transcript in accordance with the MOD guidelines. His specific questions were:

"How does the Ministry of Defence feel about one of its officials publishing a book on flying saucers?" and

"Are the likely to be any problems with the clearance of the book?"

Section 40 put together a form of general form of words regarding the rules governing all MOD employees who wish to publish such a book, and that we would not comment on any specific cases and they were a private matter between the individual concerned and the Department. This was cleared by PCB(Air) and CM(IR). Section 40 also copied this to Section 40

- I told Section 40 not to be drawn and not to say anything other than the line we had given him. I had to let him know a bit of background about the saga with Nick to date. I went to great lengths to stress that a decision about the book had not been taken, and that it was under active consideration.

- Await Sunday with interest.....

30 JUN 95

Withhold

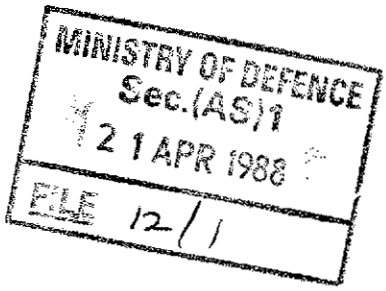
Pope Personal.

ENCLOSURES 22 & 23

Withheld in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Section 40 (E23)

Section 40



LOOSE MINUTE

D/DSc(Air)/60/2/10

19 April 88

DIFS (RAF)

EMPLOYMENT OF Section 40 ON IFS (RAF) PROJECT

Reference A: LM D/IFS/(RAF)/68/14/14 19th Apr 1988

1. It is confirmed that Section 40 will be available for this work between 25 Apr 88 and 26 Aug 88 and that the project final report is requested by 5 Aug 88.

2. The project would be suitable for Section 40 to undertake as part of his placement, in that his experience on a previous project in Science 3 (Air) has involved understanding the requirements of a modern database system, and devising techniques for the recording and analysis of imprecise data. The principal requirement is that the work he does is available for assessment by his academic supervisors, and this endorses the security level suggested.

3. The Science 3 (Air) tasking number for this work is 13/88. Details are given at ANNEX A attached.

4. The point of contact in Science 3 (Air) for the personnel management of Section 40 will be Section 40

5. Para 5. of Reference A refers to the need for some travel within the UK. I trust that this travel will be funded by DIFS.

Section 40

AD/Science 3c (Air)
Section 40

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ANNEX

(E22)

19-APR-88

SCIENCE 3(AIR) TASK LIST

Task No: 13/88
Sheet Updated To:
Priority: 1

Title: REPLACEMENT PANDORA CODING SHEET

Date of Tasking: 19-APR-88 Tasking Reference: D/IFS(RAF)/68/14/14

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Unit/Branch: IFS(RAF)
Tasking Officer: GpCapt Section 40
Point of Contact: FS ADP (RAF)
Sponsor Aid: Yes

SCIENCE 3 INFORMATION

Science 3 Ref: D/Sc(Air)/
Location of Study: Adastral+Fieldwor

Special Facilities:None

Study Leader: Section 40
Study Staff: [redacted]

TASK OBJECTIVES

Determine needs and format for a coding system of aircraft accident data to replace the existing PANDORA and produce report.

PLANNED MILESTONES

19-APR-88	Task commenced
05-AUG-88	Final Report draft due

Estimated Duration (mths):4.00 Staff Effort (man/mths):4.00

Required Completion Date: 05-AUG-88 Actual Completion Date:

PROGRESS REPORTS

The current status code of this project is : 0



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 22 April 2005 08:15
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thanks Section 40 that looks fine. Please go ahead. Regards, Section 40

Section 40
PS/PUS
Section 40
External e-mail: Section 40 @mod.uk
External telephone: Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 22 April 2005 08:14
To: Section 40
Subject: Freedom of Information Request
Importance: High

Section 40

Please find attached a request for approval to release information on UFOs. I have not attached the documents for release because there are a large number of them and they are not held electronically, but please let me know if you wish to see them.

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40

D/DAS/10/2/8/13

21 April 2005

PS/PUS (e-mail: PUS-Private Office)

Clearance of FOI Request – 21-01-2005-083912-001

Issue

1. The partial release of information in response to an FOI request from Dr David Clarke on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Recommendation

2. That PUS approves the relea

Timing

3. Due to the amount of information requested and the need to consult other departments, this request has already exceeded the deadline. I would therefore appreciate a response as soon as possible. We have kept Dr Clarke continuously informed of progress.

Background

4. In PUS' minute of 5 April 2005 (D/PUS/13/6(144) concerning the Management of FOI requests during the Election period, it was stated that all responses to such requests, where full or partial release of information was proposed, should be cleared by PUS.

5. Dr Clarke is a Doctor of Culture and Tradition at Sheffield University and a regular correspondent on the subject of UFOs. He made many requests under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code) and some of the information provided on this occasion is a continuation of those requests. On this occasion Dr Clarke has requested a full copy of one of our Policy files on UFOs, a number of specific documents and associated papers from other files and copies of documents concerning a policy decision made by DIS. He has also asked four additional questions.

6. Some of the requested documents were classified by DIS when created and these have been returned to them for downgrading. Dr Clarke has been informed that these are temporarily withheld awaiting this authority. Four documents have been withheld in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. These include three containing personal data about a former member of this department and the other concerns another individual employed by the MOD. Personal data has also been removed from all the documents to be released.

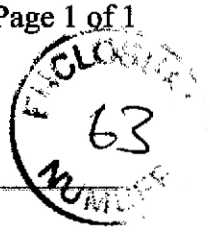
7. Since the introduction of the Code and the FOIA a large amount of information about UFOs has been released, much of it as a result of requests made by Dr Clarke. We have developed a good relationship with this researcher who takes a sensible approach to this subject. Based on the information we have provided he frequently publishes well researched articles which dismiss conspiracy theories and does much to bring balance to the public debate.

8. DIS, Info-Records and the Cabinet Office have been consulted before release of documents which originated in their areas.

Presentation

9. There is frequent press and media coverage about UFOs, but these documents are specific to Dr Clarke's personal research and we have no reason to believe that their release will generate any additional interest. We do not propose to publish this information in the Reading Room at this time.

Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information
Section 40
DII: DAS-FOI



Section 40 [redacted]

From: david clarke Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 15 April 2005 14:17
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FOIA request

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I wonder if you could provide an update on progress in dealing with my FOI request of 19 January this year.

In your last e-mail dated 17 March you gave the impression that most of the material was now assembled and should reach me before the easter break.

As of today (15 April) nothing has arrived. I am of course aware of your workload and also the possibility that some material may have taken longer to clear than originally envisaged. However, I thought I would check in case the material had gone astray in the postal system.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Dr David Clarke

Telecon Section 40 [redacted] / Dr Clarke 18 April 2005.

I apologised for delay and explained the diffirulties. Dr C was very understanding and said he was only concerned that the info had not been lost in the post.

Dr Clarke has re-written the National Archives guide to UFO files and will send me the link when it is complete. He is also writting an article on the RAF Cosford / Shawbury incident which will be out soon.

Section 40 [redacted]
18/4/2005



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 15 April 2005 13:35
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Dr Clarke request

Section 40

I have now heard from the Cabinet Officer - no Cab Office objections to the release of the letter 13 February 1992 from Sir Robin Butler, plus PQ and draft reply, together with the background notes and Q+A.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 04 April 2005 11:05
To: Section 40 @mod.uk)
Subject: Dr Clarke request

Section 40

No problem with the release of my loose minute 4 April 1995 or Annex A, however Annex B will have to be referred to the Cabinet Office for clearance. I'll do the necessary!

Section 40

Thanks Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 April 2005 11:05
To: Section 40
Subject: Dr Clarke request

Section 40

No problem with the release of my loose minute 4 April 1995 or Annex A, however Annex B will have to be referred to the Cabinet Office for clearance. I'll do the necessary!

Section 40

COVERING SECRET
v/c

CABINET OFFICE

70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS
Telephone Section 40 Fax Section 40

From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler KCB CVO

Ref. A092/422

13 February 1992

Dear Terry,

Records Relating to Security and Intelligence

In my letter of 23 December last I said that the Lord Chancellor would announce the renewal of the 'blanket' approval to retain records relating to security and intelligence by means of an arranged PQ.

The PQ has been tabled for answer by the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords on 14 February 1992. I attach for your information a copy of the Question and draft reply, also a copy of briefing which has been circulated to Departmental Record Officers for them to make available to Ministers and Press Offices as appropriate.

An announcement will also be made on 14 February 1992 of the release of the Farm Hall transcripts in which there has been considerable academic interest and which until now have been withheld under the 'blanket'. The simultaneous release will, I hope, be seen as an indication of the Government's intention to release security and intelligence related material as soon as it is deemed no longer sensitive.

I am copying this letter and the attachment to those on the attached list.

Yours ever,

Section 40

Sir Terence Burns
HM Treasury

COVERING SECRET
v/c

Sir Derek Andrews KCB CBE
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Sir Michael Quinlan GCB
Ministry of Defence

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Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis
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Sir Richard Lloyd Jones KCB
Welsh Office

J R S Guinness Esq CB
Department of Energy

Sir Michael Partridge KCB
Department of Social Security

The Rt Hon Christopher Chataway
Chairman,
Civil Aviation Authority

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER ON FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 1992

QUESTION: To ask Her Majesty's Government, what action is being taken to review the approval given in 1967 for the retention of security and intelligence records.

ANSWER: The emphasis of the Government's policy, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act, is on release rather than retention of records. However, it has long been accepted that certain security and intelligence related records cannot be released automatically after 30 years because this would pose a continuing risk to national security. In 1967 my predecessor gave approval to the retention of such records under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1958.

I have now reviewed this approval in the light of the Government's acceptance of the Wilson Committee's recommendations (in Modern Public Records: Cmnd 8531) relating to greater Ministerial involvement and more frequent consideration of such material. As a result of the review and following consultation with Ministers concerned I am satisfied that the records concerned are properly retained in their departments and that the "blanket" exemption remains the most efficient way of providing the necessary protection. I have accordingly approved their retention for a further period of 20 years.

The "blanket" approval is permissive, not mandatory. Departments have therefore been asked to keep their records under review and to release them at the first opportunity. All records retained by Departments under the "blanket" approval will be re-reviewed at least every ten years.

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BRIEFING FOR MINISTERS AND PRESS OFFICES ON THE RENEWAL OF THE "BLANKET" APPROVAL TO RETAIN SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE RECORDS AND RELATED MATERIAL UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 1958

Background

In November 1967, the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Gardiner, approved the blanket retention of security and intelligence records. This "blanket" approval permitted the retention of records over 30 years old under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1958 without the need to seek the Lord Chancellor's specific approval to retain particular records. The original "blanket" approval was established for 25 years and therefore expires in 1992.

In 1982, in the White Paper, Modern Public Records (Cmnd 8531, March 1982) the Government accepted, inter alia, the recommendations of the Wilson Committee that "the powers conferred under section 3(4) should in future be exercised in such a way as to require more specific and more frequent Ministerial approval". The Government decided that new records for retention should be approved in 10-year tranches and that each blanket approval should be reconsidered after 20 years.

The Public Records Act prescribes that persons responsible for public records of any description which are not in the Public Record Office shall, under the guidance of the Keeper of Public Records, make arrangements for the selection of those records which ought to be permanently preserved and for their safe keeping. Generally records have to be transferred to the PRO before they are 30 years old. However, if the Lord Chancellor gives his approval, records more than 30 years old can be retained in departments under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act, either because the records contain highly sensitive information relating to national security or because they are required for administrative purposes. One form that retention can take is that of a "blanket" nature, covering clearly defined subject matter but without referring specifically to classes of records or individual pieces. The blanket approval has the advantage of being a relatively efficient and economic way to deal with a sizeable category of records when it is clear that the bulk of them need to be retained; without such a framework, the need to gain approval for records individually would increase enormously the demands on resources for all concerned in Departments, Agencies and the PRO. Before giving his approval to the retention of records under section 3(4) of the Act, the Lord Chancellor must be informed of the facts

constituting the reason for such retention and receive the opinion of the person or persons responsible for the records that they need to be retained.

Review

Following a review of the operation of the "blanket" by officials, the Lord Chancellor has sought and has received the opinion of Ministers responsible for departments holding records needing to be protected by the "blanket" approval that the records held continue to need such protection. He has also been informed of and approved the facts which make this protection necessary. In the light of this, the Lord Chancellor has agreed that a new "blanket" approval shall be granted and that, in accordance with the Wilson Committee recommendation, it shall be for 20 rather than 25 years.

Announcement

The Lord Chancellor will announce, by means of an Arranged PQ, that he has given a further approval for a blanket retention of these records for 20 years. The PQ has been tabled for Answer on 14 February.

Follow-up

The renewal of the "blanket" does not mean that all the documents covered by it will automatically be held back from publication. As the Lord Chancellor's announcement will say, departments will continue to keep records under review. The emphasis of the Government's policy, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act, is on the release rather than the retention of records. Those Departments holding records which are retained under the "blanket" will re-review them at least every ten years. If they are no longer sensitive they will be released at that time. The Government will encourage a flexible approach to the reviewing of such records. Within the constraints of available resources, material will be released within the ten year period should its sensitivity disappear earlier. Responsible Ministers will be consulted before the current "blanket" approval expires at the end of 2011.

QUESTION AND ANSWER BRIEF FOR MINISTERS AND/OR PRESS OFFICES (INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER AND NO 10 PRESS OFFICE)

Q1 Why do we need a "blanket"?

A1 When a category of records such as those relating to security and intelligence needs to be withheld, the procedures for the handling of such records can be efficiently and economically administered if the category is dealt with as an entity rather than on an item by item basis.

Q2 What other records are dealt with in this way?

A2 Other examples include records relating to atomic energy, civil defence and personal records of civil servants.

Q3 How does the blanket arrangement differ from extended closure for, say, 50 years or longer?

A3 Extended closure under section 5(1) of the Public Records Act enables records passed to the PRO by departments to remain closed to the public for longer than 30 years. That procedure is used to deal with records of a sensitive nature where it is possible to identify with some degree of confidence a point in the future when that sensitivity will have disappeared. Records retained by departments under the blanket are of such an exceptionally sensitive nature that no judgment about when they will be releasable can be made now.

Q4 What sort of material is held under the "blanket" approval which has now been announced?

A4 Records relating to security and intelligence matters.

Q5 What are the criteria for including material in the "blanket" authority?

A5 [see the list of "facts" attached]

Q6 Which departments hold records under the "blanket" and how much of this material is there?

A6 Material of this sort is held in varying amounts by most major Government departments and it is not possible to quantify it with any degree of preci

Q7 What procedures are to be adopted to keep the material under review?

A7 As the Lord Chancellor's Statement says, all material held by departments under the "blanket" will be reviewed at least every ten years. If resources permit, more frequent reviews will be carried to ensure that material is released as soon as its sensitivity disappears.

Q8 How is this 10-year review carried out?

A8 The Departmental Record Officer in each department is responsible for looking at the records and, after such consultation as is necessary with other government departments and the security and intelligence agencies, for recommending continued retention or release.

Q9 Do Ministers take part in this review?

A9 No. By convention, Ministers do not see papers of previous Administrations. However, the Lord Chancellor has emphasised that as part of the mechanism for creating the blanket authority itself, Ministers must be satisfied that the records for which they are responsible fall into categories which merit the protection of retention and non-release.

Q10 Who monitors that officials' recommendations for release or otherwise are correct? Does the Lord Chancellor see the records?

A10 This is the responsibility of Public Record Office staff, on whom the Lord Chancellor relies for assurances that records should properly be withheld.

Q11 What is the position regarding Agency records?

A11 The Prime Minister has agreed that records of the Security and Intelligence Agencies should continue to be withheld under the blanket. A further opportunity to consider those records will occur when the current blanket approval expires. All records created by the Agencies and passed to Government departments will be considered for release against the agreed criteria, which are kept under review.

Q12 How will changes in the international intelligence climate affect the blanket approval?

A12 Records will continue to be reviewed under the blanket arrangements, taking due account, as appropriate, of any such changes.

Q13 Does the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council on Public Records see any of the records covered by the "blanket"?

A13 The Advisory Council is not involved in endorsing any of the various applications made by departments to retain records under section 3(4), because of the particularly sensitive nature of the records involved.

Q14 Who makes the final decision to retain or release records?

A14 Under the terms of the Public Records Act, the Lord Chancellor, as Minister responsible for public records, must give his approval to Departments' applications for the retention of records.

Q15 Why do we need to keep so much information withheld these days?

A15 The Government's policy continues to be to make as much information available as possible while preserving the confidentiality essential to the effective working of government and, of course, the security of the State. The framework that has now been put in place for the future (including more frequent and specific Ministerial endorsement of the need to retain records, records being dealt with in smaller tranches, and better and more regular review procedures) will make departments look hard at this sort of material and provide more encouragement and more "trigger points" for reconsideration and release.

FILE NO. 65

EMBARGOED UNTIL 3.30 FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Q: What about the Farm Hall Tapes?

A: At the end of the Second World War, a group of German nuclear scientists were interned in a farm house - Farm Hall, near Cambridge. During their internment the opportunity was taken to record their conversation. Whilst the tapes no longer exist, the transcripts have survived. Over the years there has been much academic interest in these transcripts which have hitherto been closed to the public; but following one of the regular re-reviews of such material, arrangements have now been made for their release. They have been assigned to class WO 208 piece no. 5019 and are now available for examination at the Public Record Office at Kew.

[Text of a press statement to be made by the PRO on Friday 14 February. Further enquiries to the PRO Press Office.]

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REASONS FOR WITHHOLDING RECORDS RELATING TO SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE

1. Private and personal information is collected by the security and intelligence Agencies by, through and about individuals on a confidential basis. Its release would infringe both that confidentiality and the privacy of individuals concerned and their descendants.

2. The release of documents would be against the interests of the Agencies' employees and contacts. It would destroy the basis of confidentiality upon which the Agencies rely to function and thus prejudice their current operational ability.

3. Contacts with Agencies of other countries are undertaken on a confidential basis; to release papers would destroy that and might also affect relations with those countries.

4. Methods of intelligence collection and operational procedures do not change in a major way, even over a number of years. The release of past papers may give away or draw attention to techniques still in use.

ENCLOSURE 61 NUMBER

LOOSE MINUTE

CBSSBC 1/9/2

7 April 2005

DAS-FOI

RELEASE OF INFORMATION - SECURITY CLASSIFICATIONS

Ref: D/DAS/10/2/8/13 D dated 4 April 2005

1. Investigations by this office reveal that much of the information concerned is already in the public domain.
2. As this is the case, the advice from this office is that the correspondence may be released as it is without any omissions.

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: Attention Section 40 **CBSSC BCAdmin**

SUBJECT: Security Classifications

DATE: 4 April 2005

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER: 5

Dear Section 40

Please see attached the documents as discussed earlier. I have written a covering LM for Section 40 to explain the situation and I would be grateful if you could pass these to him tomorrow.

Any questions please give me a call.

Section 40

LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAS/10/2/8/13 D

4 April 2005

CBSSBC-SYAD

RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING SECURITY CLASSIFICATIONS

1. This department is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence with the public about Unidentified Flying Objects. In 1995 a member of the public wrote to us enquiring about several alleged 'security categorizations', namely, MAJESTIC, MAJIC, P14, P1-40 and COSMIC TOP SECRET which were said to be connected to UFO sighting reports and/or investigations. At the time HQ Sy 1 provided this department (then Sec(AS)2a) with some advice on these classifications and how we could respond to the member of the public. Please see attached copies of the relevant documents.

2. This correspondence is now part of a Freedom of Information request and I would be grateful for your advice on whether any (or all) of this information can be released. The requester has asked for copies of these documents so if possible I intend to release them with any sensitive areas removed.

3. I would appreciate your advice as soon as possible and in the meantime I will tell the correspondent that this information will be temporarily withheld.

Section 40 [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information
Section 40 [redacted]
MOD Main Building
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LOOSE MINUTE
D/HQ Sy 1/107/8/3

16 June 1995

Sec(AS)2a - Section 40

LETTER FROM Section 40 : SECURITY CLASSIFICATION QUERY

Ref: D/Sec(AS)/12/1 dated 7 June 1995

1. In his letter Section 40 make references to the following 'security categorizations':

MAJESTIC, MAJIC, P14, P1-40 AND COSMIC TOP SECRET

COSMIC TOP SECRET is recognised as a marking currently in use in the NATO forum. My enquiries have identified knowledge of MAJESTIC and MAJIC, but nothing in respect of P14 or P1-40.

2. It would appear that the MAJESTIC and MAJIC markings (and a number of others all beginning with 'M') are 'codewords' used by the 'BLUE BOOK' group who were established (allegedly) in the late 1940's to investigated the, again alleged, UFO crashes/incidents in the USA (eg Roswell, Woodbridge). It is claimed by 'UFOlogists' that such terms have been gleaned from information available under the US Freedom of Information Act.

3. In summary I can confirm, to the best of my knowledge (and at the risk of substantiating conspiracy theory) that, with the exception of COSMIC TOP SECRET, the UK has never used the terms Section 40 Section 40 quotes. COSMIC TOP SECRET is in use and although unable to confirm categorically that it has never been used in the UFO context, it is a NATO marking and thus not in our gift to confirm its existence or otherwise to members of the public.

4. Section 40 penultimate sentence asks two questions that cumulatively are somewhat akin to 'Have you stopped beating your wife?", and so yes or no answers are out. Although this LM is marked RESTRICTED, the following words are UNCLASSIFIED and can be used in any response to Section 40

"The UK uses four main markings to classify its material; namely Restricted, Confidential, Secret and Top Secret and the meanings attached thereto are already in the public forum. These markings cover a wide range of material and so it is necessary to use additional markings to control handling and distribution (ie. no person cleared to Secret level has the right to see all Secret material). Thus additional markings are available to label material of particular sensitivity, but I am sure that you can appreciate that it is not our policy to disclose the nature of the material that they may cover."

(signed)

Section 40
HQ Sy 1

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Section 40 [redacted]

ENCL 1 to 140

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/12/1

7 Jun 95

MOD Sy 1a

LETTER FROM Section 40 : SECURITY CLASSIFICATION QUERY

1. As you may be aware, Sec(AS)2a acts as the MOD focal point for reports of unidentified flying objects. As such we receive a number of letters from members of the public regarding MOD policy in this connection, which often include questions relating to MOD security classifications. The attached is one such example.

2. I should be grateful if you would take a look at the question posed by Section 40 (highlighted) and offer a form of words for me to draw upon in my response. I am unsure whether these are even proper MOD security classifications, and if any of them are I feel sure we would not wish to go into any details. However, an appropriate public line which I could deploy would be greatly appreciated. Section 40

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CHOTS: SEC(AS)2A (2)

Enc.



LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAS/64/3/11

5 April 2005

DIST-AMLM AD

Copied to: DI BCR CG3

DOWNGRADING OF DOCUMENTS FOR RELEASE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Reference A: D/DAS/64/3/11 dated 10 February 2005.

1. Thank you for examining the documents enclosed with reference A for possible release to Dr Clarke in response to his Freedom of Information request. I understand from your e-mail message of 1 April that you are now content for these documents to be released.

2. As you will be aware some of the documents were given various classifications at the time they were created, ranging from Confidential to Secret. In order to release them into the public domain they must be downgraded to Unclassified. JSP440 contains instructions (copy attached for ease of reference) that this should be done by the originator using MOD Form 171. I have therefore attached to this minute MOD Forms 171 for those documents which were generated by DIST and I would appreciate your endorsement that you are content to downgrade these for release.

3. In addition to these documents Dr Clarke also requested an entire copy of one of our UFO Policy files which also contains some classified documents generated by DIST. I believe you have already seen these documents, but for ease of reference I enclose copies of those that require downgrading (together with the MOD Forms 171) for your action. In addition to those attached I would appreciate confirmation that you are happy to downgrade and release D/DI55/108/15 "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Study" dated 18 October 1993 which is classified Secret UK Eyes A and the attachment is Secret UK Eyes B, copies of which were sent to you on 17 February 2005. I enclose a MOD Form 171 for this purpose.

4. Finally, the document you supplied regarding DIST decision in 2000 to no longer receive UFO reports (D/DIST/11/10 dated 4 December 2000) is also classified Secret UK Eyes Only. Please would you inform me whether you are content for this to be released to Dr Clarke and if so, complete the relevant form attached.

5. I apologise for giving you additional tasks, but would appreciate a response as soon as possible. In the meantime, I will tell Dr Clarke that these documents are temporarily withheld awaiting confirmation of downgrading. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

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D/DI55/108/15

28 April 1993

Sec(AS)2a

PUBLIC ACCESS TO UFO FILES

Reference:

A. D/Sec(AS)12/1 dated 29 Mar 93.

1. At reference you asked for my views on witness privacy and internal distribution lists for files about to be released under the 30 year rule.

2. Witness Protection. I see no reason why this information should be protected for longer than the normal 30 years.

3. Internal Distribution. This is a finely balance decision to make. Public acknowledgement of investigation of UFOs by an intelligence branch would lead many people to erroneous conclusions. Although DI 55 do not operate covertly we do not court publicity, and publicity could affect our main task. Some books have mentioned an association of DI 55 with UFO investigation but they have no real evidence of this and in any event I see no reason to confirm any link. On balance I believe that mention of AI(Tech) should be deleted.

Section 40 [redacted]

Wing Commander
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D/DI55/108/15

1 June 1993

Sec(AS)2a

UFOs

1. You may be interested to hear that at long last I have had some funds allocated for serious UFO research. The study will include a review of our data, the construction of a data base, a detailed review of specified incidents and recommendations for the future. Needless to say we do **not** want this broadcast and it is for your information only.

2. I have heard that there is a conference at Sheffield Poly in August, I would be grateful if you have any further information.

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Section 40 [redacted] for Info

File 12/1 E32

To Head ITAU
[redacted]2
DI(ST)

Reference DI52/TMCK/1

Wednesday 19th June 1991

Report by Section 40 [redacted] (DI52)

Arrived in my hotel room at approx 2305 and tuned in to Radio 1 "The Nicki Campbell Programme". I had heard last night (18th) that he was going to broadcast a "very controversial" interview regarding UFO's. It was due to start at 2230 so I've probably missed a lot!

The interview was with a Tim Good (I believe). He started expounding about his knowledge of UFO's and that 6 alien craft had arrived on our planet! He claimed that senior people in Whitehall and the states know of the reality of these events.

He said this was the "most sensitive area in the UK Intelligence field of all time". Sources had made him aware of MOD intelligence in Northumberland Avenue, and that there was a section DI55 working on this topic in a locked and guarded room No 801 (I think he said). He claimed that the facts relating to UFO's was classified 37 levels higher than Top Secret! Numerous references were made to an ex NASA physisist Bob Lassare. Apparently, alien craft had been studied, and their propulsion systems were so sophisticated technically that engineers had taken years to derive an understanding. Instantaneous motion. An ex astronaut (I think) Gordon Cooper had chased UFO's. There was video film of them in the Nevada desert. One planet he quoted where aliens had come from (37 light years away) was Zeta Particulii. NORAD track such craft daily he claimed.

He claimed further that the states have a 'Black Budget' for such Projects - making it unaccountable to the senate. STATIONARY

When asked if he believed George Bush had ever seen one of these "quarantined"? craft, he said he was sure that he had, as they were "available". Parts of his dialogue was linked to the Bible and spiritualism as a way of justifying the reality of such phenomina presumably. He mentioned ASC - alternative space craft. With that the interview ended.

Nicki Campbell asked listeners to phone in if they were interested to find out more. If response was good, he would try and set up a tele link with the states (one of his sources) tomorrow evening (20th).

I'm new to DI (4 weeks). I sat down and spent 30 mins considering what I should do. I didn't have any phone numbers to ring so decided to go to the office (by taxi) (I may put in a bill Ha). Couldn't find any next of kin lists for Section 40 [redacted] or anyone else. Used Section 40 [redacted] phone to make him aware of this (via his HOME Button!) This was at about 0005 I guess. He asked me to contact the Duty Officer in MB which I did. Rather than talk on the phone, I went across and told Sqn Ldr Section 40 [redacted] the above. He didn't seem unduly concerned, but said he would pass the details over to the "day shift".

I can't vouch 100% for the accuracy of my recollections above, but took lots of notes throughout the programme so am reasonably confident about names and statements made. It's now 0150 - I'm tired. I should have listened to Radio 4 perhaps! Maybe not. Hope I did the right thing.

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Recommendations

I think it would be prudent to obtain a copy of the transcript of the interview, in order to verify/correct the foregoing for accuracy. I guess then its down to considering whether there is a justification for the security services to take the matter further in view of what has been broadcast.

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Thank you. I have received the other document as well. I will now prepare them for release to Dr Clarke. I will give you a call if there are any problems.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 01 April 2005 13:51
To: Section 40
Subject: RE:

Section 40
The documents look fine, I can see no grounds not to release them.

Did you get the other stuff I sent over on an immediate a while ago.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 30 March 2005 08:58
To: Section 40
Subject:

Section 40

Are you yet in a position to reply concerning the papers on UFOs requested by Dr Clarke?

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From: Section 40
Sent: 21 March 2005 11:07
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Dr Clarke's request for Information

Section 40

I see no problems releasing this information now.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 18 March 2005 10:13
To: Section 40
Subject: Dr Clarke's request for Information

Section 40

I am going through the raft of papers from one of our UFO policy files for possible release to Dr Clarke in response to his request for information.

There are a few documents which refer to discussions between Sec(AS), DI55c and Hd CS(RM)1 in May 1995 about Public Access to UFO files and the release of internal distribution lists. Apparently until then internal distribution lists were removed from information released to the public because it was believed that the UFO lobby might become a little too interested in the work of DIS if they saw that reports were sent to them. Sec(AS) believed in 1995 that our reasons for continuing with this policy were weak because it was already public knowledge that DIS were involved ("following an unfortunate slip some years ago") that we should release the internal distribution them from then on, but have prepared lines to take for the public and press about DIS involvement.

Do either of you see any problem with me releasing this information to Dr Clarke?

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 57

[redacted]

From: David Clarke [redacted]
Sent: 18 March 2005 13:22
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FOIA request

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 17 March and for the detailed information you supplied. I do of course understand the reasons for the delay in completion of my FOIA request from January, particularly the requirement to clear release of information from the other departments involved in the request.

From the figures you supplied re FOIA requests it must have been a very busy time for you, but hopefully, as the figures suggest, the numbers of applications particularly regarding UFOs, should begin to fall off soon. From
my experience in this field most interested parties - particularly journalists - don't really know what questions to ask so tend to make rather sweeping requests.

I hope that you are able to clear up the outstanding bits and pieces from my application by the end of this week
as you predict and I look forward to receiving the package from you sometime next week.

Some small but important points arise from your email:

a) in my letter of 19 Jan I asked if you could confirm which files from a list of 36 due to be transferred to TNA had reached Kew; will you be able to answer this in your forthcoming letter/enclosures?

? b) Regards the 1977 letter from Nicholas Edwards MP which you source to D/DS8/25/3 Part A - UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence (formerly D/S4(Air)8/3 Pt A). Is this the same file listed as D/DS8/2/3 Pt A, UFOs: Parliamentary Correspondence 1978 on the Annex A which you enclosed with your letter of 20 December? Or is it the file, D/DS8/75/3 Part A (Parliamentary Correspondence - House of Lords Debate) which appears on the earlier list sent in 2003; back in 2002 (your ref D/DAS/64/3/11) you sent me some papers from this file but said two other files containing parliamentary correspondence from this period had been destroyed in 1990. This seems to indicate we have at least 3 different files all with very similar titles & content -or are they all in fact the same file?

c) Regards clearance of the two enclosure from file D/D Air Def/111/6/4 Part F - thanks for clearing this misunderstanding up. During my conversation with [redacted] I got the impression that he was referring to the section from the Flying Saucer Saucer Working Party document of 1951 that remains with-held pending agreement from the American authorities.

One final point - during correspondence with [redacted] earlier this week relating to the DIS documents affected by asbestos contamination he makes reference to four UFO policy files, D/DI55/108/15, pts 4-7 which he says "are believed to be with DI 55", i.e. are not at Feltham and are therefore not subject to contamination, as we have been led to believe.

[redacted] confirmed 9/3/2005

Could you check with DI 55 whether they do in fact hold these files, and if so can you confirm whether or not they are subject to asbestos contamination?

I do appreciate your assistance as ever,

Yours sincerely

Dr D.Clarke
National Centre for English Cultural Tradition
School of English
University of Sheffield

D/DS8/75/2/2 E
D/DS8/75/2/2 F
D/DS8/75/2/3 D
D/DS8/75/2/3 G

Transferred 15/3/2005.



Dear Dr Clarke

I apologise for not getting back to you sooner regarding your FOI request. I will give you an update on the items requested in your letter and the two further questions asked in your e-mail message of 2 March 2005.

In your letter you requested an entire copy of file D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part A – UFO Policy 1985. The file includes 150 enclosures (some 360 individual pages) and spans a period of 1985 to 1995. As you are probably aware, during this period our branch consulted both air defence experts and the Defence Intelligence Staff about UFO matters and some of the documents in this file cover discussions with these areas. I have therefore sent the relevant enclosures to the appropriate areas for their views on release. One of the individuals dealing with this has been away from the office and I am still awaiting a conclusive response. He has now returned and has indicated that he believes that most of (if not all) the information sent to him could be released. He has promised a substantive answer by the end of this week so I should be able to send you this information before Easter.

With regard to the documents you requested at paragraph 2 of your letter, all of these have been located and as above, they are currently with DIS for consultation on release. You may wish to note that D/Sec(AS)64/1 dated 14 March 1997 is actually dated 14 March 1994, however, because of its position in our files and the fact that it refers to previous correspondence dated 29 January 1997, I believe this was an error when the letter was written and it is in fact the document you are seeking. You also requested any additional correspondence associated with these papers. I have located three additional papers that you have not already been given and these are also with DIS. In relation to your request at paragraph 3 of your letter, DIS have been asked to supply copies of documents relating to their decision in 2000 to no longer receive UFO reports and I expect their advice about this information to be included with their response mentioned above.

You also asked about the original location of the letter dated 24 May 1977 from Mr Nicholas Edwards MP to Dr John Gilbert and the draft response and reply from James Wellbeloved MP dated 16 June 1977, as supplied with my previous correspondence. These documents were copied from D/DS8/25/3 Part A – UFOs Parliamentary Correspondence. The file also has a former reference of D/S4(Air)8/3 Part A which has been amended, I suspect when S4(Air) became DS8. This file is currently still with the MOD but has provisionally been assigned The National Archive reference of DEFE 24/1630.

Turning to your e-mail message dated 2 March about FOIA requests about UFOs, I can inform you that in the first month of FOI the MOD as a whole received 735 requests and some 5% of these were about UFOs. Some of these requests, although counted as a single request, where requests for more than one piece of information. Other areas generating large numbers of requests included the war in Iraq, Service discipline issues, Land issues and Equipment. The flow of incoming FOIA requests about UFOs has slowed down in more recent weeks and up to Friday 11th March 2005 the MOD had received a total number of 1590 requests and this Department has handled 60 on UFOs.

You also asked for information about the Reading Room. The Directorate of Information Exploitation who have responsibility for the Reading Room have advised that they do not intend to publish responses to all FOI request, but just those where the subject matter expert considers there may be a wider interest. We have placed a copy of a few of our responses to requests about UFOs in the Reading already and we will be considering what further responses may be appropriate for inclusion.

Finally, as I believe Section 40 may have mentioned in his telephone conversation with you, we have finally been able to secure release of the two enclosures from file D/D Air Deff/111/6/4 Part F which are outstanding from the request you made last year. I will also send these to you.

I hope this information is useful. I expect to be in a position to send all of this information to you next week. I appreciate your patience and hope you will understand that we do

sometimes have to consult others about information they have shared with us and although this can be a lengthy process in most cases it does secure the release of information.

Yours sincerely

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17th March 2005



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 11 March 2005 16:20

To: Section 40

Subject: RE: FOIA request etc

Section 40

I'm sure I sent something out in one of the learning point emails about sending us responses of wider public interest. The Reading Room is for any response that is of wider interest. Focal points should send them to me or Section 40 and we will publish them.

Will that do?

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 11 March 2005 16:16
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FOIA request etc

Section 40

I have not seen Lord Falconer's statement but if Dr Clarke has interpreted it correctly it looks like he was saying that we intend to publish answers to RFIs from the media and if this is not what is appearing in the Reading Room I can see why Dr C is puzzled. Was it originally planned only to put answers to the media in the Reading Room and if so, did this change to include any request which could be of wider public interest? I do not recall seeing any guidance for Focal Points about this. Section 40 phoned me in January and said you were setting up a Reading Room and did I have anything for her. I sent the few cases that we had answered then, but have not been asked for anything since.

Please could you clarify this so I can respond to Dr Clarke. Also DAS have answered 41 requests now so if you let me know what sort of request answers you would like (ie media, wider interest etc) I will see what else I can send you for the Reading Room.

Section 40
DAS-FOI

From: Section 40
Sent: 11 March 2005 09:51
To: Section 40
Cc: Section 40
Subject: RE: FOIA request etc

Section 40

The short answer is that there is no formal set of criteria. We will publish whatever responses are forwarded to us by focal points. Some focal points will choose not to publish certain responses because they are trivial or not of wider public interest.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 11 March 2005 09:26

Section 40
Cc: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOIA request etc

Section 40

The second part of the request for information forwarded by Section 40 is for us to answer. Section 40 is collating the response. I'm not sure who will be responsible for this.

Section 40 ould you let us know when you need a response?

From: Section 40
Sent: 10 March 2005 14:51
To: Section 40
Subject: FOIA request etc

Section 40

One of our regular correspondents / requesters has asked the following follow up to his latest request. I can answer the first part but can you give me something to say to Dr Clarke regarding his enquiry about information in the Reading Room. Please let me know if you would prefer to communicate with him about this yourself. His e-mail address is Section 40

Thanks

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DAS-FOI
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Dear Section 40

Hope you're both well.
Following my conversation with Section 40 a few weeks ago, a couple of points arise:

Firstly, I understand that since 1 January your department has received a considerable number of requests for information under the FOIA, both from members of the public and the Press. I gather that around half (?) of these requests relate to UFOs. Without adding to your admin burden, could you give me a rough estimate as to the percentage breakdown of subject requests so far received? This info is quite important for my research (in terms of university funding) as it illustrates the level of public interest.

Secondly, I have perused your 'FOIA reading room' & noted Lord Falconer's statement (December 2004) concerning the intention to simultaneously publish material requested by members of the Press under FOIA online. Could you explain the precise policy regarding which material requested under FOIA is published in your reading room? Is it only requests that are received from a known media source, or does it apply to requests from members of the public (such as myself?). Is it the intention to publish material relating to all requests, or if not which ones?

On that note, is it possible to estimate a time for completion of my pending FOIA request of 19 January?

Yours sincerely

Dr David Clarke



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 09 March 2005 09:03
To: Section 40
Cc: DI BCR-INFO 1a (DIBCR-INFO1a2@mod.uk)
Subject: FW: Feltham & UFO files

Section 40

The reply from DIS.

Four of the six files Dr Clarke suggests should be included in the Feltham pilot are apparently with the branch. If Pt 9 is at Feltham the list detailing crates and their contents is in error!

As for Dr Clarke I will thank him for his suggestion, but decline to include any of these files, I will also tell him that as I understand it only two of the files identified by him are apparently affected by the asbestos contamination of OWOB basement, crate details uncertain.

I guess he will in turn write to you about the other four files!

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 08 March 2005 11:51
To: Section 40
Subject: Feltham & UFO files

Section 40

I have been in contact with Section 40 (AD DI55) regarding your question about the location of various DI55 files. Please see his reply below:

Section 40

[redacted] of time was spent to verify that
DI55/108/15 - Pt 4 held in branch.

DI55/108/15 Pt 5 held in branch

DI55/108/15 Pt 6 held in branch

DI55/108/15 Pt 7 held in branch

We do not hold the following in branch and I understand these were in the archive when the contamination was found.
DI55/108/15/1 – Pt 9 DI55/108/15/1 - Pt 32

Hope this helps

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 March 2005 08:28
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI request - Feltham & UFO files

Section 40

Please see further

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 March 2005 15:06
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI request - Feltham & UFO files

Section 40

Sorry, a typo –

Pts 4 & 5 are at Feltham, but 6 & 7 with the branch?

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 March 2005 13:34
To: Section 40 @mod.uk)
Cc: Section 40 @mod.uk)
Subject: FOI request - Feltham & UFO files

Section 40

I hope that you can help.

A member of the public has apparently been advised that the DIS UFO files are contaminated with asbestos and that the files are not accessible has written to me to suggest that a few of them be included in the pilot.

Although this is unacceptable to me – the selection of crates has already been made and the physical handling of files starts Monday, I think that the information he has been given is at variance with the data on the DIS database!

The files:

DI55/108/15 Parts 4, 5, 6 & 7
DI55/108/15/1 Parts 9 & 32

DI 55/108/15 Parts 4 & 5 and DI 55/108/15/1 Part 32 are in crates 12-25-B, 12-25-C & 23-12A respectively.

[redacted]t DI 55/108/15 Parts 5 & 6 and DI 55/108/15/1 part 9 are apparently with the branch!

Please confirm that this is your understanding of the position is respect of these six files.

Regards

Section 40

DR CLARKE'S REQUEST

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Thanks for your latest helpful list of files. I do not need D/DS8/25/3 Pt A at present, it was just that I have sent Dr Clarke some papers from this file in response to one of his previous requests and he was asking what file they were from because he could not find them in TNA.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 15 February 2005 13:03
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: UFO Files

Section 40

D/DS8/25/3 Pt A is with us and has been provisionally assigned the following TNA ref DEFE 24/1630.

Interestingly the file does carry another former ref: D/S4(Air) 8/3 Pt A but this has been cancelled, presumably whilst in the branch, and re-endorsed with the DS8 ref!

I attached an updated lists of files open at Kew or at various stages in preparation in MOD.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 11 February 2005 11:15
To: Section 40
Subject: UFO Files
Importance: High

Section 40

Do you know the status of DS8/25/3 Part A (or DS8/75/3 Part A, the cover of the file was unclear last time I saw it)? According to my records we still hold it at Hayes, but it dates from 1977-78 so may be with your reviewers now.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 03 February 2005 14:49
To: Section 40 [redacted]@mod.uk)
Subject: FOI: Dr D Clarke

Section 40 [redacted]

We spoke about Dr Clarke's letter of 19 January 2005.

He provided a list of 34 files, extracted from a list provided by MOD, to be allocated TNA references or with TNA references that he believed had been transferred to Kew or are due for transfer (in which case he wanted to know the approximate transfer date.

The following may be a little stark, but you might like to consider it in your reply to Dr Clarke!

"Two of the files listed on the "to be allocated TNA refs" attachment are duplicated entries:

D/DS8/2/3C is already listed as DEFE 24/1205
D/DS8/75/2/1B is listed as DEFE 24/1206

Both are at TNA and are available to researchers.

Of the remaining 32, none have yet been transferred to The National Archives. The preparation process is still at an early stage with draft lists (for 27 pieces) only recently submitted to TNA. TNA will determine when transfer takes place and at the present time there are no scheduled pick-ups, from MOD, by TNA."

Section 40 [redacted]

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 51

LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAS/64/3/11

10 February 2005

DI BCR CG3 – Section 40 [redacted]

Copy to: DI ST AM LM AD – Section 40 [redacted]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – DR DAVID CLARKE

1. Further to my earlier e-mail message and our telephone conversation, please see attached the papers I have located on my UFO policy files which are relevant to Dr Clarke's request for information.

2. I have included those papers which Dr Clarke specified in his letter. He also requested associated papers and I also enclose a copy of those which I have found. I have not included copies of papers Dr Clarke has already had in response to previous requests under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, but for ease of reference and to save you from supplying papers we already have, the reference of these are listed below.

LM reference D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 March 1997
LM reference D/DIST/11/10 dated 25 April 1997
LM reference D/Sec(AS)64/1 dated 13 May 1997
LM reference DI(ST)/11/10 dated 28 May 1997

3. I would be grateful if you could look at these papers and give me your opinion as to whether you believe they can be downgraded and released to Dr Clarke by COP 15 February 2005. If you locate any papers relevant to Dr Clarke's request on your files, which we do not have, please supply a copy.

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Loose Minute

D/Sec(AS)64/1

14th March 1994

AO/AD1
DI ST

Copy to:

PSO/ACAS
DAO
Head of Sec(AS)
DI Sec
AD/DI55
DPR(RAF)

'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29th January 1997

1. You will recall that I wrote at Reference seeking advice and comment on the way forward for handling 'UFO' reports and I wonder if you have yet had time to consider what might be required so far as your respective interests are concerned. I discussed a number of points at a meeting some three weeks ago with Wing Commander Section 40 but have not heard further.

2. I appreciate that other issues might well have taken priority in recent times but I would like to make some progress on this in the near future.

Requested Papers.

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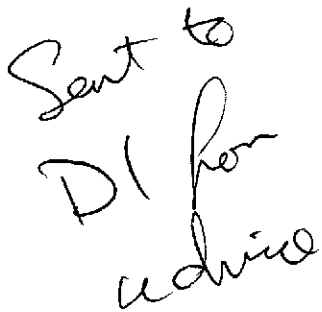
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Loose Minute

D/Sec(AS)[redacted]1

29th January 1997

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DI ST

Copy to:

PSO/ACAS	Head of Sec(AS)	AD/DI55
DAO	DI Sec	DPR(RAF)

'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

1. I have been giving some thought to the way the Department currently handles 'UFO' reports and letters from members of the public, many of the latter actively seeking information about the existence of extraterrestrial life forms, or seeking a detailed investigation/explanation for what has been reported (allegations of abduction by aliens, out of body experiences, animal mutilations, crop circles etc).

2. The increasing media attention given to this subject in recent months has almost doubled the work of the desk officers involved to the detriment of other tasks more directly relevant to the work of the Branch. In the circumstances it seems timely to reappraise the situation with a view to clarifying the Department's role and requirements. Existing Government policy and my understanding of the current arrangements is set out at Annex.

3. I believe there should be a demonstrated need to continue current policy if we are to do so and would be grateful to know:

a. the extent of DAO and DI ST current interest in 'UFO' reports;

b. whether Sec(AS) should continue to forward any sighting reports to DAO or DI ST from members of the public for further examination/clarification and, if so, the criteria on which such decisions might be based.

c. whether the focus of interest [redacted] should be internally generated (ie air defence) or rely on reports only from credible witnesses with full involvement from DAO and DI ST in the investigation process.

4. Depending on the nature of any changes proposed it may be necessary to seek Ministerial agreement to [redacted] I look forward to receiving your formal comments.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Sec(AS)2

Section 40 [redacted]

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Annex

'UFO REPORTS ': MOD INTEREST AND CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

Policy

1. The Government's policy on 'UFOs' is that the air defence implications of unidentified flying objects are a matter for the MOD; air traffic implications are a matter for the Civil Aviation Authority.

2. MOD's interest in 'UFOs' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance (ie whether the UK Air Defence Region has been breached).

Sec(AS)2 Responsibilities

3. Sec(AS)2a acts as the focal point for MOD Policy on 'UFO' issues and maintains a simple record for all reported sightings, staffs sighting reports and public correspondence relating to alleged sightings to other MOD Branches as necessary, responds to Parliamentary and Ministerial inquiries, and deals with written and telephone enquiries from members of the public. DPO staff deal with media enquiries based on advice from Sec(AS)2.

Current Arrangements

4. It is generally the case that 'UFO' reports are copied to AO/GE1 for advice on air defence related issues, and to DI55 for the technology aspects of what has been observed. DAO has no interest in extraterrestrial matters and 'UFO' sightings are considered only in relation to a possible military threat to the UK's air defences. DI55 is responsible for studying aerodynamic missiles and is the DIS repository for UFO reports forwarded by Sec(AS): they have no evidence to date to support the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

5. It is considered that events giving rise to a defence interest are only likely to be reported by credible witnesses, ie military pilot reported incidents or detections by defence radar or early warning systems. In these circumstances DAO staffs would lead on the response in light of the circumstances at the time. Other credible witnesses might be professional civil pilots, officials at Air Traffic Control Centres (ATCCs) and the emergency services (police/fire). During the last two years only a handful of reports have been made by credible witnesses and none have provided evidence of defence significance.

6. There are no resources within the Department to provide an aeronautical identification service for every 'UFO' report. More importantly, given MOD's stated interest, there is no requirement to do so.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

Ref: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 27 Jan 97

1. Thank you for reference on the discussions on the possibility of a study into unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). This is a holding reply, not least because Section 40 [redacted] who is central to this matter, is on terminal leave from the RAF and not available to advise for some weeks. (U)

2. However I wish to point out now that reference to planned DI55 activity conveys too firm an impression. Section 40 [redacted] had been investigating what might be achieved within our current resources prior to seeking any commitment. He had sought your views because in the past your branch had supported an (unsuccessful) application for additional resource to create an electronic database. The interest of your branch has also been evident from many occasions over the last 20 years when DI55 has responded to your short notice demands to undertake extensive manual searches of the current and very large paper-based UAP archive. (S)

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3. In addition to your requirements we also consider there are several other parties who have an interest in the data as an intelligence source. However our ability to adequately exploit the data is severely constrained by lack of resources and the limitations of the paper based archive. While I rejected the specific application for additional resources mentioned above I remain concerned that we are not in a position to conduct intelligence assessment, which leads me to question whether there is any point in maintaining the archive. Once we have investigated further I would welcome a discussion over what the customer requirements are and whether we are resourced to meet them.

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference A: D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March 1997

1. Thank you for your reply (Reference A) to my minute seeking advice on the way forward for the handling of 'UFO' reports.

2. In view of your stated interest in 'UFO' sightings (para 2 of Reference A), Sec(AS)2 will in future only refer to you for advice or investigation reports that fall into the following categories:

a. **documented** sightings - reports that are supported by evidence such as photographs, video recordings or radar traces, where these cannot be readily explained and are provided by sources who appear to be reliable;

b. **corroborated** sightings - a series of reports apparently describing the same phenomenon and provided by separate and independent sources, where these cannot be readily explained;

c. **timely** sightings - reports of a phenomenon that is currently being observed and might, therefore, be capable of detection by AD or other assets such as military aircraft or radar observers.

We will not follow-up undocumented, uncorroborated reports of past events unless, in the opinion of the Sec(AS) desk officer or duty officer, there are features of particular interest or dependability.

3. You asked about US reporting and investigating practices. We have inquired about this in the past through the Washington Embassy. The US DOD has a statement on their Internet web site recording their 'Project Blue Book' research and concluding that they no longer have any interest in UFO reports and related matters; those who wish to report 'sightings' are invited to contact local law enforcement agencies.

4. You question whether we need to fund investigation of

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inexplicable incidents. Ministers' policy is clear: we are not funded to investigate all unexplained phenomena and our interest is confined to any occurrence that may have an air defence significance. The Prime Minister sees no case for funding research into extra terrestrial 'UFO' phenomena.

5. Finally, you suggest that we need an electronic database and management system against which sightings might be recorded and handled. This is not something we ourselves see any need for.

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A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29th January 1997
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14th March 1997
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March 1997
D. D/Sec(AS)64/1 dated 2nd April 1997

1. It is now some time since I wrote (Reference A) seeking views on the way forward for the increasing amount of correspondence and sighting reports the Department now receives on the subject of 'UFOs' and related issues.

2. In the absence of any advice from DI of a need to see such material, I can only assume that this subject does not warrant significant interest. I therefore propose that for the future only information relating to 'credible' sightings will be further disseminated. The criteria for what constitutes a 'credible' sighting was given in my response to AOAD1 (Reference D - copied to you) following receipt of his advice on the extent of DAO interest.

3. I should be grateful to know that this course of action is acceptable to you.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) POLICY

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14 Mar 97.
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97.

1. Thank you for your letter at Reference A reminding of the need to make progress on future handling of UFO reports against a background of increasing public interest and therefore workload. You ask what might be required insofar as air defence interests are concerned.

2. Following your earlier letter at Reference B, you will recall our discussion of the topic. My views are unchanged. We have no direct air defence interest in UFO reports unless there is intelligence, reliable sighting or evidence that UK national airspace, or the UKADR, may be, or has been, penetrated by aircraft of potentially hostile powers without authorisation. Orbiting satellites are accounted separately and appropriate COMSEC implemented.

3. A majority of UFO reports are tenuous in nature, are reported at second hand or with a time lag, and frequently overland or at night in areas where we have little radar cover. Those described as at great height, if they exist, may lie above radar cover, as only Fylingdales has tracking capabilities in the endo-atmosphere and in space. Some reports describe objects in terms of manoeuvre, speed and shape which lie beyond our engineering knowledge and that which could be reasonably expected from hostile powers.

4. There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil

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airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity.

5. I would emphasise that such sightings have been few and far between, with only Russia among potentially hostile powers being capable of penetrating UK airspace at very high altitudes; while no hostile power could reasonably be responsible for low level sightings, because of the range or political risk involved, except in the context of large civil register aircraft diverting from flight plans (where we have had incidents).

6. Staffing UFO matters, however, is a time consuming concern. As you are painfully aware, reported sightings are frequently explored in the public domain, often by organised societies, seeking extra-terrestrial explanations. Whilst using best judgement at the time, we are sometimes left accounting for the inexplicable or investing large numbers of man hours to establish rational explanations (as recently in the "Skegness sighting" when the Service's professional competence was called into question in an MP's letter to the SofS). These frustrations are compounded by supporting PQs of the sort "... on how many occasions have ..." which require paper searches of long put down records. Neither do explanations that "the cost of the search cannot be justified" satisfy the public, for it only re-inforces their conviction that if the truth cannot be found out there, it is certainly available in the MOD. The MOD may eventually be caught out by cross referring to previous answers and other information, cherished on PCs and exchanged on "the web". The consequences are further questions and ever greater care and time taken to ensure that we do not contradict ourselves.

7. The problem is unlikely to subside especially as the US brings into service over the next decade high flying capabilities such as Global Star, Dark Star, the X-33 and, should it come to fruition, the manned spaceplane. Other nations will follow, especially with UAVs, which may permit risk taking in unauthorised penetrations of airspace. Activities of these sorts would clearly require monitoring and control by the MOD.

8. The extra-terrestrial business is also likely to boom, exacerbating the staffing problem. Continuing discoveries of planets, and emerging knowledge of circumstances needed for at least non-intelligent life, lead to speculation that planets and life may commonly occur. With that change of perception, arguing that our rock alone is a teeming and verdant speck in a vast and sterile nothingness may soon be as unrewarding as the Church once found in continuing to enforce the idea that the world was flat; more so, with the knowledge that many suns are older than our own, and perhaps provide conditions for advanced evolution. Even though some experts argue very low probabilities for intelligent life, and allowing for barely imagined transit distances, requiring unknown uses of physics, we cannot rule out entirely the idea of extra-terrestrial observation/visitation, either covert or overt. Our current policy to retain an open mind on these matters is therefore probably correct.

9. It is a fine judgement whether UFO sightings are MOD matters, or Government responsibilities best located with other agencies given the unproven nature of a vast majority of reports. I

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believe they should continue to be managed in the MOD because of inevitable inter-weaving of terrestrial sightings, some of military origin, with extra-terrestrial pre-occupations. Moreover, any future concerns, terrestrial or extra-terrestrial, are likely to require national or international co-ordination responsive only within security alliances.

10. Whether we should set aside for further examination outside the MOD unexplained phenomena, I leave others to decide, knowing that political, scientific and cost judgements are associated with their investigation. I am not wholly convinced, however, that covert investigations would be the best way forwards. When inevitably discovered, they lead to mistaken ideas that "contact has been made" or that "government is worried, knowing something we don't." Should we decide regularly to investigate UFO reports, then we might look at how the US has handled some aspects with, for example, the targeted search of deep space for artificial signals which attracts little public speculation. The downside, of course, is "Roswell" with plastic kits as visible proof of alien capture and reverse engineering. What are US reporting and investigation practices?

11. The UK air defence interest is primarily to automate reporting, handling and administration of incidents so that operators, infrequently switching their busy routines to consider unlikely phenomena, react in a focused and consistent way. Reaction and reporting needs for UFOs are similar to those practices necessary for handling flight safety incidents, and potentially we could mimic them. However, a computer based system is needed to support accurate handling and recording of incidents, and to allow easy extraction of historical data for parliamentary response or retrospective study. Such a system is not, per se, an air defence requirement.

12. We therefore differ in view over responsibilities, organisation and funding. These matters are not for the air defence forces alone to consider, or to utilise the output from. Public reporting of phenomena is essentially government business to which we contribute infrequently when there are matters of direct air defence interest and, on other occasions, to exclude known air movements. As always, when tasked to respond, we do so to the best of our abilities. However, PQs that ask what similarities we have found between recent incidents and those of years ago, or to count them, leave us embroiled in dusty paperchases or in making retrospective assessments of incidents when we are not fully expert.

13. My response has turned out longer than I had intended, but hopefully lays the issues fully on the table as we see them. The policy is fine, how we manage public enquiries probably needs some re-consideration, also whether we need to fund investigation of a minority of incidents which may be inexplicable; above all, we need an electronic database and management system against which

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sightings may be uniformally handled and recorded. If nothing else, we owe successors an easily extracted historic record.

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References
A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97
B. D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 Feb 97
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 Mar 97
D. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 Apr 97
E. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 Apr 97

1. My apologies firstly for not responding sooner to your minutes at Ref. Unfortunately it took much longer than expected, at the time of my holding reply, to recover from a number of staff changes and to give the subject sufficient attention against other priorities. I am pleased that we should have this debate since at present there is a significant mismatch between our assumed responsibilities and our ability to resource them.

Policy

2. Referring to the policy stated in your initial minute (Ref A, Annex paras 1 & 2) an immediate difficulty arises over the use of the term 'UFO'. This term is discredited in some circles and I think that consistent use of UAP would be much more satisfactory. This would then avoid an immediate association with 'extraterrestrial' phenomena and the difficulty which arises in trying to distinguish whether events are 'extraterrestrial' or not, a judgement which we are strictly incapable of making. While analysis may enable MoD to identify some phenomena, those that remain are by definition 'unidentified' rather than 'extraterrestrial'.

3. You queried at Ref A, para 3a the extent of DIST interest in UFO reports. We agree that MoD's interest has to be related to defence significance but this is not solely to determine whether

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the UK ADR is breached, as implied by the parenthetical text in your Annex, para 2. DIST's role in support of customer requirements is to assess all source intelligence on foreign weapon systems and science & technology with military relevance. We have the responsibility to decide which sources are most appropriate and how they should be weighted for assessments. We regard UAP as a source, akin in some respects to human reporting not least in that the phenomena are reported by people and may not be fully appreciated or understood at the time. This intelligence interest needs to be explicitly covered in the policy statement and we propose that your Annex, para 2 should read:

'MoD's interest in 'UAP' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance, viz:

a. whether the UKADR has been breached;

b. what intelligence is revealed on military capabilities of other countries;

c. whether scientific and technical information of military significance is revealed.'

Arrangements

4. Referring to your Annex, para 4, in the light of the above we do not consider that MoD can have no interest in extraterrestrial matters and needs to keep an open mind on whether 'unidentified' phenomena may have significance. Additionally the lack of evidence to date in the DIS on the extraterrestrial hypothesis has to reflect the fact that we have not carried out any analysis. Effectively the UAP source is unproven for DIST purposes, a situation of concern even if we never expect it to be as reliable or valuable as other sources. Two principles therefore arise:

Reports

5. Firstly DIST needs to continue to receive reports in order to make the judgements at para 3b and 3c above. It seems probable that only credible sources are likely to provide enough information for a substantive analysis and we are therefore prepared to constrain ourselves to receive reports in the categories at Ref D, para 2.

Analysis

6. Secondly DIST needs to have an adequate system in order to reference the information. In line with developing practices for other source intelligence we need a reliable system for the retention and analysis of data. Hitherto the paper records have been much too unwieldy for effective action leading to the failing noted above. The proposed filtering of reports will reduce the volume considerably and we need to take the opportunity to initiate a database now. How we do this remains to be decided. Our resources are heavily over-bid but it seems essential that we establish the database in order to reduce subsequent analysis effort to the minimum. The extent to which we incorporate retrospective reports into the database depends on the resource costs. At best we would aim to apply the proposed filters in order to reduce the task to manageable

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proportions. Concurrently we have to decide whether it should be DIS policy to retain the other reports or rely on your own archive. I favour the latter. Once the database is established and populated we would commission a limited analysis to determine whether reports possess any intelligence, S&T value or discernible patterns (locations, features, performance) and establish the residue of significant unidentified events.

7. This requirement for a database needs to be considered alongside DAO's interests and we should aim to develop a single framework and decide how to share the responsibility for data entry.

Action

8. We therefore propose to:

a. plan in conjunction with DAO and customers how to achieve the database;

b. implement the plan, sharing resources if appropriate;

c. conduct, in DIST, a limited analaysis of events;

d. review the situation once the database is accessible and no later than 12 months hence.

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/DIST/11/10 dated 25th April 1997

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference setting out the DIS interest in 'UFO' reports.

2. I was grateful for your detailed comments. I think it might be helpful if I list my observations on them in the same order (paragraph numbers in brackets in bold refer to your minute):

a. You say that you would prefer the term 'UAP' rather than 'UFO' **(para 2)**. Presentationally this would give us some problems. To the vast majority of the public - and it is the public we deal with - 'UFO' with all its 'extraterrestrial' connotations is the only one they recognise. Most are not interested in the difference and, to avoid any more confusion in their minds, we shall continue with 'UFO'.

b. You suggest **(para 3)** amending the policy statement on MOD's interest to include your own specific areas of interests. However, the current wording 'anything of defence significance' has been couched in fairly general terms so that it can be used in response to PQs, letters from the public, the media etc. We need to be quite sure that there are no hostages to fortune in saying anything more detailed. Are you content to have your interests promulgated more widely given the inevitable questioning that will follow?

c. I can assure you that we too are always careful to say that we have an open mind on this issue **(para 4)**.

d. For the future we shall copy to you (and DAO) only those sighting reports falling into the three categories set out in my minute to AOAD1 of 2nd April (D/Sec(AS)/64/1) **(para 5)**.

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e. You say (para 6) that you need an adequate reference system for information culled from reports and intend a database, albeit that you have not yet determined how it might be achieved, and that incorporating retrospective reports depends on the costs involved. But you also say that you have to decide whether it should be 'DIS policy to retain other reports or rely on our archive'. I am rather confused about what this means. Are the 'other' reports those copied to you previously which do not fall into the three categories (para d above), or those which will not be copied to you in future? Either way, I am concerned that you favour relying on our archive because you do not say what this might entail and I am afraid there are no Sec(AS) resources to support your work. If there is a DIS requirement for access to archive material I think it makes sense for DIS to retain the information.

f. Returning to the subject of a database (para 7), you suggest DAO's requirements also need considering and propose a single framework, sharing responsibility for data entry. However, AOAD1 has said they have no requirement for a database (D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March, para 11) and, as I made clear in my reply to him, Sec(AS) has no need of one either. It would be helpful to know who else might be a customer given Sec(AS)'s role as the MOD focal point for this subject, and what 'shared resources' might be used to implement the plan. Sec(AS) has neither staff nor money for this purpose and, I think, DAO is similarly constrained.

3. I am sorry for the length of this note but we do all need to be quite clear what, as a Department, we are doing and why. We need to be very careful about expanding 'UFO' business and, thereby, sending the public a misleading message about the extent of MOD's interest. Of course, should Government policy on this issue change, we will review the extent of our involvement accordingly.

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Head of Sec (AS) - for information

This is DI (ST)'s response to my last round of questions about their intention to set up a computer database of "UFO" sightings. I was not aware that DSc(Air) had shown any interest at all in this business - we certainly have never heard from them! I do not propose to respond for it.

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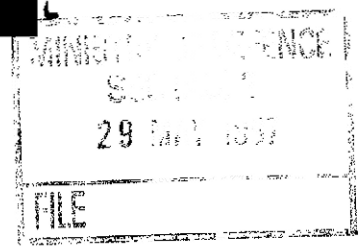

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Subject: Request for Information - Dr Clarke
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As predicted Dr Clarke has put in an FOI request for more UFO information. I would be grateful for your help with the following,

1. Correspondence relating to the outcome of DIST's stated intention (D/DI(ST)/11/10 of 28 May 1997) to produce a data-base of UFO material.
2. Copies of any correspondence, material or information relating to DIST's decision, in October 2000, to no longer receive UFO material copied from the Directorate of Air Staff.

I will search our files for anything on these, but I would be grateful if you could see if you have anything relevant to contribute. I would be grateful for a reply by 6 February, if possible.

Thank you for your help.

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Mr George Foulkes (Labour)(Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make a statement on the number of unidentified supersonic radar contacts detected in the vicinity of RAF Machrihanish since January.

DRAFT ANSWER

There have been no unidentified supersonic radar contacts detected in the vicinity of RAF Machrihanish since January.

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BACKGROUND NOTE: PQ6007

1. This Question is one of four prompted by a recent article in the Scotsman speculating that a secret American aircraft has been operating around RAF Machrihanish. A copy of the background note supporting the draft answers to PQs 5983, 5979 and 6048 is attached.

2. Mr Foulkes would appear to be trying to establish whether any secret supersonic aircraft have been operating from RAF Machrihanish, as alleged in the Scotsman article. However, his Question asks only about unidentified radar contacts since January and the Scotsman article refers to an alleged unidentified contact in November 1991.

3. The draft Answer is self-explanatory.

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BACKGROUND NOTE - PQs 5983F and 5979F

1. These two questions from Martin Redmond MP and a third (due for answer later this week) from George Foulkes MP have probably been prompted by a recent article in the Scotsman speculating that "America's most secret aircraft has been operating in Scottish airspace" near RAF Machrihanish. The aircraft is alleged to be a "very high supersonic, possibly hypersonic" aircraft code-named "Aurora", and to be the "ultra-secret replacement" for the SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft. Copies of the Scotsman article and a follow-up article in Jane's Defence Weekly are attached at Annex A. A copy of a minute sent to APS/Secretary of State in reply to a request for advice on the former article is attached at Annex B.

2. The last SR-71 left the UK from RAF Mildenhall in January 1990 - this is public knowledge - and HQ 3rd Air Force advise that there have been no further visits to the UK. HQ3AF and the US Embassy have also confirmed that no secret new US aircraft has operated in Scottish airspace. The draft answer to PQ 5979F demonstrates that no unusual aircraft (apart [redacted] landed at RAF Machrihanish in the past year.

3. There may or may not be an Aurora proje[ct] knowledge in MOD of a "black" programme of [redacted] it would not surprise the relevant desk office[rs] and DIS if it did exist. The simple answer to [the question] what assistance the MOD has given to the US [project] would therefore be "none" - but this pre-supposes the existence of the project. Nor would we be likely to be prepared to say publicly if any MOD assistance <u>had</u> been given to such a project. To answer instead that we have no knowledge of any such project is also arguably inappropriate, since in circumstances where we <u>were</u> aware we would probably not be prepared to say so. It is therefore suggested that the question is answered by saying that the existence of any such project (or operation) would be a matter for the US authorities - "would be" rather than "is" to avoid any implication that the project exists.

...on in the month since the Usher Hall event to focus sharply on independence — and not on whether it is possible or impossible, but whether it is desirable.

The shadow Scottish secretary, Donald Dewar, said that "Scotland can have independence if Scotland wants it", but took every opportunity to attack the nationalist case.

He said that independence with a separate Scottish currency would pose unnecessary burdens on Scotland and reduce its home market from 50 million to five million people.

The SNP leader, Alex Salmond, countered that Scot-

Both Mr Dewar and the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, Malcolm Bruce, bitterly criticised Mr Lang for arguing that Scotland had no choice of between independence and the present system.

Mr Bruce said that Spain, France and Italy had all moved to decentralise power and argued that Scottish home rule would lead to a federal Britain.

Mr Lang clung to his assertion that Labour and Liberal Democrat plans for a Scottish parliament would be so unstable that they would cause the UK to break up.

Minister's speech; TV in the chair, Page 6

Rules out abortion

POLITICAL leaders in Ireland were last night urged to seek a review of the law as a judge, barred a pregnant schoolgirl who had been raped from having an abortion in Britain.

There were calls for the resignation of the Irish attorney general, Harry Whelehan, who initiated the legal moves to block the abortion, and the Irish Family Planning Association called for the review of the law.

The case of the 14-year-old girl was held in camera at the Irish High Court but the text of the judgment disclosed that the rape had been committed last December.

The 16-page ruling also revealed that rapist was the father of the girl's best friend.

It was believed an appeal to the Dublin Supreme Court could be heard later this week after the High Court's confirmation of an injunction preventing the teenager's seeking a termination in Britain.

Proinsias De Rossa, the opposition Workers' Party leader, said the ruling would deter future rape victims from reporting the crime to police.

Full story, Page 2

Spey flooding

PROPOSALS to combat flooding in Badenoch could prove disastrous for two of Scotland's most important wildlife sites, the Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland claimed yesterday, writes Frank Urquhart.

Both schemes being considered by Highland Regional Council would have a detrimental impact on the environment of the Insh Marshes, part of the River Spey flood plain, and the gravel fan of the nearby River Feshie, a report commissioned by the NCC has concluded.

Full report, Page 9

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Hot on the trail of America's biggest flying secret

By Alan Dron

REPORTS of mysterious, fast-moving radar blips and strange engine sounds have heightened speculation that America's most secret aircraft has been operating in Scottish airspace.

According to reports reaching *The Scotsman*, an RAF air traffic controller was startled to see a radar blip emerge from the area of the joint NATO-RAF station at Machrihanish at approximately three times the speed of sound.

Puzzled, he phoned the remote base near the tip of the Kintyre peninsula to inquire what type of aircraft was being operated — and was promptly told to forget what he had just seen.

At around the same time in November last year, there was a report from nine miles away from the base of an unusual, ear-splitting jet noise...

While the clues are sketchy, they fit with what little is already known of a shadowy project called Aurora.

Aurora is believed to refer to the ultra-secret replacement for the high-altitude, Mach 3 SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft. Reports of a "stealthy" Blackbird successor have been circulating since the mid-1980s.

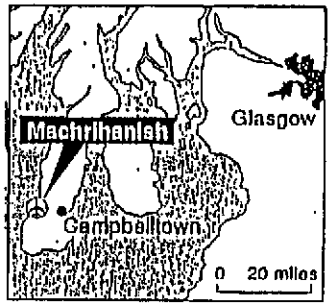
It is another product of Lockheed's notorious "Skunk Works" in Burbank, California. This secrecy-shrouded plant has designed the U-2, SR-71 and the F-117A Stealth fighter.

In 1990, just after the SR-71's retirement, the Lockheed Advanced Development Company president, Ben Rich, told *Jane's Defence Weekly*: "There is a need for some vehicle — I didn't say SR-71 — to complement the satellites. I won't tell you what it is, but there is a need."

Told of the Scottish reports, Bill Sweetman, technical edi-

> 'It's been described as a noise that people don't forget when they hear it'
> **Bill Sweetman**

tor of Jane's Information Group and an authority on Stealth aircraft technology, said: "That's very interesting. The last time I received a call out of the blue from a Scottish journalist was about five years ago. He was talking about



reports of F-117s ... operating from Machrihanish."

Speaking from Minnesota, Mr Sweetman said there had been reports since the mid-1980s of high-speed aircraft seen over the Pacific.

Seismologists from the California Institute of Technology had also discovered in recent years that their earthquake sensors were being triggered by sonic "boom fronts" caused by unidentified aircraft.

"They've been able to build up the track of the boom ... and tracking Mach 3 values back to Nevada," Mr Sweetman said.

"That all adds to the suspicion that there's a very high supersonic, possibly hypersonic, aircraft called Aurora that we don't know about."

For several years, Stealth-watchers' attention has been focused deep on the Nevada desert and the Tonopah Test Range airfield, 170 miles north-west of Las Vegas.

It was the initial base for the F-117 Stealth fighter, which the US Air Force managed to keep hidden from prying eyes for seven years until 1988, through a combination of the airfield's remoteness and the simple tactic of flying it only at night.

Mr Sweetman added that the Machrihanish reports of a fast-moving radar contact and of an extremely noisy aircraft fitted in with information from the US.

"It's been described as a noise that people don't forget when they hear it," he said. Several had described it as being "like the sky ripping open".

The MoD was last night still checking to see whether it had any record of a visit by a Blackbird successor. The Pentagon was closed for a US holiday.

Annex A 29/12

French firm's new missile

SINGAPORE

Aerospatiale was due to unveil its MM 15 anti-ship missile at the Asian Aerospace exhibition in Singapore which opened on 25 February.

The ship-launched missile has been developed in the last three months, according to officials from Aerospatiale's tactical missiles division (Engins Tactiques).

The MM 15, derived from the AS 15 TT air-launched weapon system, is designed to meet the growing demand for conventional lightweight weapons to destroy small surface targets within the 8-15 km range.

"Our new MM 15 missile will be offered as a direct competitor to the British Aerospace Dynamics ship-launched Sea Skua," a company official said.

According to Aerospatiale, the MM 15 could fill the gap between the shorter range (8 km) light naval artillery and long range tactical anti-ship missiles such as Exocet (20 km).

"In the 8-15 km gap, there is no effective conventional method of dealing with small targets which do not justify the use of Exocet."

MM 15 has a maximum effective range of 15 km, a maximum speed of Mach 0.9 and weighs 103 kg with a 30 kg warhead, says Aerospatiale. The light weight allows operation by small, fast surface vessels.

The MM 15 has no homing head but is guided by a radar-beam command-guidance technique via the Thomson-CSF AGRION 15 (X-band, pulse-compression) guidance radar installed on the platform.

The radar is used with the AS 15 TT heliborne missile system in service with the French, Saudi Arabian and Bahraini navies. It tracks both target and missile and computes the error in range and bearing between them.

Mystery contact may be Aurora

RECONNAISSANCE

BY BILL SWEETMAN

MINNEAPOLIS

Mounting evidence suggests that the US Government has secretly developed and deployed a hypersonic reconnaissance aircraft, probably as a replacement for the SR-71.

A Royal Air Force air traffic controller tracked a target leaving the NATO-RAF base at Machrihanish, Scotland, at an estimated speed of Mach 3 last November, according to *The Scotsman* newspaper last week. Another witness heard an extremely loud jet noise near the base around the same time, it said.

In the USA, highly supersonic aircraft believed to be operating from Nevada have been detected and tracked by seismological sensors installed by the US Geological Service (USGS). The booms were first recorded in June last year.

Machrihanish is one of the most remote bases in Europe, located near the tip of the Kintyre peninsula in Western Scotland. Recent base modernization and a rumoured association with the F-117 Stealth Fighter lend credence to the new reports.

Meanwhile, the California booms are the first substantial, corroborated evidence of unidentified supersonic aircraft operating over the USA.

On at least four occasions, sonic booms have registered on some of the 220 sensors across Southern California, from the Los Angeles basin to the eastern edge of the Mojave desert, according to Jim Mori, a USGS seismologist at the California Institute of Technology. The incidents were recorded in June, October, November and late January. The seismologists estimate that the targets were flying at speeds between Mach 3 and Mach 4.

So far, all the tracks have been headed north and east over the Los Angeles basin, pointing directly to southern Nevada, 500 km away. Most secret US Air Force activities, including the large flight-test base at Groom Lake, are within the Nellis range in Nevada. Since the range is only 8 min from Los Angeles at such speeds, the targets were presumably decelerating as they crossed the coast.

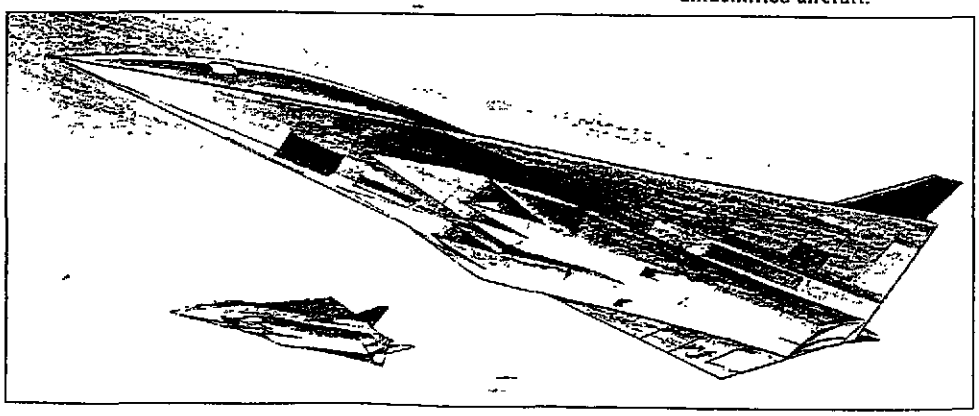
The USGS first noticed that its seismographs could detect sonic booms when they registered space shuttle landings at Edwards AFB, California

Mori says the wave-forms detected in the latest incidents are characteristic of a smaller vehicle than the 37 m long shuttle orbiter. Neither the shuttle nor the single SR-71B which NASA maintains in flight status were operating on the days the booms were detected.

Reports that USAF is developing hypersonic aircraft in undisclosed 'black' programmes date back to the mid-1980s. In early 1988, the *New York Times* reported that a Mach 6, stealthy reconnaissance aircraft called Aurora was being developed to replace the SR-71, which was retired in early 1990.

More recently, witnesses in Nevada and California have reported hearing extremely loud or 'pulsing' noises caused by unidentified aircraft.

Is this Aurora? Artist's impression of a Mach 6 reconnaissance aircraft incorporating ejector ramjet engine fuelled by liquid methane or hydrogen. Stealth would be maintained through ceramic radar absorbent material able to withstand the fierce temperatures encountered at hypersonic speeds (Julian Cook)



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Annex B

ENCL No 95

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)26/8

19 February 1992

APS/Secretary of State

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RAF MACHRIHANISH - SCOTSMAN ARTICLE

1. You asked for advice on the article in yesterday's Scotsman which speculated that "America's most secret aircraft has been operating in Scottish airspace", near RAF Machrihanish. The aircraft is alleged to be a "very high supersonic, possibly hypersonic" aircraft code-named "Aurora" , and to be the "ultra-secret replacement" for the SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft.

2. The last SR-71 left the UK from RAF Mildenhall in January 1990 - this is public knowledge - and HQ 3rd Air Force advise that there have been no further visits to the UK.

3. There may or may not be an Aurora project. I can find no one on the Air Staff or at desk level in the DIS who knows for sure that such a project exists, but it would not surprise them if it did. However, until the Americans wish to trial or operate the new aircraft in UK airspace this is arguably a matter only for them. If you wish to pursue this aspect further, your best course may be to consult CDI's organisation.

4. On the question of whether a secret new aircraft has operated in Scottish airspace, I am on firmer ground. HQ3AF and the US Embassy advise that this aspect of the Scotsman story is unfounded, and this is confirmed by the Air Staff.

5. The press office have been advised not to comment on the Scotsman article (on the grounds that if any such aircraft did exist and had been operating in the UK we would refuse to

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comment). HQ3AF advise that there has been no further press interest in the article at their end.

Original signed.

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ENCLOSURE 49 MOMBEY

PART 5 – SECTION 1: Protectively Marking Information

CHAPTER 1: UK Protective Markings

Protective Marking System

1. The UK's Protective Marking System is recognised throughout Government departments and agencies. It is designed to protect sensitive assets. Once applied, protective markings show the value of an asset in terms of damage likely to result from its compromise, and decide its level of protection (see Protective Marking System).

Protective Markings

2. Only the originator can apply a protective marking to an asset and this cannot be changed without the originator's (or his/her successor or current branch/unit now responsible for the asset if the originator is no longer in post) consent.

Mandatory Control Measures

3.

The protective marking on any asset must be conspicuous so that its value is very clear. Such markings must be centred at the top and bottom of each page. They must be in larger or bolder print than the text.

4.

The protective marking is given to an asset by the originator and it may not be changed without the originator's (see paragraph 2 above) authority. This applies equally to those assets originating from foreign Governments or organisations.

5. **Protective Markings.** There are four levels of protective marking that you can apply to sensitive assets, depending on the degree of sensitivity involved:

TOP SECRET (Annex A)

SECRET (Annex B)

CONFIDENTIAL (Annex C); and

RESTRICTED (Annex D)

What happens if too high a protective marking is applied?

6. If too high a protective marking is applied, it may unnecessarily be limiting access to the asset, increasing the cost of the security controls needed for its protection and impairing the efficiency with which addressee organisations are able to conduct business.

What happens if too low a protective marking is applied?

7. If too low a protective marking is applied it may put the asset at risk of accidental or deliberate compromise, since proper security controls may not be in place to give adequate protection.

Guidance in deciding on the right protective marking

8. The chart at *Annex E* is designed to help make a decision on the right protective marking to apply to an asset.

Downgrading information

9. The regular assessment of holdings of protectively marked assets in any media is desirable in terms of security, cost and convenience. Any assessment should consider whether the current grading needs to be kept or whether it is possible to downgrade or destroy the material. Only the originator, or successor, may authorize downgrading but exceptionally, where the originator, or successor, cannot be traced, copy assets may be downgraded by the holders after consultation with other addressees. MOD F 171 (*Annex F)* may be used to ask for and receive authorised downgrading.

Annex A to Part 5, Section 1, Chapter 1

Annex A: TOP SECRET Protective Marking

	TOP SECRET
Asset Value - consequence of compromise	The compromise of assets marked **TOP SECRET** would be likely to: • threaten directly the internal stability of the UK or friendly countries • lead directly to widespread loss of life • cause exceptionally grave damage to the effectiveness or security of UK or allied forces or to the continuing effectiveness of extremely valuable security or intelligence operations • cause exceptionally grave damage to relations with friendly governments • cause severe long term damage to the UK economy
Level of protection	The level of protection provided for asset marked **TOP SECRET** should ensure: • there is no unauthorised access • actual or attempted compromise will be detected and those responsible will be identified
Baseline objectives	For the storage and control of assets marked **TOP SECRET** do everything possible to: • prevent accidental compromise or damage during storage, handling, use, processing, transmission or transport • strictly limit knowledge of planned movement of physical assets to those with 'need to know' • offer a degree of resistance against compromise by a sustained and sophisticated or violent attack • detect actual or attempted compromise and make it likely that those responsible will be identified • dispose of or destroy in a manner to prevent reconstruction or identification of constituent parts
Access requirements	For access to assets marked **TOP SECRET** the following level of clearance is required: • Developed Vetting (DV) - In some cases a Security Check (SC) may be sufficient. For confirmation of appropriate level of security clearance - **Refer to Part 6, Section 2.**
Application requirements	The protective marking **TOP SECRET** should only be applied to sensitive assets which relate to the following areas of activity: • International relations • Defence • Public order and civil rights • Economics

Annex B to Part 5, Section 1, Chapter 1

Annex B: SECRET Protective Marking

	SECRET
Asset Value - consequence of compromise	The compromise of assets marked **SECRET** would be likely to: • raise international tension • seriously damage relations with friendly governments • threaten life directly or seriously prejudice public order or individual security or liberty • cause serious damage to the operational effectiveness or security of UK or allied forces or the continuing effectiveness of highly valuable security or intelligence operations • cause substantial material damage to national finances or economic and commercial interests
Level of protection	The level of protection provided for assets marked **SECRET** should ensure: • there is no unauthorised access • actual or attempted compromise will be detected and those responsible will be identified
Baseline objectives	For the storage and control of assets marked **SECRET**, do everything possible to: • make accidental compromise or damage highly unlikely during storage, handling, use, processing, transmission or transport • limit knowledge of planned movement of physical assets • offer a degree of resistance to deliberate compromise by a professional or violent attack • detect actual or attempted compromise and help identify those responsible • dispose or destroy in a manner to make retrieval or reconstruction highly unlikely and prevent identification of constituent parts
Access requirements	For access to assets marked **SECRET** the following level of clearance is required: • Security Check (SC) - In some cases a Basic Check (BC) may be sufficient. For confirmation of appropriate level of security clearance - **Refer to Part 6, Section 2.**
Application requirements	The protective **SECRET** marking should only be applied to sensitive assets which relate to the following areas of activity: • International relations • Defence • Public order and civil rights • Economic interests

Annex C to Part 5, Section 1, Chapter 2

Annex C: CONFIDENTIAL Protective Marking

CONFIDENTIAL	
Asset value - consequence of compromise	The compromise of assets marked **CONFIDENTIAL** would be likely to: • materially damage diplomatic relations, that is, cause formal protest or other sanctions • prejudice individual security or liberty • cause damage to the operational effectiveness or security of UK or allied forces or the effectiveness of valuable security or intelligence operations • work substantially against national finances or economic and commercial interests • substantially undermine the financial viability of major organisations • impede the investigation or facilitate the commission of serious crime • seriously impede the development or operation of major government policies • shut down or otherwise substantially disrupt significant national operations
Level of protection	The level of protection provided for assets marked **CONFIDENTIAL** should ensure: • inhibit casual or wilful unauthorised access • be likely to help in the identification of compromise
Baseline objectives	For the storage and control of assets marked **CONFIDENTIAL**, do everything possible to: • make accidental compromise or damage unlikely during storage, handling, use, processing, transmission or transport • control knowledge of planned movement of physical assets • offer a degree of resistance to deliberate compromise • detect actual or attempted compromise and help identify those responsible • dispose or destroy in a manner to make retrieval or reconstruction unlikely
Access requirements	For access to assets marked **CONFIDENTIAL**, the following level of clearance is required: • Basic Check (BC) - In some cases a Counter Terrorist Check (CTC) or certain elements of an SC may be needed. For confirmation of appropriate level of security clearance **Refer to Part 6, Section 2.**
Application requirements	The protective marking **CONFIDENTIAL** should only be applied to sensitive assets which relate to the following areas of activity: • International relations • Defence • Public order and civil rights • Economic interests • Law enforcement • Policy and operations of public service

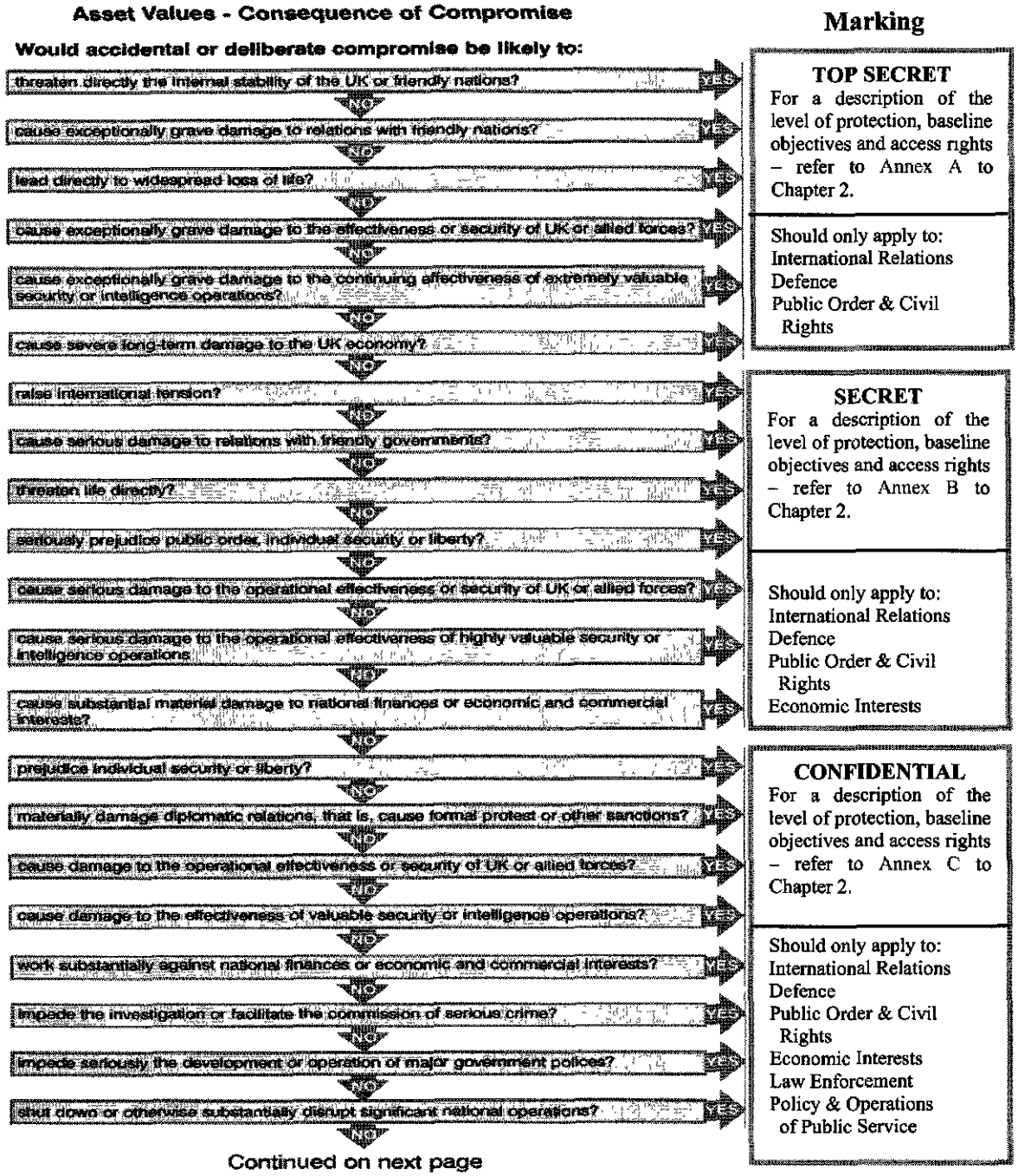
Annex D to Part 5, Section 1, Chapter 1

Annex D: RESTRICTED Protective Marking

RESTRICTED	
Asset Value - consequence of compromise	The compromise of assets marked **RESTRICTED** would be likely to: • adversely affect diplomatic relations • cause substantial distress to individuals • make it more difficult to maintain the operational effectiveness or security of UK or allied forces • cause financial loss or loss of earning potential to, or facilitate improper gain or advantage for, individuals or companies • prejudice the investigation or facilitate the commission of crime • breach proper undertakings to maintain the confidence of information provided by third parties • impede the effective development or operation of government policies • breach statutory restrictions on the disclosure of information (except the Data Protection Act - which can be addressed by other impact statements and/or the e-Government Security Framework) • disadvantage government in commercial or policy negotiations with others • undermine the proper management of the public sector and its operations
Level of protection	The level of protection provided for assets marked **RESTRICTED** should ensure: • promote discretion in order to avoid unauthorised access
Baseline objectives	For the storage and control of assets marked **RESTRICTED** do everything possible to: • make accidental compromise or damage unlikely during storage, handling, use, processing, transmission or transport • deter deliberate compromise or opportunist attack • dispose of or destroy in a manner to make reconstruction unlikely
Access requirements	Other than 'need to know' principle, no specific clearance is required - In some cases a CTC may be needed. For confirmation of appropriate level of security clearance - **Refer to Part 6, Section 2.**
Application requirements	The protective marking **RESTRICTED** should only be applied to sensitive assets which relate to the following areas of activity: • International relations • Defence • Public order and civil rights • Economic interests • Law enforcement • Policy and operations of public service

Annex E to Part 5, Section 1, Chapter 1

Annex E: Deciding on a Protective Marking



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Asset Values - Consequence of Compromise

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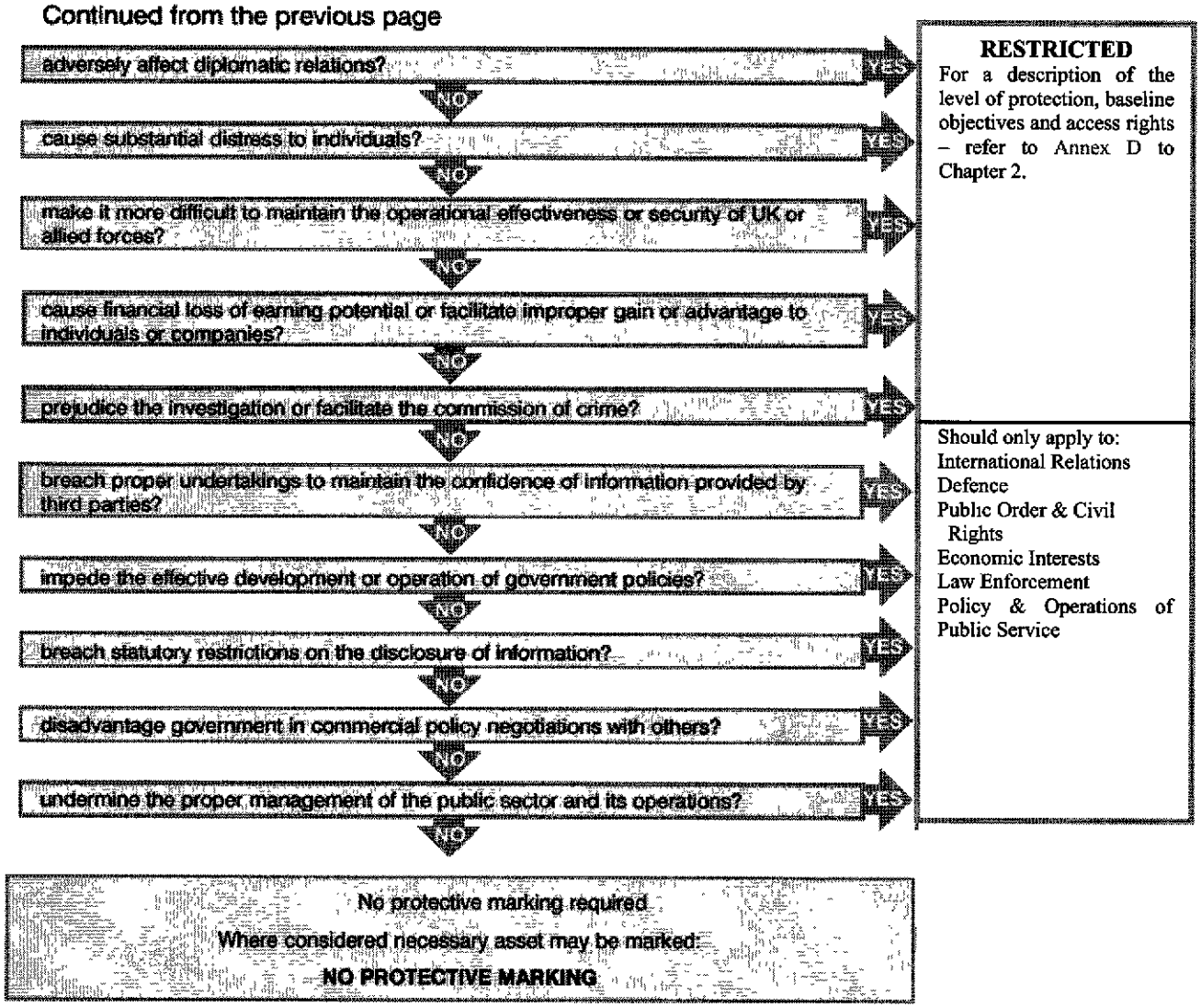

Annex F: Example of MOD Form 171

MOD Form 171

Part 1 - Request for Downgrading of Protectively Marked Documents

To:	From:

It is requested that authority be given for the downgrading of the documents listed overleaf. If downgrading is agreed, please state new protective marking in column (e); otherwise insert "No change".

Date..... Signature.....

Part 2 - Authority to Downgrade Protectively Marked Documents

To:	From:

Please note that the documents listed below should now be graded as shown in column (e)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Reference No.	Description (i.e. File, letter, report etc.)	Date	Present protective marking	Revised protective marking

Date..... Signature..... Grade.....

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Reply due 17 Feb

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102No. .....
20 JAN 2005
FILE

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 48

Dr David Clarke
Section 40
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Section 40
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19 January 2005

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 20 December 2004 and for the enclosed annexe listing "UFO related files identified as preserved in/for the TNA." This list, in addition to your replies to my questions, were most helpful and have cleared up the outstanding queries outlined in my letter of 23 November.

Using the annexe I have now extracted a list of 34 files that are relevant to my research project, dating from 1976-1984, that fall under the category "To Be Allocated TNA references." Some of these files appear to be already with TNA, while others appear to be in the process of transfer from MoD to TNA. Could you confirm how many of these files are now at Kew and supply an approximate date for delivery of the remainder? Section 40

(4)

Returning to your letter I note your advice concerning my stated intention to make a request for UFO policy files under the FOIA 2000, now in place. Given the upper limit allowed for the amount of work a Department can expend on an individual request, I have carefully considered what information I require in order to fall within that limit (which I understand is £600).

Therefore, under the Freedom of Information Act I wish to apply for copies of the following information:

1. A copy of the entire file **D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A – UFO Policy 1985**. In your letter of 23 December 2003 (under the former Code) you estimated £180 for processing this file.

2. Copies of material from files **D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pts A (UFOs – Policy 1995-97)** and B **(UFOs – Policy Jan-Sept 1997)** as follows: I believe these two files contain additional documents that relate to the correspondence you provided in

December 2004 that had been extracted from file **D/DPR(RAF)326 Pt A**. Specifically I wish to request copies of the following:

D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14 March 1997
D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 January 1997
D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 February 1997
D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 April 1997
D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 April 1997

I also request copies of any additional correspondence that follow in this sequence, specifically relating to the outcome of DIST's stated intention (D/DI(ST)/11/10 of 28 May 1997) to produce a "data-base" of UFO material. DIS

3. Copies of any correspondence, material or information relating to DIST's decision, in October 2000, to no longer receive UFO material copied from the Directorate of Air Staff. Referring to your list, I would presume this material can be found in files **D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pts D and E** (UFO Policy 1998-2002). DIS.

I hope these very specific requests can be met under the FOIA. If I can provide any additional information that could assist in the processing of this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

(4) One final question, unrelated to my FOIA request, relates to the information you provided on 28 July 2003 (your ref: D/DAS/64/3/11) in response to my request for information regarding UFO reports received by MoD from West Wales during 1977.

Your letter included a copy of a letter dated 24 May 1977 from Mr Nicholas Edwards MP to Minister of Defence Dr John Gilbert (your ref AP/JW 216/77) with attached draft response and reply from James Wellbeloved MP dated 16 June 1977. Taken from DS8/25/3 A ? 75/3A UFO's Parliamentary Correspondence

I have been unable to locate the original documents noted above among the correspondence files from 1977 that were opened at TNA on 1 January, during my visit to Kew last week. Could you supply the title and reference of the file from which these documents were sourced? I presume the file in question is among those listed as "To Be Allocated TNA references" in the list I have attached, either D/DS8/2/3C (UFO reports and correspondence Oct-Dec 1977) or D/DS8/75/2/1B (Ditto). I would appreciate any assistance you can provide to locate the correct file. Section 40 asked about Status of file

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
[redacted]

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MoD UFO records – To Be Allocated TNA refs

TNA	date	title	former reference
AIR 20	Sept 1978-Jan 1979	Unidentified Flying Objects	HdS4(Air)/BF82
DEFE 13	1976	Sir John Langford-Holt MO Mr J Hennessy – UFO enquiry	AF/BJ84/76
	1976	Dr Coleman JP Mr R J Whitrow – UFO enquiry	AF/BY76/76
DEFE 24/1291	Sep-Oct 1978	Reports & correspondence (due for release 2009)	D/DS8/75/2/3G ✓ July 04 1291 1291
DEFE 24/1205 –	1977	UFO Reports & correspondence, Oct-Dec 1977 ✓ Open TNA	D/DS8/2/3C
DEFE 24/1206 –	1977	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/IB ✓ Open TNA.
	1978	UFO Parliamentary Correspondence	D/DS8/2/3 Pt A
	1979	UFO reports and correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F
	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A
	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B
	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D
	1979	TV discussion on UFOs	D/DS8/75/6 Pt A
	1979	Satellite debris	D/DS8/75/7 Pt A
	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A
	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B
	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt A
	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt B

	1982	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt C
	1982	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt D
	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt E
	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A
	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B
	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt F
	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt G
DEFE 31/163	1979	UFOs: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 21
DEFE 31/164	1979	UFOs: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 22
DEFE 31/165	1979	UFOs: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 23
DEFE 31/166	1979	UFOs: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 24
DEFE 31/167	1979	UFOs: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 25
(due for release 2010)			
DEFE 71/125	1977	Ministerial correspondence on UFO sightings on Humberside in May 1977	USofS LAF AF/JW234/77
		(due for release 2008 – not yet transferred to TNA)	
DEFE 71	1976	M Heseltine	AF/JW221/76
	1976	Nigel Lawson MP Mr Aleyne Body – UFO	AF/JW260/76
	1976	R Hattersley Esq Mr R Park – UFO	AF/JW270/76
	1977	John Ellis – UFOs	MR/122505

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 47

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Your Reference

Our Reference
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Date
20th December 2004

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 23 Noven

With regard to your questions I will c tter.

QA(1) Pg 1: DAS is an integrated Ser to support the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Air Staff an ical and parliamentary aspects of non-operational activity bot which relate to US Visiting Forces. There are a total of 53 personnel in DAS. Section 40 is the Assistant Director of the Secretariat and Lower Airspace section of the Directorate and has been in this post since January 2004. He has 12 personnel working in his areas of responsibility. The Secretariat processes Parliamentary, Public and Media business affecting the Air Staff. The Lower Airspace section is responsible for the policy and regulation of the UK Low Flying System, handling of complaints from members of the public and parliamentary business about low flying military aircraft. UFOs sit within the Secretariat area of DAS.

QB(6) Pg5: The MOD continues to pursue the possible release of the paragraphs of the Flying Saucer Working Party Report Number 7 which was withheld under Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act. However, to date there has been no progress. If the release of this information is secured in the near future we will inform you.

QD(2) Pg7: The Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency were asked to look at a colour slide from which Section 40 photograph had been taken. They commented that there was a lack of background knowledge concerning certain factors regarding the conditions under which the photograph was taken to permit a totally informed opinion. There was also insufficient evidence about the known distance from the camera to the object or the known scalar (distance) on the object to determine the size of the object. However, a scan was produced to enable investigation under greater magnification the structure of the anomaly. From this it was noted that there appeared to be little or no image movement across the frame, indicating a relatively fast exposure or the use of a tripod. There was no indication of specular reflection, nor of lens flare and the illuminated plane of the object passes through the very centre of the frame. The imagery experts concluded that no definitive conclusions could be gathered from the evidence submitted, however, as the illuminated plane of the object passes through the centre of the frame, this could indicate a possible lens anomaly, such as a droplet of moisture.

QD(5) Pg8: There is no evidence to suggest that crop circles are caused by anything of military concern and the MOD does not therefore investigate reported sightings or carry out any research into them. Members of the public do sometimes associate crop circles with UFOs and write to DAS about them. No separate record is kept of these and they are filed in the order in which they are received with our normal UFO reports and correspondence. To my knowledge we hold no files either created during Nick Pope's time in this post, or since, which are specifically about crop circles.

You also requested clarification of a number of discrepancies in the lists of UFO related files awaiting transfer to TNA which we have provided. I consulted our records Department and can now clarify these points for you.

Annex A, Page1

a) As requested, attached at Annex A to this letter is a list of files due to be released between 2006 and 2009. Please note the comments contained in the footnotes.

b) The preparation of files for transfer to TNA can take a considerable period of time. Following selection at review, there is cleaning (repairing the file from the ravage of time to TNA standards), draft cataloguing, clearing by TNA staff and then the decision by TNA to accept and collect the file.

c) There are two files (hence the two DEFE references given) both of which appear to have the former reference D/DS8/75/2/3D. This might have been an error in numbering when the files were originally created. One of these is already at TNA and the other will be transferred in the near future.

Annex A, Page 2

a) Yes we can confirm that these are the same files.

b) These files have been re-catalogued as DEFE 31/163 to 167. All five are at TNA.

You may wish to be aware that sometimes piece numbers are changed during preparation for TNA. This may lead to discrepancies between numbers given in lists requested during the preparation period and those which finally appear in TNA catalogue. For the correct number by which documents can be requested at the TNA you should consult TNA catalogue.

Annex A, Page 3

Four of the five files have now been located and are awaiting assignment to DEFE 71 (subject to TNA agreement).

With regard to your comments about the documents supplied from D/DPR(RAF)326 and a future request for UFO Policy files (D/Sec(AS)64/1 Parts A-E) in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you may wish to be aware that the charging regulations under the FOIA have been laid before Parliament, but have yet to be ratified. They are however, likely to be significantly different to the arrangements under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information. When you make this request we will, of course, inform you of any fees that would apply under the FOIA before proceeding with your request. In the meantime I can tell you that it is proposed to have an upper limit to the amount of work a Department can expend on an individual request (even if the applicant is willing to pay the costs). In the next few weeks you may, therefore, wish to give some thought as to what specific information you are seeking from these files as the costs of supplying whole files is likely to be greater than if particular information or documents are extracted and could result in your request exceeding the upper limit.

Finally, you asked about the release of enclosures 95 and 96 from D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F. We continue to pursue this with the US authorities who have assured us that we can expect an official decision by the 25 February 2005 at the latest. I apologise for the length of time it is taking to consider the release of these documents and appreciate your patients regarding this matter.

I hope this is helpful and wish you a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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ENCLOSURE 46

Dr David Clarke
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23 November 2004

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your letter of 13 October and for the material you enclosed. The additional background information supplements the verbal answers to the questions Section 40 Section 40 and I provided in advance of our meeting on 1 October. Together they provide a comprehensive account of the meeting and as such are useful for research purposes.

In return I enclose a copy of the notes I prepared afterwards, for your information. I would be grateful if you could check these and inform me of any errors that may have arisen from my shorthand notes of what was said.

As you will see there are a small number of items marked with an asterisk which I felt required further clarification. I have itemized these below:

QA (1) pg 1: Number of staff employed in DAS. My notes refer to two sections. Could you explain the responsibilities and staffing of these?
QB (6) pg 5: Paragraphs from pg 2 of the Flying Saucer Working Party report of 1951 (DEFE 44/119) withheld under Section 3(4) of Public Records Act. Has any progress been made on the release of this?
QD (2) pg 7: Section 40 photograph. What conclusion has MoD reached concerning the nature of the image following the extensive analysis you have carried out?
QD (5) pg 8: You mentioned during our meeting that the numbers of UFO reports increased following the release of the crop circle film 'Signs.' This raises the question of MoD interest in crop circles. Is DAS responsible for answering questions on this subject? I understand that Nick Pope opened a file on this topic whilst in post at Sec(AS)2a circa 1991-2. Could you supply the reference and title of this file and any others referring to crop circles held in MoD archives?

– Sec D/DAS/6413 Part AC-Enc 7

Secondly, I refer to my email of 7 October where I mentioned a number of discrepancies in the list of UFO related files awaiting transfer to TNA (Annex A, provided on 1 October). Having scrutinised this document I have noticed that it contains a number of UFO-related files that do not appear on the list you supplied on 28 July 2003 (your ref D/DAS/64/3/11). Specifically I note the following :

Annex A, Pg1
a) referring to the table at the top of the page. Is it possible to supply a list of the files due to be released in 2006 (13), 2007 (13), 2008 (11) and 2009 (6).
b) File refs AF/BJ84/76 (Sir John Langford-Holt) and AF/BY76/76 (Dr Coleman) are dated 1976 and yet do not appear on the TNA catalogue. Is there a reason why they remain 'in transit' given their dates ?
c) The file listed as DEFE 24/1291 (former Ref D/DS8/75/2/3D) appears on your original list (28 July 2003) and on the TNA catalogue as DEFE 24/1208. Which piece number is the correct one ?

Annexe A, Pg 2
a) The seven files beginning with D/DS8/75/2/3C (1977) listed as TBA and 'not yet transferred' appear to have been transferred to TNA, possibly since this annex was compiled. I have identified them on the TNA catalogue as DEFE 24/1205-7 and DEFE 24/1209-1212. Could you confirm these are the same files? I intend to apply to TNA for access to these and DEFE 24/1291 (or DEFE 24/1208 ?) under the FOIA in January.
b) Five 'Defence Intelligence' files (DEFE 31/177-181) appear to form part of the DI 55 archive but these five do not appear on the list you supplied on 28 July, 2003. I understood all these files (except for one, the 1993 Cosford incident) were contaminated by asbestos. On Annex A they are shown as "not yet transferred to TNA". Could you confirm these files are not among those listed as contaminated ? Does this mean they are accessible under FOIA ?

Annexe A, Pg 3
'Missing files'. Please could you notify me as and when any of these missing files are located and allocated TNA references.

Thankyou for enclosing the copies of the documents from D/DPR(RAF)326 Part A which were outstanding from my earlier request. These are probably some of the most interesting and informative documents I have seen during my research into this subject. They contain references to a number of other 'policy' documents that presumably form part of the Sec(AS) 'UFO Policy files' for 1995-2000 (D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pts A-E). In your letter of 23 December 2003 you provided a quote for copying these five files under the Code of Practice for Access to Government Information. I intend to apply for them using the FOIA procedure in the new year.

Finally, I note that you are continuing to pursue the release of enclosures 95 and 96 from D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F (part of my earlier request) and I look forward to receiving these in due course.

In the meantime I wish to thank you and Section 40 for your help and assistance during the course of the year, and wish you both a happy Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Minutes of meeting at MoD Main Building, 1 October 2004

Section 40 [redacted] Assistant Director (Secretariat & Lower Airspace), Directorate of Air Staff.
Section 40 [redacted] Executive Officer, DAS.

DC: Dr David Clarke
Section 40 [redacted]

Replies marked with * asterisk denote areas requiring clarification

A) MOD policy and 'Unidentified Flying Objects'

1. Which documents/briefings form the basis for current policy? What is the earliest dated document currently used as the basis for policy?

Much general discussion on policy & staffing.
Policy has evolved over the years. Earliest policy held at Main Building dates from 1995, based on a document dated 1985 held in the archives. Everything prior to 95 sent to archives.
Section 40 said she has material dating back only to 95 on file at her workplace.
There have been periodical reviews of policy – usually as a result of specific incidents, media & parliamentary interest. Each new incident/PQ etc has added to existing policy which has evolved.
Ultimately original policy could have been based on conclusions of 1951 Working Party report (?), although DC believes more likely it can be traced to the 1955 Air Ministry report referred to by Patrick Wall MP (see Question B8).
Current policy is also determined to some extent by the attitude taken by individuals in post at any given time. Each postholder different: some more interested in the subject than others Section 40 was aware that job involved UFO duties when she applied for it.
No fixed term in role, desk staff move on to further their career when appropriate for the individual. Typically 2-4 years.
Section 40 has worked at MoD 22 years and has been in current post since March this year (2004). DAS has (38)? staff in two sections?
January
Section 40 another job now divided between UFO duties and FOIA. She has an administrative assistant to help deal with workload.
Of UFO duties this involved approximately less than 50 percent of her time. Typically duties were:
a) dealing with incoming reports (number has decreased), see answer to Question D5.
b) Parliamentary questions (none in recent years?) :
c) answering UFO correspondence and providing information for members of the public/media.
Section 40 asked about the numbers and identities of 'frequent correspondents' on the subject of UFOs Section 40 and these were very few, possibly less than 10 individuals. The main correspondents in recent years were DC and Section 40 [redacted] – they were the only ones who were persistent over a long period. Others (especially overseas inquirers) came and went.

2. Outline of working relationship of the departments/branches responsible for dealing with UFO matters the process whereby MOD receives and investigates reports.

DAS can call upon other branches for technical assistance as and when required.

3. What factors lay behind DIST decision of October 2000 that they are not interested in receiving reports?

Section 40 That historically there had been little reason for DIST to be routinely involved. They decided in 2000 that after 50 years nothing of interest had been found in UFO reports and subject was a waste of their time.
DC said that TNA documents from 1967 show that DIST took the same line at that time: i.e. that nothing of intelligence value had been found in UFO reports, and the subject was of low priority. Why then did they continue receiving reports until 2000?
Section 40 appeared unaware this was the case, but not surprised.
It was added that if any case arose that was considered of interest, of course DIST would look at it.

4. How far are current DAS personnel aware of the past involvement of the Ministry in UFO matters....

Minimal historical awareness based mainly on what previous post-holder had provided. See answer to Question A1 with reference to policy.

5. Would it be possible to contact previous incumbents of S4(Air), DS8 etc for interviews as part of this study?

This was not possible directly via MoD. Possibility of forwarding letters via Civil Service pension managers raised by Section Section and Section 40 appeared unaware this was possible.
DC said he had used RAF personnel agency to contact former service personnel who had served on UFO desk at Whitehall in '50s and '60s. Letters are forwarded to them by PMA and decision on reply left to the recipient. DC said vast majority (90%) had been happy to write back and describe what they remembered about the job.

6. Reasons why MOD are reluctant to take part in public discussion of UFO matters or to provide a "spokesperson" for media?

Previous experience of being misrepresented by UFOlogy and the media. Whatever MoD say it will not convince those who are determined to believe in a conspiracy. 'People will continue to believe what they want to believe.'
Publicity seen as counter-productive: results in an overload of additional inquiries and adds to workload. Media interest generates more reports.
*Civil servants have their own opinion - Section 40 he had his own opinion on the subject of UFOs, but did not elaborate.

However, civil servants responsible to ministers and have to follow agreed MoD line; care needed not to cause difficulties for ministers, i.e. by giving on the record interviews that could be misrepresented.
Individual RAF stations can handle specific UFO queries via station Press Officers.
DC pointed out that in 1972 Air Commodore Tony Davis, then head of S4 (Air) MoD had appeared on a live BBC TV programme ('Man Alive') to discuss UFO policy; again in 1979 Section 40 then Assistant Secretary in 'the Air Force Department of the MoD' (S4 Air) appeared on an ITV programme. DC made the point that on both occasions the MoD position was presented clearly and did not appear to have been misrepresented. DC asked if there had been a change of policy since 1979?
Section and Section 40 appeared unaware of these examples.
Section 40 asked if staff had received media training and Section 40 said he had, but that policy was that Press Officers dealt with inquiries as opposed to DAS staff (?)

7. MOD Publication Scheme and UFOs: what factors led Ministry to accept there was a "public interest" in the subject and how they intend to address this.

MoD has limited interest in UFOs. Defence significance only. DC queried if 'defence significance' was restricted to identification of intruder aircraft, and Section 40 confirmed this was the case. Once satisfied a sighting is not a defence threat = end of interest.
Public interest self evident in terms of numbers of inquiries received over the years, particularly about Rendlesham file.
'Public interest' led to Freedom of Information legislation. All ministries asked by Government to look at what information could be made available from 2005. UFOs identified as one category of material that could be released, hence creation of UFO category in Publication Scheme.

8. What is the MOD's view of former incumbents of the 'UFO Desk' giving media interviews…..

DC asked what view MoD took of Pope expressing opinions publicly that contradicted the MoD's policy on UFOs – particularly given the fact that he is often portrayed in the context of an official " MoD spokesman."
Section 40 replied that Pope cannot be held responsible for how the media present him. He is entitled to his opinions, so long as they don't interfere with his current role.

9. Nick Pope frequently refers to his time at the UFO Desk as being part of 'The Project'. Was this term ever used for MOD UFO investigations, formally or informally?

Current staff have never heard of it referred to as 'the project.'

10. Does the role that Nick Pope occupied still exist? Is there an unclassified role description of that post available?

Yes but no job description available. None of the posts have a specific written job description (?) that could be made available.
Section 40 said that post duties evolve and hers included mainly UFO and FOIA duties – therefore job specification had changed since 1994 when Pope left the post.
For instance, inquiries relating to low flying aircraft – now has a dedicated section dealing with that issue.

11. Why in 1995 did Sec(AS)2a Section 40 inform a member of the public that RAF Rudloe Manor/P&SS/Flying Complaints Flight acted as "a co-ordination point" for UFO reports received by the RAF prior to 1992? Why had this matter been previously denied by previous incumbents of Sec(AS)2a?

Section 40 statement was correct. Prior to 1992 UFO reports made by RAF personnel and/or reports from public made directly to local RAF stations went first to Rudloe Manor which acted as a collection point. But no action was taken to investigate them at Rudloe – they were simply forwarded to MoD in London for action.
Rudloe is HQ for Provost & Security Service, RAF Police. This fact has led to perception that they must have been involved in some form of secret UFO investigation or study. This is not correct.
Section 40 suggested that MoD had misled MP [Martin Redmond] in a PQ on the role of Rudloe?? Section 40 claimed Redmond was told Rudloe and PS&S had never had a role in UFO matters Section 40 this as a case of a misunderstanding, a "cock up rather than cover-up."

B. FOIA and archive material:

1. The future of Defence Intelligence files subject to asbestos contamination – what other subject areas are affected?

No decision made so far on future of files, but MoD recognises they are important historical documents Section 40 point that cost of preserving them would be worthwhile given the funds spent on dispelling the notion of a 'cover-up' if they were destroyed.
Files are now bagged up at Feltham and awaiting decision.
Project team has been set up to consider the next step – no date set for this.
The contaminated files include: a) defence intelligence section b) air historical branch records and c) departmental records officer MoD.

2. Future preservation of UFO files and destruction of files – possibility of storage in electronic formats

This was something they would look at in future?

3. How applications for access to UFO files held by MoD and MoD archives will proceed after January 2005 under FOIA

MoD only responsible for operational files, i.e. those held in Main Building. Files which have entered the archival process are responsibility of Records Management and TNA . When files reach Kew they are responsibility of TNA who decide when they should be 'opened' to public.

4. Status and titles of files currently in process of transfer from MOD to TNA – possible dates of transfer etc

A number of files currently in transit between MOD Archives and TNA – Section 40 provided DC with a list of those currently due for transfer to TNA. Section 40 asked for electronic copy of this.

5. Issue of payment for processing of files subsequently made available via MOD Publication Scheme.

Policy on level of charges under FOIA not yet finalised. Section 40 just because we had ordered specific files did not mean these would then be placed on Publication Scheme. Therefore, if we wanted files in advance they would have to be paid for under charging scale. MoD decided which files placed on scheme.

6. Status of air intelligence and scientific intelligence files currently with-held under Section 3(4) of Public Record Act in context of FOIA.

The question related to the 250-300 files or extracts from files covering TNA classes AIR 40 (Air Intelligence), DEFE 19 and DEFE 44 (Scientific Intelligence) currently with-held for more than 30 years.
Will these continue to be with-held? When will they next be reviewed? Is it possible to apply for access to them (or to redacted versions of them) under FOIA?
*In case of missing section from Flying Saucer Working Party report – this was almost resolved. Permission required from foreign (?) Government.

7. Possible location of pre-1962 UFO records: the issue of "missing files" that are actually misplaced within other files with titles that do not reflect their UFO content.

Much discussion around Working Party report and possible survival of other 1950s material. It was acknowledged that other material could have been mis-filed in records whose titles did not reflect their UFO content. Section 40 under the law all with-held files have to be reviewed at set intervals & reviewers would be on the look-out for UFO material.

8. Missing Records: The possible file location of the 1955 report on "Flying Saucers" by DDI (Tech) to ACAS (I) referred to in Parliamentary papers of Major Sir Patrick Wall held at Hull University? [copy attached, Attachment A].

Much the same answer as (B7) above. DC made the point that the Patrick Wall MP Parliamentary Question was only example found during research that suggested the MoD (then Air Ministry) had been misleading in their reply, to the effect that there had been no study of the flying saucer problem, when there had been (Working Party report).
Section 40 said this was more likely to have been the result of a misunderstanding, or one part of the Government not being aware of the work done by another.
DC said he was interested in 1955 report because he believed it was the basis of MoD's current policy. Section 40 so he expected to have seen a copy around the office!

C. Radar systems and detections of 'UFOs'

1. Is it not a matter for concern that radar systems are contrived to ignore returns outside the parameters of known aircraft technology?

It was suggested this was a technical matter for staff responsible for radar/air defence.
However, Section 40 confirmed that attention was heightened following 9/11.
Section 40 questioned ability of air defence radar to detect balloons that could be used by terrorists or enemy nations – ie in the Japanese balloon bombs launched against USA in 1944-45. This point was made in the context of radar displays which operate on software designed to look for returns that behave like aircraft.
Section 40 said he was confident that UK air defence system was capable of detecting any intruders including balloons.

2. Does MOD maintain separate records of unidentified radar incidents and which department performs analysis of these?

No separate records kept. Radar tapes retained by 30 days in case they are needed for investigation (i.e. in aircraft nearmiss), then wiped clean. reused.

3. Given ambiguous nature of unidentified radar incidents from 1950s why were detailed records from this period destroyed?

Section 40 said that radar systems much more sophisticated now than in 50s. Agreed with DC that some early 50s radar UFOs may have been result of problems in development of radar now ironed out.

4. How many such incidents on record in recent years & what action taken?

DAS not necessarily informed, up to local commander to decide if a report should go to MoD?

D. UFO incidents:

1. Rendlesham Forest incident: a) what specific factors led to release of the file; b) to whom was it first released; c) when will the original file be available for scrutiny at TNA?

a) Great interest in Rendlesham incident – but since release into Publication Scheme the number of inquiries about it have fallen off;
b) Section 40 confirmed that case file was first released to DC in 2001 following his request under Code of Practice.
c) Not decided – move to TNA seen as too early at this stage. Has to be reviewed?

2. Photographic cases: what (if any) criteria do they apply to decide whether or not they should examine a photo?

No fixed criteria, very unusual that they take an interest.
Section 40 photograph: they took an interest due to "great deal of trouble" on the part of Section 40 who had persuaded various experts at Kodak etc to look at his negatives etc. Section 40 said MoD thought it would do no harm to have their image analysts look at the photos. They had not reached any definite conclusion as to what the image showed (?) However, wary that anything they said or did could be construed wrongly.

3. Reports by Civil Aviation pilots: how many in recent years and what procedures are followed to investigate these.

CAA sightings all channelled directly to MoD for scrutiny. Question of how many received in recent years not known (separate records not kept).

4. Reports by Air Force & other personnel: how many in recent years?

No separate figures. Received and dealt with in same manner as reports from members of the public.

5. Total numbers and most likely explanation for UFO reports received within last three years.

Numbers of reports have diminished in recent years.
Most inquiries vague and refer to sightings in the past. Specific figures quoted: 2001 (203), 2002 (100), 2003 (99) and up to date in October 2004 (68).
Most reports are just 'lights in the sky' too vague for them to investigate or reach a conclusion. They do not have the resources to identify these. They do not provide an identification service.
Amount of time spent on investigating UFO reports: difficult to say but possibly around 3 hours Section 40 quoted figure from 1979 House of Lords debate.
MoD do not visit witnesses and do not appear to be aware that witnesses have been visited and interviewed in the past (circa 1967-68).

*Rise and fall in the numbers of reports seems to be related to media interest, newspaper stories and films such as 'Signs' which generated a number of questions to MoD about crop circle phenomenon.

D.Clarke
9 October 2004
revised 22 November 2004

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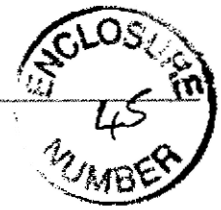

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Section 40

I have heard back from the US Air Attaché, Colonel Section 40 and he has asked for an extension to the deadline due to the Christmas Grant and New Year holiday. He has informed me that we will have an official decision from the US authorities by 25 Feb 05 at the latest.

Hope Dr Clarke will allow us this dispensation and I do feel confident that we will have an answer from the Embassy by end-Feb.

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DAVID CLARKE ENQUIRY - 23 NOVEMBER 2004: Records issues

1. You left me a copy of Dr Clarke's letter dated 23 November 2004 as he had raised number of records issues that required clarification.

2. My comments:

	Query	*Response*
QB(6)pg5	Paragraphs from pg 2 of the Flying Sauce Working Party report of 1951 (DEFE 44/119) withheld under S3(4) of PRA. Has any progress been made on the release of this?	No progress. **Not for Dr Clarke - we plan to hasten the US authorities for a reply.**
Annex A Pg1	a) Is possible to supply a list of the files due for release in 2006(13), 2007 (13), 2008 (11) and 2009 (6). b) File refs AF/BJ84/76 (Sir John Langford-Holt) and AF/BY76/76 (Dr Coleman) are dated 1976 and yet do not appear on the TNA catalogue. Is there any reason why they remain "in transit" given their dates? c) The file listed as DEFE 24/1291 (former ref D/DS8/75/2/3D) appears on your original list (28 July 2003) and on the TNA catalogue as DEFE 24/1208. Which piece number is the correct one?	An updated list located at Annex A. **Note footnote No 1.** The preparation of file for transfer can take a considerable period of time. Following selection at review, there is cleaning (repairing the file from the ravage of time to The National archives standards), draft cataloguing, clearance by TNA staff and then the decision by Kew to accept (collect the file). They both apparently have identical former references. **Not for Dr Clarke: DEFE 24/1208 is already at TNA so cannot be checked**

		by MOD staff, but as both have identical former refs I suspect that when files originally raised an error occurred in DS8. 1208 believed to be unedited reports.
Annex Pg 2	a) The seven files beginning with D/DS8/75/2/3C (1977) listed as TBA and "not yet transferred" appear to have been transferred to TNA, possibly since this annex was complied. I have identified them on the TNA catalogue as DEFE 24/1205-7 and DEFE 24/1209-1212. Could you confirm that these are the same file? b) Five "Defence Intelligence" files (DEFE 31/177-181) appear to form part of the DI 55 archive but these five do not appear on the list you supplied on 28 July 2003. I understand that all these files (except one, the 1993 Cosford incident) were contaminated by asbestos. On Annex A they are shown as "not yet transferred to TNA". Could you confirm that these files are not those listed as contaminated? Does this mean that they are accessible under FOIA?	Yes. These have been re-catelogued as DEFE 31/163 to 167. All five are at TNA.
Annex A Pg 3	"Missing Files". Notify me as and when any of these missing files are located and allocated TNA references.	Four of the five file have now turned up and are awaiting assignment to DEFE 71 (subject to TNA agreement).

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Annex A

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - FILES IDENTIFIED AS PRESERVED IN/FOR THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RELEASE DATES[1] - AS AT 15 DECEMBER 2004

Already open		**108**
To be released		
2005	**13**	
2006	**9**	
2007	**13**	
2008	**10**	
2009	**10**	
2010	**5**	
To Be Allocated TNA references	**34**	
Held at Feltham [2]	**1**	
Retained [3]	**1**	
Total carried over		**96**
Total identified (released/unreleased)		**204**

AIR 2 - AIR MINISTRY and MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: REGISTERED FILES			
16918	1961-63	UFO's: sightings, reports by members of the public **(FILE ORIGINALLY RELEASED IN A SANITISED FORM. EXTRACTS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED).**	AF/X59/64 Pt 5
17318	1963	Ditto **(FILE ORIGINALLY RELEASED IN A SANITISED FORM. EXTRACTS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED).**	AF/X59/64 Pt 6
17528	1964	Ditto **(FILE ORIGINALLY RELEASED IN A SANITISED FORM. EXTRACTS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED).**	AF/X59/64 Pt 7
17527	1965	Ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 7
17982	1965-66	Ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 9
17983	1966	Ditto **(17527, 17982 & 17983 OPEN - RELEASED 1997).**	AF/X59/64 Pt 10
17984	1966-67	Ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 11
18115	1967	Unidentified flying objects: reports	AF/CX38/67 Pt 1
18116	1967	Ditto **(17984, 18115 & 18116 OPEN - RELEASED 1998).**	AF/X38/67 Pt 2
18117	1967-68	Ditto **(OPEN - RELEASED1999).**	AF/CX38/67 Pt 3

[1] **This list is an ad hoc record of Ministry of Defence files relating to the ufo phenomena preserved, or selected for preservation, at The National Archives. It is not a definitive record of files on this subject of files preserved at TNA. The inclusion of a file on this list or TNA catalogue does not ensure its availability at Kew.**

[2] **One file, although prepared for TNA, affected by contamination of the OWOB basement has been isolated and relocated to a secure store.**

[3] **Although DEFE 19/9 is retained the DSI/JSTI Report NO 7 has been extracted (and replaced with a copy) and released as DEFE 44/119.**

18183	1968-69	Unidentified flying objects **(OPEN - RELEASED 2000).**	AF/7463/72 Pt 2
18564	1957-71	UFO Reports: West Freugh 1957	AF/CX1295/72
18565	1970-71	UFO Reports **(18564 & 18565 OPEN - RELEASED 2002).**	AF/7463/72 Pt 3
18872	1972-73	UFO Reports **(RELEASED 2004).**	AF/7464/72 Pt I
18873	1973-74	UFO reports **(DUE FOR RELEASE 2005).**	AF/7464/72 Pt II
18874	1974-75	UFO reports **(DUE FOR RELEASE 2006).**	AF/7464/72 Pt III
18920	1975-76	UFO reports	AF/7464/72 Pt IV
18921	1976	Ditto **(18920 & 18921 DUE FOR RELEASE 2007).**	AF/7464/72 Pt V
18949	1975 Aug 01 - 1976 Jun 30	UFO reports: edited **(DUE FOR RELEASE 2007).**	AF/447
18950	1974 Feb 01 - 1974 Feb 28	UFO reports	AF/585
18951	1974 Mar 01 - 1974 Mar 31	Ditto	AF/586
18952	1974 Apr 01 - 1974 Apr 30	Ditto	AF/587
18953	1974 May 01 - 1974 May 31	Ditto	AF/588
18954	1974 Jun 01 - 1974 Jun 30	Ditto	AF/589
18955	1974 Jul 01 - 1974 Jul 31	Ditto	AF/590
18956	1974 Aug 01 - 1974 Aug 31	Ditto	AF/591
18957	1974 Sep 01 - 1974 Sep 30	Ditto	AF/592
18958	1974 Oct 01 - 1974 Oct 31	Ditto	AF/593
18959	1974 Nov 01 - 1974 Nov 30	Ditto	AF/594
18960	1974 Dec 01 - 1974 Dec 31	Ditto **(1890 - 1896 DUE FOR RELEASE 2005)**	AF/595
18961	1975 Jan 01 - 1975 Jan 31	Ditto	AF/596
18962	1975 Feb 01 - 1975 Feb 28	Ditto	AF/597
18963	1975 Mar 01 - 1975 Mar 31	Ditto	AF/598
18964	1975 Apr 01 - 1975 Apr 30	Ditto	AF/599
18965	1975 May 01 - 1975 May 31	Ditto	AF/600
18966	1975 Jun 01 - 1975 Jun 30	Ditto	AF/601
18967	1975 Jul 01 - 1975 Jul 31	Ditto	AF/602

18968	1975 Dec 01 - 1975 Dec 31	Ditto **(18961 - 18968 DUE FOR RELEASE 2006).**	AF/607
18969	1976 Jan 01 - 1976 Jan 31	Ditto	AF/608
18970	1976 Feb 01 - 1976 Feb 31	Ditto	AF/609
18971	1976 Mar 01 - 1976 Mar 28	Ditto	AF/610
18972	1976 Apr 01 - 1976 Apr 31	Ditto	AF/611
18973	1976 May 01 - 1976 May 30	Ditto	AF/612
18974	1976 Jun 01 - 1976 Jun 31	Ditto	AF/613
18975	1976 Sep 01 - 1976 Sep 30	Ditto	AF/616
18976	1976 Oct 01 - 1976 Oct 31	Ditto	AF/617
18977	1976 Nov 01 - 1976 Nov 30	Ditto	AF/618
18978	1976 Dec 01 - 1976 Dec 31	Ditto **(18969 - 18978 DUE FOR RELEASE 2007)**	AF/619
19083	1974 Jan 01 - 1974 Feb 28	Ditto **(DUE FOR RELEASE 2005)**	AF/584
19086	1970 May 01 - 1971 Aug 31	UFO policy and policy statements **(OPEN - RELEASED 2002).**	AF/3459//75
19125	1967-73	Reported sightings of UFOs **(RELEASED 2004)**	PAT(OPS)/3/11/AIR Pt 1
19126	1967-1973	Statistical analysis of UFOs	S4f(Air)U/506
19117	1972-1973	UFOs: BBC Radio Oxford programme **(19126 & 12127 RELEASED 2004)**	AF/S4F(Air)422
19119	1971-1972	UFOs: Man Alive programme BBC2 **(RELEASED 2003)**	AF/419
19173	Sept 1970	Aircraft Accident Report: Lightning F6 XS894, 5 Squadron	
AIR 2/19192 last piece transferred to TNA in July 2004			
AIR 14 AIR MINISTRY: BOMBER COMMAND: REGISTERED FILES			
2800	1943	No 115 Squadron: news sheet "Bang On" No 1 **(OPEN - RELEASED 1972).**	
AIR 14/4590 last piece transferred to TNA in may 2004			
AIR 16 AIR MINISTRY: FIGHTER COMMAND: REGISTERED FILES			
1199	1952 Sep	Flying saucers: occurrence reports: service personnel at Topcliffe station, Thirsk and local public sector	IIH1/188/1/17 Top/C16/Air

		(OPEN).	
AIR 16/1482 last piece transferred to TNA in August 1999			
AIR 20 AIR MINISTRY, and MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: AIR HISTORICAL BRANCH: UNREGISTERED PAPERS			
7390	1950-54	Unidentified aircraft (flying objects): reports	II/127/3/48
9320	1957	Parliamentary questions on UFOs	MR 008614/193
9321	1957	Ditto	MR 008614/213
9322	1957	Ditto	MR 008614/220
9994	1953-57	Ditto **(7390, 9320-9322 & 9994 OPEN).**	IIH/273/10/4
11612	1967-68	Unidentified flying objects	MR 073414
11694	1968 Jan	Ditto	ID48/69 AF/S4f(Air)512
11695	1968 Feb	Ditto	ID48/70 AF/S4F(Air)513
11696	1968 Dec	Ditto **(11612, 11694-11696 OPEN - RELEASED1999).**	ID48/80 AF/S4F(Air)523
11887	1967 Aug	Ditto	ID48/44 AF/S4F(Air)507
11888	1967 Sep	Ditto	ID48/45 AF/S4f(Air)508
11889	1967 Oct	Ditto	ID48/46 Pt 1 AF/S4f(Air)509
11890	1967 Oct	Ditto	ID48/46 Pt 2 AF/S4f(Air)509
11891	1967 Nov	Ditto	ID48/67 Pt 1 AF/S4f(Air)510
11892	1967 Nov	Ditto	ID48/67 Pt 2 AF/S4f(Air)510
11893	1967 Dec	Ditto **(11887 - 11893 OPEN - RELEASED 1998).**	ID48/68 AF/S4f(Air)511
11894	1968 Mar	Ditto	ID48/71 AF/S4f(Air)514
11895	1968 Apr	Ditto	ID/48/72 AF/S4F(Air)515
11896	1968 May	Ditto	ID/48/73 AF/S4f(Air)516
11897	1968 Jun	Ditto	ID/48/74 AF/S4f(Air)517
11898	1968 Jul	Ditto	ID/48/75 AF/S4f(AIR)518
11899	1968 Aug	Ditto	ID/48/76 AF/S4f(Air)519
11900	1968 Sep	Ditto	ID/48/77 AF/S4f(Air)520
11901	1968 Oct	Ditto	ID/48/78 AF/S4f(Air)521
11902	1968 Nov	Ditto	ID/48/79

		(11894 - 11902 OPEN - RELEASED 1999)	AF/S4f(Air)522
12055	1969 Jan	Ditto	ID/48/81 AF/S4f(Air)524
12056	1969 Feb	Ditto	ID/48/82 AF/S4f(Air)525
12057	1969 Mar	Ditto	ID/48/83 AF/S4f(Air)526
12058	1969 Apr	Ditto	ID/48/84 AF/S4f(Air)527
12059	1969 May	Ditto	ID/48/85 AF/S4f(Air)528
12060	1969 Jun	Ditto	ID/48/86 AF/S4f(Air)529
12061	1969 Jul	Ditto	ID/48/87 AF/S4f(Air)530
12062	1969 Aug	Ditto	ID/48/88 AF/S4f(Air)531
12063	1969 Sep	Ditto	ID/48/89 AF/S4f(Air)532
12064	1969 Oct	Ditto	ID/48/90 AF/S4f(Air)533
12065	1969 Nov	Ditto	ID/48/91 AF/S4f(Air)534
12066	1969 Dec	Ditto (12055 - 12066 OPEN - RELEASED 2000)	ID/48/92 AF/S4f(Air)535
12067	1970 Jan	Ditto	ID/48/93 AF/S4f(Air)536
12297	1970 Feb	Ditto	ID/48/94 AF/S4f(Air)537
12298	1970 Mar	Ditto	ID/48/95 AF/S4f(Air)538
12299	1970 Apr	Ditto	ID/48/96 AF/S4f(Air)539
12300	1970 May	Ditto	ID/48/97 AF/S4f(Air)540
12301	1970 Jun	Ditto	ID/48/98 AF/S4f(Air)541
12302	1970 Jul	Ditto	ID/48/99 AF/S4f(Air)542
12303	1970 Aug	Ditto	ID/48/100 AF/S4f(Air)543
12304	1970 Sep	Ditto	ID/48/101 AF/S4f(Air)544
12305	1970 Oct	Ditto	ID/48/102 AF/S4f(Air)545
12306	1970 Nov	Ditto (12067, 12297 - 12306 OPEN - RELEASED 2001).	ID/48/103 AF/S4f(Air)546
12399	1971-72	UFO reports	ID/47/274 Pt 4
12400	1972 Jan	Ditto	ID/48/117
12401	1972 Feb	Ditto	ID/48/118
12402	1972 Mar	Ditto	ID/48/119
12403	1972 Apr	Ditto	ID/49/120

12404	1972 May	Ditto	ID/48/121
12405	1972 Jun	Ditto	ID/48/122
12406	1972 Jul	Ditto	ID/48/123
12407	1972 Aug	Ditto	ID/48/124
12408	1972 Sep	Ditto	ID/48/125
12409	1972 Oct	Ditto	ID/48/126
12410	1972 Nov	Ditto	ID/48/127
12411	1972 Dec	Ditto **(12399 - 12411 RELEASED 2003)**	ID/48/128
12544	1973 Jan	Ditto	ID/48/129
12545	1973 Feb	Ditto	ID/48/130
12546	1973 Mar	Ditto	ID/48/131
12547	1973 Apr	Ditto	ID/48/132
12548	1973 May	Ditto	ID/48/133
12549	1973 Jun	Ditto	ID/48/134
12550	1973 Jul	Ditto	ID/48/135
12551	1973 Aug	Ditto	ID/48/136
12552	1973 Sep	Ditto	ID/48/137
12553	1973 Oct	Ditto	ID/48/138
12554	1973 Nov	Ditto	ID/48/139
12555	1973 Dec	Ditto **(12544 - 12555 RELEASED 2004)**	ID/48/140
TBA	Sep 1978 - Jan 1979	Unidentified Flying Objects	Hd S4(Air)/BF82
AIR 20/13011 last piece transferred to TNA in May 2004			
AIR 22 PERIODICAL RETURNS, SUMMARIES AND BULLETINIS			
93	1955	Air Ministry Secret Summary. Vol 10. No 3 Article on Flying Saucers **(OPEN - RELEASED 1986)**	IIG/101
AIR 22/549 last piece transferred to TNA in March 2003			
BJ 5 METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS			
311	1968-70	UFO: Met aspects **(OPEN 2001)**	AF/M 396/68
BJ 5/326 last piece transferred to TNA in July 2003			
DEFE 10 DIRECTORATE OF SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE AND JOINT TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE			
496	1950 Apr - 1951 Dec	Minutes of Meetings	----------
497	1952 Jan - 1954 Oct	Ditto **(496 & 497 OPEN - RELEASED 1998)**	----------
DEFE 10/978 last piece			

number transferred to TNA, date not currently available.			
DEFE 13 Private Office Papers			
1184	1977	Richard Luce MP; J Glover – UFOs **(ALTHOUGH PREPARED FOR TNA FILE HAS BEEN ISOLATED DUE TO ITS STORAGE WITH FILES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED IN OWO)**	AF/JW562/77 MR/12554
TBA	1976	Sir John Langford-Holt MO M J Hessessy – UFO Enquiry	AF/BJ84/76
TBA	1976	Dr Coleman JP Mr R J Whitrow – UFO Enquiry	AF/BY76/76
DEFE 13/1080 last piece transferred to TNA in July 2003			
DEFE 19 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: CENTRAL DEFENCE SCIENTIFIC STAFF and predecessors: REGISTERED FILES (CSA, AE 1 and A SERIES) and PAPERS			
9	1948 – 1960	Scientific intelligence. **(REMAINS CLOSED BUT INCLUDES DSI/JTIC REPORT NO 7 ON UFO STUDY. REPORT EXTRACTED AND RELEASED IN DEFE 44)**	CSA/ALPH/51
DEFE 19/238 last piece number transferred to TNA in September 2004			
DEFE 24 Defence Secretariat: Registered Files (DS Series)			
977	Jul 76 – Apr 77	UFO Reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2A
978	Apr – Sep 77	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/2B
979	Sep – Dec 77	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/2C
1205	Oct–Dec 77	UFO Reports	D/DS8/2/3C
1206	1977	Reports and correspondence **(977 – 1206 due for release 2008)**	D/DS8/8/75/2/1B
1207	Oct 77 – Mar 78	Reports and correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1C
1208	Jan – Mar 78	Ditto (Note: identical former file reference to piece 1291; except 1208 contains unedited reports whereas 1290 holds edited reports).	D/DS8/75/2/3D
1209	Apr – May 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3E
1210	Jun – Aug 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3F
1211	Nov 78	Ditto	D/DS75/2/3H
1212	Dec 78	Ditto **(1207 – 1212 due for release 2009)**	D/DS8/75/2/3J
1288	Apr – Aug 78	UFO Reports edited copies	D/DS8/75/2/2E
1289	Aug – Oct 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/2F
1290	Jan–Mar 78	Ditto (Note: identical former file reference to piece 1208; except that 1290 contains edited reports whereas 1208 does not)	D/DS8/75/2/3D
1291	Sep – Oct 78	Reports and correspondence **(1288, 1289 + 1291 due for release 2009)**	D/DS8/75/2/3G

TBA	1977	UFO Reports: Reports and correspondence, Oct-Dec 1977	D/DS8/2/3C
TBA	1977	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/1B
TBA	1978	UFO Parliamentary correspondence	D/DS8/2/3 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports and correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J
TBA	1979	UFO reports. edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D
TBA	1979	TV discussion on UFOs	D/DS8/75/6 Pt A
TBA	1979	Satellite Debris	D/DS8/75/7 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt A
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt B
TBA	1982	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt C
TBA	1982	General, briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt D
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt E
TBA	1980-96	UFOs Report of sighting Rendlesham Forest, December 1981 **Not for TNA yet - but file has been released under CODE and placed if FOI Publication Scheme**	D/Sec(AS) 12/2/1
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt F
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt G
DEFE 24/1225 last piece transferred to TNA in July 2004			
DEFE 31 DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF: REGISTERED FILES			
118	1958-63	UFO; Policy	DI/55/40/9/1 Pt 1
119	1963-67	Ditto **(118 & 119 OPEN - RELEASED 1998)**	DI/55/40/9/1 Pt 2
163	1979	UFO's: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 21
164	1979	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 22
165	1979	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 23
166	1979	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 24
167	1979	Ditto **(163-167 due for release 2010)**	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 25
DEFE 31/167 last piece transferred to TNA in June 2004			
DEFE 41 FOREIGN OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF DEFENCE:			

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH AND OVERSEAS LIAISON BRANCH: REGISTERED FILES			
74	1950	DSI/JTIC Minutes	6005/8/D 17 Vol 4
75	1951	Ditto	6005/8/D 17 Vol 5
76	1952 - 54	Ditto **(74 - 76 OPEN - RELEASED 1996)**	6005/8/D 17 Vol 6
117	1949 - 50	Unorthodox Aircraft	9017/8 **Vol 1**
153	1953 - 54	DSI/JTIC papers **(117 & 153 OPEN - RELEASED 1996)**	D19/ Vol 5
DEFE 41/161 last piece transferred to TNA in October 1998			
DEFE 44 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: DIRECTORATE of SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE, later DIRECTORATE of SCIENTIFIC and TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE: REPORTS and MEMORANDA			
119		DSI/JSTI Report NO 7	
DEFE 44/298 last piece transferred to TNA in March 2003			
DEFE 71 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (AIR): REGISTERED FILES AND BRANCH FOLDERS			
3	Jan 75 -Dec 77 (?)	Unidentified flying objects	AF/CX1528/72 Pt 2
4	Jan 75 - Dec 77 (?)	Unidentified flying objects	AF/CX1528/72 Pt 3
36	Jan-May 77	UFO Reports	D/S4(Air)8/2/3/A
37	Jun - Sep 77	Ditto **(3, 4, 34 & 35 due for release 2008)**	D/S4(Air)8/2/3 B
125	1977	Ministerial correspondence on UFO sightings on Humberside in May 1977 **(Due for release 2008)** **DEFE71/125 not yet transferred to TNA**	USofS LAF AF/JW234/77
TBA	1976	M Heseltine (Description to be confirmed)	AF/JW221/76
TBA	1976	Nigel Lawson MP Mr Aleyne Body - UFO (Description to be confirmed)	AF/JW260/76
TBA	1976	R Hattesley Esq Mr R Park - UFO (Description to be confirmed)	AF/JW270/76
TBA	1977	John Ellis - UFOs (Description to be confirmed)	MR/122505
DEFE 71/54 last piece transferred to TNA in September 2004			

MISSING FILE:

Not Hayes/DAS/Records1? If /when found for DEFE 24?	1980	UFO reports & correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G

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23 November 2004

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Many thanks for your letter of 13 October and for the material you enclosed. The additional background information supplements the verbal answers to the questions Section 40 Section 40 and I provided in advance of our meeting on 1 October. Together they provide a comprehensive account of the meeting and as such are useful for research purposes.

In return I enclose a copy of the notes I prepared afterwards, for your information. I would be grateful if you could check these and inform me of any errors that may have arisen from my shorthand notes of what was said.

As you will see there are a small number of items marked with an asterisk which I felt required further clarification. I have itemized these below:

QA (1) pg 1: Number of staff employed in DAS. My notes refer to two sections. Could you explain the responsibilities and staffing of these?

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QB (6) pg 5: Paragraphs from pg 2 of the Flying Saucer Working Party report of 1951 (DEFE 44/119) withheld under Section 3(4) of Public Records Act. Has any progress been made on the release of this?

QD (2) pg 7: Section 40 photograph. What conclusion has MoD reached concerning the nature of the image following the extensive analysis you have carried out?

QD (5) pg 8: You mentioned during our meeting that the numbers of UFO reports increased following the release of the crop circle film 'Signs.' This raises the question of MoD interest in crop circles. Is DAS responsible for answering questions on this subject? I understand that Nick Pope opened a file on this topic whilst in post at Sec(AS)2a circa 1991-2. Could you supply the reference and title of this file and any others referring to crop circles held in MoD archives?

Secondly, I refer to my email of 7 October where I mentioned a number of discrepancies in the list of UFO related files awaiting transfer to TNA (Annex A, provided on 1 October). Having scrutinised this document I have noticed that it contains a number of UFO-related files that do not appear on the list you supplied on 28 July 2003 (your ref D/DAS/64/3/11). Specifically I note the following :

Annex A, Pg1

a) referring to the table at the top of the page. Is it possible to supply a list of the files due to be released in 2006 (13), 2007 (13), 2008 (11) and 2009 (6).

b) File refs AF/BJ84/76 (Sir John Langford-Holt) and AF/BY76/76 (Dr Coleman) are Section 40 dated 1976 and yet do not appear on the TNA catalogue. Is there a reason why they remain 'in transit' given their dates ?

c) The file listed as DEFE 24/1291 (former Ref D/DS8/75/2/3D) appears on your original list (28 July 2003) and on the TNA catalogue as DEFE 24/1208. Which piece number is the correct one ?

Annexe A, Pg 2

a) The seven files beginning with D/DS8/75/2/3C (1977) listed as TBA and 'not yet transferred' appear to have been transferred to TNA, possibly since this annex was compiled. I have identified them on the TNA catalogue as DEFE 24/1205-7 and DEFE Section 40 24/1209-1212. Could you confirm these are the same files? I intend to apply to TNA for access to these and DEFE 24/1291 (or DEFE 24/1208 ?) under the FOIA in January.

b) Five 'Defence Intelligence' files (DEFE 31/177-181) appear to form part of the DI 55 archive but these five do not appear on the list you supplied on 28 July, 2003. I understood all these files (except for one, the 1993 Cosford incident) were contaminated by asbestos. On Annex A they are shown as "not yet transferred to TNA". Could you confirm these files are not among those listed as contaminated ? Does this mean they are accessible under FOIA ?

Annexe A, Pg 3

Section 40 'Missing files'. Please could you notify me as and when any of these missing files are located and allocated TNA references.

Thankyou for enclosing the copies of the documents from D/DPR(RAF)326 Part A which were outstanding from my earlier request. These are probably some of the most interesting and informative documents I have seen during my research into this subject. They contain references to a number of other 'policy' documents that presumably form part of the Sec(AS) 'UFO Policy files' for 1995-2000 (D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pts A-E). In your letter of 23 December 2003 you provided a quote for copying these five files under the Code of Practice for Access to Government Information. I intend to apply for them using the FOIA procedure in the new year.

DAS - FOI Charging?

Finally, I note that you are continuing to pursue the release of enclosures 95 and 96 from D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F (part of my earlier request) and I look forward to receiving these in due course.

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In the meantime I wish to thank you and Section 40 for your help and assistance during the course of the year, and wish you both a happy Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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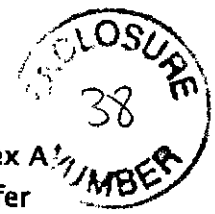
Copy given to Mr Clarke at meeting 11/06/04



Annex A

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - FILES NOT YET TRANSFERRED (i.e. awaiting transfer and/or listing) - AS AT 13 September 2004

Already open		**105**
To be released		
2005	**13**	
2006	**9**	
2007	**13**	
2008	**11**	
2009	**6**	
Awaiting Transfer	**9**	
Awaiting Listing/transfer	**34**	
Stored at Feltham [1]	**1**	
Retained 53(4) [2]	**1**	
Too soon for TNA [3]	**1**	
Total carried over		**98**
Total identified (released/unreleased)		**203**

The National Archives: Letter Code and piece number	*Date*	*Description of piece*	*Former reference*
DEFE 13 Private Office Papers			
1184	1977	Richard Luce MP: J Glover - UFOs **(ALTHOUGH PREPARED FOR TNA FILE HAS BEEN ISOLATED DUE TO ITS STORAGE WITH FILES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED IN OWO)**	AF/JW562/77 MR/12554
Piece number to be allocated (TBA)	1976	Sir John Langford-Holt MO M J Hessessy - UFO Enquiry	AF/BJ84/76
TBA	1976	Dr Coleman JP Mr R J Whitrow - UFO Enquiry	AF/BY76/76
DEFE 19 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: CENTRAL DEFENCE SCIENTIFIC STAFF and predecessors: REGISTERED FILES (CSA, AE 1 and A SERIES) and PAPERS			
9	1948 - 1960	Scientific intelligence. **(RETAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH S3(4) OF PRA, BUT INCLUDES DSI/JTIC REPORT NO 7 ON UFO STUDY. REPORT EXTRACTED AND RELEASED IN DEFE 44)**	CSA/ALPH/51
DEFE 24 Defence Secretariat: Registered Files (DS Series)			
1289	Apr - Aug 78	UFO Reports edited copies	D/DS8/75/2/2E
1290	Aug - Oct 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/2F
1291	Jan - Mar 78	UFO Reports	D/DS8/75/2/3D
1292	Sep - Oct 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3G

[1] One file, although prepared for TNA, has been temporarily relocated to Feltham as part of a consignment of files contaminated with asbestos.

[2] Although DEFE 19/9 is retained the DSI/JSTI Report NO 7 has been extracted (and replaced with a copy) and released as DEFE 44/119.

[3] Rendlesham Forest occurrence (1980-96) - file already placed in Publication Scheme.

		(1289 - 1292 Not yet transferred - due for release 2009)	
TBA	1977	UFO Reports: Reports and correspondence, Oct-Dec 1977	D/DS8/2/3C
TBA	1977	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/1B
TBA	1977-78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/1C
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3E
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3F
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3H
TBA	1978	Ditto **(TBA TNA class & piece numbers - due for release 2007/08)**	D/DS8/75/2/3J
TBA	1978	UFO: Parliamentary correspondence	D/DS8/2/3 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports and correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports. edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D
TBA	1979	TV discussion on UFOs	D/DS8/75/6 Pt A
TBA	1979	Satellite Debris	D/DS8/75/7 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt A
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt B
TBA	1982	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt C
TBA	1982	General, briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt D
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt E
NOT FOR TNA (YET)	1980-96	UFOs Report of sighting Rendlesham Forest, December 1981 **Not for TNA yet - but file has been released under CODE and placed in FOI Publication Scheme**	D/Sec(AS) 12/2/1
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt F
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt G
DEFE 31 DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF: REGISTERED FILES			
177	?	UFO's: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 21
178	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 22
179	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 23
180	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 24
181	?	Ditto **(177 -181 due for release 2010?)** **NOT YET TRANSFERRED TO TNA (as at Jun 04)**	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 25

MISSING FILES: After an extensive search of Hayes, Records1 and DAS [although Hayes state that items 1-5 with Records1]

Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1976	M Heseltine	AF/JW221/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1	1976	Nigel Lawson MP Mr Aleyne Body - UFO	AF/JW260/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1976	R Hattersley Esq Mr R Park - UFO	AF/JW270/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1977	John Ellis - UFOs	MR/122505
Hayes?	1979	Unidentified Flying Object	MR/122433
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1980	UFO reports & correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G

Note:

Items 1-5 - if located to be assigned to DEFE 13
Item 6 - if located to be assigned to DEFE 24

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

D/DS8/2/3 Pt C	UFO Reports	Oct –Dec 1977	For release in 2008. TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1205 (Provisional)
D/DS8/2/3 Pt D	UFO Reports	Jan-March 1978	For release in 2009 TNA DEFE 24/1207 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref:24/1206
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H	UFO Reports & Correspondence	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt A	UFO Reports: Edited	April – July 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/977
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt B	UFO Reports: Edited	April-September 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/978
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt C	UFO Reports: Edited	Sept – Dec 1977	For release in 2008 TNA Ref: DEFE24/979
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt D	UFO Reports: Edited	1977	For release in 2009 TNA Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt E	UFO Reports: Edited	April – Aug 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt F	UFO Reports: Edited	Aug-Oct 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K	UFO Reports: Edited	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L	UFO Reports: Edited	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M	UFO Reports: Edited	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt D	UFO Reports & Correspondence	Jan- Mar 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1208 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt E	UFO Reports	April-May 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1209 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt F	UFO Reports	June-Aug 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1210 (Provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt G	UFO Reports	Sept-Oct 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref to be allocated
D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt H	UFO Reports	Nov 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1211 (Provisional)

D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt J	UFO Reports	Dec 1978	For release in 2009 TNA Ref: DEFE 24/1212 (provisional)
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D	UFO Reports	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B	UFO Reports	1980	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/3	UFOs: Parliamentary Correspondence	1978	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	TV Discussion on UFOs	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/75/7 Pt A	Satellite Debris	1979	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1981	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt B	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1981	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt D	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1982	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt E	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1983	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt F	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209 Pt G	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1983	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1984	Held in MOD
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt C	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A	UFO Policy	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt A	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt B	UFO Reports	1985	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt C	UFO Reports	1986	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt D	UFO Reports	1987	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt E	UFO Reports	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt F	UFO Reports	1988	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt G	UFO Reports	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt H	UFO Reports	1989	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt I	UFO Reports	1990	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt J	UFO Reports	1990	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt K	UFO Reports	1991	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt L	UFO Reports	1992	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt M	UFO Reports	1993	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt N	UFO Reports	1994	Held in MOD

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

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

D/DAS/64/3 Pt Y	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June – Nov 2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Z	UFO-Public Correspondence & Requests for information	Dec 2002 to 2003 (June)	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3 Pt AA	UFO –Public Correspondence & Requests for information	June 2003 to Present	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/1 Pt A	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent	1996-1999	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/1 Pt B	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1999 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/2	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1998 – 2000	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/3	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1997 – 2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/4	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1997-1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/5	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1996 –2001	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/6	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/7	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1994-1999	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/8	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1997-1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/9	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	1996 – 1998	Held in MOD
D/Sec(AS)64/3/10	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent	2000 –2003	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt A	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	1999 –2001	Held in MOD
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt B	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2001 –2002	Held in MOD
D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt C	UFO Correspondence-Persistent Correspondent – Dr David Clarke	2002	Held in MOD

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

D/DI55/108/15 Pt 5	UFO Policy	1996 – 2000	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 6	UFO Policy	2000 – 2002	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15 Pt 7	UFO Policy	2002 to Present	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 9	UFO Incident Reports	Period not known	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 32	UFO Incident Reports	Feb 1978 – Jan 1983	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 34	UFO Incident Reports	June 1983 – Mar 1985	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 35	UFO Incident Reports	April 1985 – Dec 1986	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 36A	UFO Incident Reports	Dec 1986 – Nov 1987	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 36B	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1987-July 1988	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 37	UFO Incident Reports	Aug 1988 – July 1989	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 38	UFO Incident Reports	July – Dec 1989	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 39	UFO Incident Reports	Jan 1990 – June 1991	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 40	UFO Incident Reports	June 1991 – Jan 1992	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 41	UFO Incident Reports	Feb 1992 – April 1993	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 42	UFO Incident Reports	April – Oct 1993	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 43	UFO Incident Reports	Oct 1993 –Jan 1994	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 44	UFO Incident Reports	Jan – May 1994	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 45	UFO Incident Reports	June – Nov 1994	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 46	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1994 – May 1995	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 47	UFO Incident Reports	June 1995 – Jan 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 48	UFO Incident Reports	Feb – July 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 49	UFO Incident Reports	Aug – Oct 1996	Held in MOD
D/DI55/108/15/1 Pt 50	UFO Incident Reports	Nov 1996 – Dec 1997	Held in MOD
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MO/9/18 Pt I(?)	UFO Policy	1996	Held in MOD
DRP(RAF)326/2 Pt A	Security Matters – Correspondence UFOs	2000	Held in MOD
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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 42

Dr David Clarke
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
13th October 2004

Dear Dr Clarke

It was very good to meet you and Section 40 on 1 October. Section 40 and myself hope you found our discussion useful. I promised at our meeting to let you have details of the areas we covered at our meeting, together with some further background information to the questions you provided in your letter of 25 August. This is attached at Annex A.

At our meeting you additionally asked whether UFO files that are held at The National Archive, but not yet available, will be released immediately on 1 January 2005. I have consulted our records staff, who advise that this was an FOI initiative by TNA, but it is up to TNA to decide when they will release material they hold. We suggest that you look out for announcements by TNA.

Section 40 also raised a question about whether balloons can be seen on radar and the possibility of terrorist organisations using balloons to infiltrate UK airspace. I will write to Section 40 Section 40 separately, but for your information, our radar specialist has advised that there is currently no threat assessment that any terrorist organisation is using balloons. It is possible to see balloons on air defence radar, but the radar is configured to ignore objects such as balloons, flocks of birds, etc in order to avoid cluttering the radar screen. Civil air traffic radar are able to see balloons and will alert air defence staff of any unusual air activity that may be a threat to the security of UK airspace.

Finally, please find enclose a copy of the documents from D/DPR(RAF)326 Part A which were outstanding from your earlier request. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We are still pursuing the possible release of enclosures 95 and 96 from D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F and I will write to you again as soon as we have a decision.

I hope this information will help you with any areas that were unclear after our meeting, but if you require any further clarification, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Annex A to D/DAS/64/3/11
Dated 13th October 2004

Section (A) MOD Policy and UFOs

1) Which documents / briefings form the basis of current policy? What is the earliest dated document currently used for policy?

MOD policy on UFOs has not been through periodic formal reviews, but has evolved over many years. There is therefore no particular document or instruction which is used by current staff when handling UFO reports and correspondence. The policy has changed little over the years and has generally been based on two areas of interest. The first, to see if the reports provide any evidence that UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised aircraft and secondly, to see if they contained any information of value about the performance and threat of foreign weapons systems, nuclear, chemical and biological warfare programmes and emerging technologies. The policy of routinely examining reports for these reasons remained until December 2000 when the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) decided that as they had received reports for 30 years without any producing anything of interest to them, they no longer wished to see them.

The earliest surviving UFO Policy file dates from 1970-71 and is already available for viewing at The National Archives. The earliest file held by DAS dates from 1985.

2) Outline of working relationships of the departments / branches responsible for dealing with UFO matters the process whereby MOD receives and investigates reports.

There are now only two departments routinely involved with processing UFO reports. The first of these is DAS who is the focal point for matters relating to UFOs and the other is the air defence experts whose expertise we call upon on occasion for advice. All UFO reports are handled by DAS and are only referred to the air defence staff where DAS feels there may be something of interest to them. Staff resources allocated to this task in DAS is 1.5 people, with supervision by an Assistant Director. It forms the lesser part of responsibilities of the Desk Officers.

3) What factors lay behind DIST decision of October 2000 that they are no longer interested in receiving reports?

DIS staff decided in late 2000 that as they had looked at UFO reports for 30 years and none had ever revealed any useful information to them, they no longer wished to see them.

4) How far are current DAS personnel aware of the past involvement of the MOD in UFO matters and how they got involved (is there any form of history describing which secretariat was responsible for the subject in the past, etc?)

The MOD has only a limited interest in UFO sightings and current staff do not study the history of the MOD's involvement in UFO matters, nor do they need to in order to process sighting reports. When asked questions about the MOD's past involvement in these matters any surviving files of the period are examined in order to give as accurate a reply as possible.

5) Would it be possible to contact previous incumbents of S4(Air), DS8 etc for interviews as part of this study?

Civil Servants move posts every few years and it is not our policy to assist individuals to contact previous members of this branch. It is for the present incumbent of this post to answer questions relating to these matters.

6) Reasons why MOD are reluctant to take part in public discussion of UFO matters or to provide a "spokesperson" for media?

The MOD's interest in UFO sightings is limited to the defence of UK airspace from hostile air activity, not the exploration of space or the search for life on other planets. Clearly there are those who refuse to believe this and wish instead to believe that the MOD is covering up knowledge of alien activity. No amount of public discussion or debate is likely to change this view and the MOD does not have the time or resources to get involved in such activity on a subject of limited interest. If the media have any questions, they are able to contact the MOD Press Office just as they can on any other defence issue.

7) MOD Publication Scheme and UFOs: what factors led the MOD to accept there was a "public interest" in the subject and how they intend to address this.

The MOD has been aware that there is a public interest in UFO matters for a number of years. Until the Freedom of Information Act is introduced in January 2005 all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act 1998 and are generally closed from public viewing for a period of 30 years after the date of the last enclosure. The Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code) is an open government initiative introduced in 1994 (revised in 1997) to encourage the provision of information unless its disclosure would be harmful. Until the introduction of the FOIA there is no statutory obligation on Government departments to release information. The MOD Publication Scheme is part of the introduction of the FOIA and when launched in 2002 we saw it as an opportunity to make some of the most frequently requested information more widely available.

8) What is the MOD's view of former incumbents of the 'UFO Desk' giving media interviews as de facto 'MOD spokesman' when the opinions expressed conflict with those of the department? This question refers to your letter to Section 40 **of 17 November 2003 where you state that the Ministry is keen to 'ensure that any personal viewpoint is not presented as MOD policy'.**

It would be inappropriate for us to discuss individuals but individuals can express their personal views, provided that they make it clear they are not acting in an official capacity.

9) Nick Pope frequently refers to his time at the UFO desk as being part of "The Project". Was this term ever used for MOD UFO investigations, formally or informally?

We have never heard of, or seen such a term having ever been used in the MOD.

10) Does the role that Nick Pope occupied still exist? Is there an unclassified role description of that post available?

I now perform the UFO desk duties previously performed by Nick Pope. My official title is Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information and my duties include UFO matters. I am also the Freedom of Information focal point for the Air staff. I have one member of staff who assists me in these duties.

11) Why in 1995 did Sec(AS)2a Section 40 inform a member of the public that RAF Rudloe Manor / Flying Complaints Flight acted as "a co-ordination point" for UFO reports received by the RAF prior to 1992? Why has this matter been previously denied by previous incumbents of Sec(as)2a?

Section 40's statement in 1995 was correct. Until 1992 the Flying Complaints Flight (FCF), based at RAF Rudloe Manor, was the central co-ordination point for any UFO reports made to RAF Stations (from whatever source, i.e. members of the public or service personnel). Its function was simply to record details and pass the reports directly to Sec(AS)2a. No action was taken on the reports by staff in the FCF. The FCF no longer have any involvement in the central collection of these reports. We do not know why this might have been denied by previous incumbents of Sec(AS)2a but if you would like to show us a specific example we could look at our records to see if there is an explanation.

Section (B) FOIA and archive material

1) The future of Defence Intelligence files subject to asbestos contamination – what other subject areas are affected?

The Old War Office basement provided accommodation for the storage of files from three MOD branches; the Defence Intelligence Staff: the Departmental Records Officer (on behalf of the whole MOD) and the Air Historical Branch. All of the affected files have now been removed to another defence facility and a Project Board has been set up to consider options for the future of this information. No decisions have been made at this time.

2) Future preservation of UFO files and destruction of files – possibility of storage in electronic formats.

All MOD files are reviewed by the Departmental Record Officer at various times during their life and can be destroyed depending on whether they are considered to be of continuing administrative historical value. A list of those selected for possible preservation is sent to The National Archives (TNA) for approval. Electronic records are only just being created so it is too soon to consider preservation of these at TNA. We expect, however, that they will follow a similar review process to paper documents.

3) How applications for access to UFO files held by MOD and MOD archives will proceed after January 2005 under FOIA.

Under the FOIA requests for information must be made in a permanent form (ie. Letter or e-mail, not telephone) and must contain a name and postal address for a reply. Responses will be handled in a similar way to those processed under the Code.

4) Status and titles of files currently in process of transfer from the MOD to TNA – possible dates of transfer etc.

Please refer to the table I handed to you at our meeting. This shows the UFO files which are currently going through the review process before transfer to TNA. This can be a lengthy process involving review by the MOD records officers and approval, cataloguing, and collection by TNA. It is therefore impossible for us to say exactly when they will be available at TNA.

5) Issue of payment for processing of files subsequently made available via the MOD publication scheme.

Until the FOIA comes into force in January 2005, the MOD will continue to operate in accordance with the Code. The Code charging regime was designed to ensure that while providing information requested, we are not creating an extra burden on the taxpayer. The charge reflects staff time and resources which are being used to provide the information for individual requests. The purpose of the Publication Scheme is to enable the Department to make frequently requested information widely available. Information is released into the Scheme in classes. Information released in response to individual Code requests is not automatically added to the Publication Scheme, but it is possible that some of this released information may be included in future classes in the Scheme, if appropriate. We currently have no plans to refund fees paid for work carried out specifically for individual requests under the Code. The charging regime under the FOIA has yet to be finalised.

6) Status of air intelligence and scientific intelligence files currently withheld under Section 3(4) of the Public Record Act in context of FOIA.

Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act allows Government departments (with the permission of the Lord Chancellor) to retain records in the department beyond the 30 year point, where the record has been selected for TNA, but contains information which is still too sensitive for release. All of the DIS records which currently fit this description are subject to asbestos contamination. If these records are requested under the FOIA and there is no process in place to handle them safely - Health and Safety will be cited as grounds for non-compliance with the FOIA. Records retained under Section 3(4) after 1 January 2005 (which have not been contaminated) will be subject to the FOIA and can only be withheld in accordance with an FOIA exemption.

7) Possible location of pre-1962 UFO records: the issue of "missing files" that are actually misplaced within other files with titles that do not reflect their UFO content.

The department does not hold any UFO files which date before 1962. Any surviving DAS files of this period are already open in TNA. Of course it is always possible that documents may have been placed on inappropriate or seemingly unrelated files in the past and that those files have been retained in the Department for more than 30 years. There is, however, no way of identifying such documents, if indeed they exist. However, MOD records staff are aware of the public interest in UFOs and look out for any UFO related documents when reviewing the files.

8) Missing Records: The possible file location of the 1955 report on "Flying Saucers" by DDI(Tech) to ACAS(I) referred to in Parliamentary papers of Major Sir Patrick Wall held at Hull University?

The Departmental Records Organisation have confirmed that the Department does not hold any relevant file.

Section (C) Radar systems and detections of UFOs

1) Is it not a matter of concern that radar systems are contrived to ignore returns outside the parameters of known aircraft technology?

No. There is currently no suggestion or credible evidence (either here in the UK or from the international community) that there is any extra-terrestrial activity that poses a threat to UK national security.

2) Does MOD maintain separate records of unidentified radar incidents and which department performs analysis of these?

MOD does not maintain separate records of unidentified Air Defence radar incidents. This is due to the fact that there are no known incidents of the Air Defence radar or the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) detecting any object whose origin could not be explained. Air Defence radar plot data is archived for 30 days before it is overwritten. This is a flight safety requirement and is not related to concerns about unexplained radar sightings. BMEWS data is archived for 10 days before being overwritten. If radar operators did have any concerns, the radar could be "played back" and analysed by the local operational and technical subject matter experts. If this proved inconclusive, the data could be passed to specialist radar technical experts or the radar manufacturer. However, no such incidents have been recorded so this procedure has never been needed to be formalised or utilised.

3) Given ambiguous nature of unidentified radar incidents from 1950s why were detailed records from this period destroyed?

The MOD is only required to keep records until the desk officer responsible for the subject believe that they have no further administrative or operational value. As there has never been any suggestion or credible evidence that there was any extra-terrestrial activity that posed a threat to national security, the records would probably been destroyed under normal 'housekeeping' guidelines.

4) How many such incidents on record in recent years and what action was taken?

There are no records of any unidentified radar incidents in recent years.

Section (D) UFO incidents

1) Rendlesham Forest incident; a) what specific factors led to release of the file: b) to whom was it first released: c) when will the original file be available for scrutiny at TNA?

You were the first person to request a copy of the Rendlesham file in accordance with the Code and this led to the release of the file. Once other members of the public became aware that the file had been released, we received further requests for a copy of the released documents, so when the FOI Publication Scheme was launched in November 2000 we saw this as an opportunity to make these documents more widely available. With regard to the original documents on the Rendlesham Forest incident, I must inform you that MOD files can be reviewed at any time during their life, but can only be retained for a maximum of 30 years after the latest enclosure. It is normal practice to conduct the final review at the 25 year point. The last enclosure on the Rendlesham file is dated 1994, so the file could be reviewed in 2019 (if not sooner) and if selected for TNA it may be available at anytime after that date.

2) Photographic cases: what (if any) criteria do they apply to decide whether or not they should examine a photo?

We do not receive many photographs, but any that are sent to us are shown to our air defence experts to see if they show anything of interest to them. In the case of Mr Birch's photograph, which you mentioned at our meeting, he had clearly gone to a great deal of trouble himself, having his camera and film both examined by photographic experts, so exceptionally we decided to see if the our Image Analysts could provide any additional information.

3) Reports by Civil Aviation pilots: how many in recent years and what procedures are followed to investigate these.

All reports are filed in the order in which they are received, not by the source of the report and therefore we do not keep separate records of those from civil pilots. Any reports received from civilian pilots would be passed to our air defence experts to see if they judge that they contain anything of defence significance.

4) Reports by Air Force and other personnel: How many in recent years?

As above, separate records are not kept.

5) Total numbers and most likely explanation for UFO reports received within last three years.

Total number of reports received: 2001 = 203
2002 = 100
2003 = 99
2004 = 68 (as at 30 September 2004)

The MOD only examines UFO reports to see if they contain anything of defence significance. We do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA - POLICY

Ref A: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 13 May 97.

1. Thank you for your minute and your observations.

2. UFO/UAP. I note that you will continue to use the term "UFO" and appreciate your logic. We prefer to use the term UAP internally to DI(ST) since I believe that it more accurately describes the topic.

3. DIS Interests. Your existing policy statement is already classified RESTRICTED - POLICY and I believe that this is adequate to cover my suggested minor amendment. In dealing with the public I would expect you to continue to use the expression "anything of defence significance".

4. Archive. By archive I meant your UFO report files since I assumed that you retain files to assist in answering questions from the public. My proposal was meant to indicate that once the database was established we would not retain any paper reports. I do not envisage that this practice would impose any additional work on your department.

5. Database/Customers. DSc(Air) TG 3 and 4 strongly support our proposed initiative. If DAO still have no interest in any data-basing of material then I will support the minor costs involved from within my own budget. I am still prepared to include any minor DAO requirements if they do not have a significant effect on

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costs.

6. I hope that my comments have assisted in your understanding of my intentions. I have no wish to "send the public a misleading message" and I will (as always in the DIS) take appropriate steps to ensure that the public do **not** become aware of this minor project.

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/DIST/11/10 dated 25th April 1997

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference setting out the DIS interest in 'UFO' reports.

2. I was grateful for your detailed comments. I think it might be helpful if I list my observations on them in the same order (paragraph numbers in brackets in bold refer to your minute):

a. You say that you would prefer the term 'UAP' rather than 'UFO' **(para 2)**. Presentationally this would give us some problems. To the vast majority of the public - and it is the public we deal with - 'UFO' with all its 'extraterrestrial' connotations is the only one they recognise. Most are not interested in the difference and, to avoid any more confusion in their minds, we shall continue with 'UFO'.

b. You suggest **(para 3)** amending the policy statement on MOD's interest to include your own specific areas of interests. However, the current wording 'anything of defence significance' has been couched in fairly general terms so that it can be used in response to PQs, letters from the public, the media etc. We need to be quite sure that there are no hostages to fortune in saying anything more detailed. Are you content to have your interests promulgated more widely given the inevitable questioning that will follow?

c. I can assure you that we too are always careful to say that we have an open mind on this issue **(para 4)**.

d. For the future we shall copy to you (and DAO) only those sighting reports falling into the three categories set out in my minute to AOAD1 of 2nd April (D/Sec(AS)/64/1) **(para 5)**.

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e. You say (**para 6**) that you need an adequate reference system for information culled from reports and intend a database, albeit that you have not yet determined how it might be achieved, and that incorporating retrospective reports depends on the costs involved. But you also say that you have to decide whether it should be 'DIS policy to retain other reports or rely on our archive'. I am rather confused about what this means. Are the 'other' reports those copied to you **previously** which do not fall into the three categories (para d above), or those which will not be copied to you in future? Either way, I am concerned that you favour relying on our archive because you do not say what this might entail and I am afraid there are no Sec(AS) resources to support your work. If there is a DIS requirement for access to archive material I think it makes sense for DIS to retain the information.

f. Returning to the subject of a database (**para 7**), you suggest DAO's requirements also need considering and propose a single framework, sharing responsibility for data entry. However, AOAD1 has said they have no requirement for a database (D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March, para 11) and, as I made clear in my reply to him, Sec(AS) has no need of one either. It would be helpful to know who else might be a customer given Sec(AS)'s role as the MOD focal point for this subject, and what 'shared resources' might be used to implement the plan. Sec(AS) has neither staff nor money for this purpose and, I think, DAO is similarly constrained.

3. I am sorry for the length of this note but we do all need to be quite clear what, as a Department, we are doing and why. We need to be very careful about expanding 'UFO' business and, thereby, sending the public a misleading message about the extent of MOD's interest. Of course, should Government policy on this issue change, we will review the extent of our involvement accordingly.

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C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 Mar 97
D. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 Apr 97
E. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 Apr 97

1. My apologies firstly for not responding sooner to your minutes at Ref. Unfortunately it took much longer than expected, at the time of my holding reply, to recover from a number of staff changes and to give the subject sufficient attention against other priorities. I am pleased that we should have this debate since at present there is a significant mismatch between our assumed responsibilities and our ability to resource them.

Policy

2. Referring to the policy stated in your initial minute (Ref A, Annex paras 1 & 2) an immediate difficulty arises over the use of the term 'UFO'. This term is discredited in some circles and I think that consistent use of UAP would be much more satisfactory. This would then avoid an immediate association with 'extraterrestrial' phenomena and the difficulty which arises in trying to distinguish whether events are 'extraterrestrial' or not, a judgement which we are strictly incapable of making. While analysis may enable MoD to identify some phenomena, those that remain are by definition 'unidentified' rather than 'extraterrestrial'.

3. You queried at Ref A, para 3a the extent of DIST interest in UFO reports. We agree that MoD's interest has to be related to defence significance but this is not solely to determine whether

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the UK ADR is breached, as implied by the parenthetical text in your Annex, para 2. DIST's role in support of customer requirements is to assess all source intelligence on foreign weapon systems and science & technology with military relevance. We have the responsibility to decide which sources are most appropriate and how they should be weighted for assessments. We regard UAP as a source, akin in some respects to human reporting not least in that the phenomena are reported by people and may not be fully appreciated or understood at the time. This intelligence interest needs to be explicitly covered in the policy statement and we propose that your Annex, para 2 should read:

'MoD's interest in 'UAP' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance, viz:

a. whether the UKADR has been breached;

b. what intelligence is revealed on military capabilities of other countries;

c. whether scientific and technical information of military significance is revealed.'

Arrangements

4. Referring to your Annex, para 4, in the light of the above we do not consider that MoD can have no interest in extraterrestrial matters and needs to keep an open mind on whether 'unidentified' phenomena may have significance. Additionally the lack of evidence to date in the DIS on the extraterrestrial hypothesis has to reflect the fact that we have not carried out any analysis. Effectively the UAP source is unproven for DIST purposes, a situation of concern even if we never expect it to be as reliable or valuable as other sources. Two principles therefore arise:

Reports

5. Firstly DIST needs to continue to receive reports in order to make the judgements at para 3b and 3c above. It seems probable that only credible sources are likely to provide enough information for a substantive analysis and we are therefore prepared to constrain ourselves to receive reports in the categories at Ref D, para 2.

Analysis

6. Secondly DIST needs to have an adequate system in order to reference the information. In line with developing practices for other source intelligence we need a reliable system for the retention and analysis of data. Hitherto the paper records have been much too unwieldy for effective action leading to the failing noted above. The proposed filtering of reports will reduce the volume considerably and we need to take the opportunity to initiate a database now. How we do this remains to be decided. Our resources are heavily over-bid but it seems essential that we establish the database in order to reduce subsequent analysis effort to the minimum. The extent to which we incorporate retrospective reports into the database depends on the resource costs. At best we would aim to apply the proposed filters in order to reduce the task to manageable

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proportions. Concurrently we have to decide whether it should be DIS policy to retain the other reports or rely on your own archive. I favour the latter. Once the database is established and populated we would commission a limited analysis to determine whether reports possess any intelligence, S&T value or discernible patterns (locations, features, performance) and establish the residue of significant unidentified events.

7. This requirement for a database needs to be considered alongside DAO's interests and we should aim to develop a single framework and decide how to share the responsibility for data entry.

Action

8. We therefore propose to:

a. plan in conjunction with DAO and customers how to achieve the database;

b. implement the plan, sharing resources if appropriate;

c. conduct, in DIST, a limited analaysis of events;

d. review the situation once the database is accessible and no later than 12 months hence.

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Dear Dr Clarke

I am pleased to hear that you and Section 40 found our meeting helpful.

With regard to the items for discussion you sent prior to the meeting, I hope you will appreciate that Section 40 and I are not radar experts or records officers, so in order to answer your questions as fully as possible, we consulted with our colleagues and prepared some notes to assist us. As promised at the meeting, I will write to you shortly giving full answers to all of these questions which I hope will clear up any areas that remain unclear. I will also include answers to the additional questions that were raised at the meeting. If following this, however, you have any further questions, please let me know.

I now have clearance for the release of the documents from D/DPR(RAF)326 Part A which were outstanding from your earlier request and these will be enclosed with my letter. We are still pursuing the release of enclosures 95 and 96 from
D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F and I will write to you separately about these. I apologise for the length of time this is taking.

Finally, if you would like to inform me of the discrepancies regarding the list of files provided at the meeting and that which was sent to you earlier this year, I will discuss this with our records department.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

11th October 2004

From: David Clarke [mailto:Section 40
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To: Section 40
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7 October 2004

Dear Section 40 and Section 40

I am writing to thank you for what Section 40 and I felt was a most interesting and productive
meeting last Friday concerning our research into the MoD's interest in UFOs. We are grateful for allowing time for such a lengthly and frank discussion.

I hope that having had the chance to discuss the nature of our interest that you will have more of an insight into purpose and direction of our research.

As I was not able to record the proceedings my notes of what was said are patchy and incomplete,
as I expected they would be in those circumstances.

It was my impression that during the meeting you were referring to specific written answers prepared
in advance in order to provide responses to at least some of the questions. I therefore intend to send
my notes to Section 40 in the near future and request elucidation of some questions that were
inaquately covered by my notes. One section of the questions (C - 'Radar detection') appeared to
require a fuller response from specialist staff that was not available during the meeting.

In addition, having examined the list of files (Annexe A) provided, I have identified a number of
discrepancies between this list and the list of files from 1976 to present that was supplied on request earlier this year.

I will address these points in more detail in my letter.

In the meantime thank you for your assistance and please be assured that the meeting will receive no publicity and the material provided will be used for research only.

Yours sincerely,

Dr David Clarke



Further questions raised by Dr Clarke and Section 40 during meeting with DAS staff – 1 October 2004

Dr Clarke – Will files that are currently held at TNA, but are not yet available to the public (ie less than 30 years old) be released on 1 January 2005?

Section 40 – Can radar see balloons and if not, has the MOD considered that terrorist may use balloons to infiltrate UK airspace.

Handed to Section 40 by Dr Clarke 11/10/04

DISCLOSURE 39 NUMBER

Britain's Roswell?

Would the release of official documents relating to the Rendlesham Forest incident reveal that a UFO really landed? **Dr David Clarke** investigates.

THERE ARE TWO basic categories of UFO-lore: alien abductions and conspiracies. Central to the UFO-lore is belief in a conspiracy by "the Government" – and primarily those of the USA and UK – to withhold the "secret truth" from the general public. This "truth" being an admission that the authorities have proof of the alien presence on earth, in the form of the wreckage of a spacecraft and the bodies of its crew. The ultimate expression of this modern legend is the Roswell incident, but the *idea* of an official cover-up has become widespread in popular culture. The "landed Martians" is such a well known story that it was included in Professor Jan Brunvand's list of modern legends about Governments in his book, *The Choking Doberman.*

... there are similarities between UFO cover-up narratives and modern legends such as the Vanishing Hitch-hiker

Brunvand says he received a lot of angry letters for comparing UFO cover-ups with urban legends. Indeed, many "serious UFOlogists" are horrified at attempts to study these stories as the modern equivalents of fairy tales and ancient legends. However, there are similarities between UFO cover-up narratives and modern legends such as the Vanishing Hitch-hiker: stories heard as rumour and gossip. Those who pass on the story believe it really happened to a friend of a friend, and the story is given immediacy and legitimacy by the inclusion of 'real' names and places. With the arrival of the Internet, new versions spread with dizzying speed around the world, spawning new variations upon the original theme.

While Roswell is the seminal story, the Rendlesham incident is often cited as 'Britain's Roswell.' They are composed of two distinct entities: the popular myth and the few certain facts. In both cases, the two constituents have taken an independent life of their own, and continue to grow apart in ever more distant directions.

Central to the Rendlesham incidents is the testimony of a group of USAF security policemen who reported mysterious lights outside the perimeter of RAF Woodbridge, in Suffolk, on two occasions in December 1980. The most senior officer was USAF Lt Col (later Col) Charles Halt, who was the Deputy Base Commander of RAF Woodbridge. It was Halt who prepared an official memorandum summarizing these incidents for the attention of the British Ministry of Defence (MoD). At that time, Woodbridge and its twin base at Bentwaters were tenanted by USAF as part of their air defence responsibilities in Europe. Halt was, at face value, an experienced officer who was held in high regard by his superiors.



Conspiracy theories have long been one of the basic categories of UFO-lore

The Ministry of Defence and the Rendlesham incident

UFOlogists first learned that a UFO incident had occurred in the forest adjoining the twin RAF bases at Bentwaters–Woodbridge early in 1981. Although the bases were loaned to the United States Air Force (USAF) responsibility for events offbase – and indeed defence of surrounding UK airspace – rested with the MoD. Almost immediately, speculation was rife in the



Is "the Government" really withholding the "secret truth" from the public concerning crashed UFOs?

UFO community about an official cover-up.

In 1980 an air staff secretariat known as Defence Secretariat 8 (DS8) were the only Government agency officially acknowledged as having an interest in UFO reports. Policy documents released at the Public Record Office (PRO) reveal that UFOs were the lowest priority among the many other operational duties handled by DS8. A single member of staff (usually an Executive Office or Higher Executive Officer, both junior posts) spent a small proportion of his or her time examining reports received, purely for evidence of "defence significance" (i.e. for evidence that the UFOs were intruder aircraft). Essentially this policy remained unchanged since 1958 when DS8's predecessor S4 (Air) accepted responsibility for responding to all inquiries concerning UFOs. On accepting the burden, a senior civil servant suggested that in response to questions on the subject they should "for the most part be politely unhelpful."

There has been much speculation in UFO circles that DS8 and its successors was merely a "shop window" for a more covert MoD investigation team. PRO records suggest this perception is the result of a misunderstanding. Since 1958 S4 (Air) and later DS8 routinely copied all the reports they received to two other military and scientific branches of MoD. These are a defence intelligence unit, DI 55, and an RAF Ground Environment branch who are responsible for the air defence radar. Records show that neither were interested in UFOs outside of a limited defence remit, and rarely made inquiries of their own in recent years.

The MoD has historically said little or nothing in public concerning the extent and nature of their UFO investigations. Their policy of playing down the subject was in sharp contrast with the USAF, who maintained a highly public UFO project (Blue Book) until 1969. Even after the closure of Blue Book, American UFOlogists were able to use their country's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to obtain access to documents produced by a variety of official agencies. It was *via* the US FOIA in 1983 that a copy of Col Halt's memo was obtained by an American UFOlogist, and released into the public domain.

Britain is set to receive a partial FOIA in January 2005. Until recently, it was impossible to obtain information from the MoD concerning what they did, or did not, know about specific UFO reports. The Ministry maintained that all correspondence with members of the public was confidential, and files could only be released after the 30 years had passed under the Public Record Act. Under the current '30 year rule' files on the Rendlesham Forest incident would not have been made public until 2011.

When UFOlogist Jenny Randles, with Brenda Butler and Dot Street, began to investigate the story early in 1981, they were informed that Halt's report was "passed to staff concerned with air defence matters who were satisfied that there was nothing of defence interest in the alleged sightings." From 1981 until 2001 this bland statement remained the standard official response to all inquiries about the incident. While adequate for media and public consumption, it encouraged some UFOlogists to believe a cover-up was under way.

As Britain did not have a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), little progress could be made with the Ministry of Defence until very recently. In 1994 a Code of Practice for Access to Government Information was introduced that provided limited access to material closed under the 30-year rule. Paradoxically, although the UFOlogists who were promoting the case claimed they were determined to discover "the truth" about Rendlesham, until 2001 no one made use of the new legislation to request access to official records. During the research for my book *Out of the Shadows* (Clarke & Roberts, 2002), I made an application under the Code for access to records that were relevant to the case.

In May 2001 the contents of an MoD Air file – 150 pages in length – were released. The file was unclassified and contained nothing 'secret' or 'top secret' as the UFOlogists had claimed. Five documents were initially withheld, two on the grounds of "defence, security and international relations" and three briefing documents because they contained "internal opinion, advice, recommendation and deliberation." Speculation was immediately rife within the UFO community about the nature of their contents. One magazine editor declared they were withheld because they contained "top secret" information about the case, or revealed the much sought-after "smoking gun."

All five documents have now been released on appeal, the first two in October 2001 and the remaining briefings early in 2003. They contained nothing remotely "top secret" and the reasons for their retention had more to do with civil service bureaucracy than they had with the desire to conceal any "secret truth." Their significance lay in the mystery that surrounded their content.

The Smoking Gun?

Jenny Randles acknowledges that the file "tells us much more about the MoD than it does about the events in Rendlesham Forest." A small amount of material relates to the official investigation of Halt's report – if it can be so described – between 1981 and 1983. The vast majority of its content consists of long and often tedious correspondence between Sec(AS)2, the MoD secretariat which replaced DS8, and members of the public between 1982 and 1994. The later material documents the MoD's often tortuous attempts to avoid answering specific questions and its desire to avoid unwelcome publicity on the subject.

The file contains evidence that the MoD were not officially aware of the incident until DS8 received a copy of Lt Col Halt's memo, forwarded by the British base commander, early in January 1981. By the time action was taken – in the form of circulating the paperwork to other branches – a month had passed and "the scent was cold." In February checks were made with the radar cameras at Eastern Radar (RAF Watton) and the Central Reporting Centre at RAF Neatishead in Norfolk. This found "no entry in respect of unusual radar returns or other unusual occurrences."



While the alleged UFO crash at Roswell is the seminal story, the Rendlesham incident is often cited as 'Britain's Roswell'.

Unfortunately, on both occasions the MoD were reliant upon the dates of 27 and 29 December for the UFO events in Rendlesham Forest supplied by Col Halt in his memo. Both dates were incorrect, a mistake that could have been easily rectified. All the evidence suggests no follow-up request was ever made to Halt or

his USAF superiors by the MoD. This lack of official interest was confirmed by the Group Captain Neil Colvin responsible for Air Defence at MoD in 1981. In a letter dated 3 February 2003 he wrote: "I remember the alleged sightings by US airmen at Bentwaters [sic]. I recall that we could not explain them but were very sceptical of the reports. We were not privy to the actual evidence of the sightings by the personnel concerned, nor did we have the opportunity to interview the individuals involved."

Cover-up or Cock-up?

Possibly the most astounding revelation contained in the file is that it was not until 1983 – two years after the events – that the MoD obtained the correct dates. These were supplied not by the USAF but came from a member of the public! Shortly after Halt's memo was published by the *News of the World* astronomer Ian Ridpath made inquiries with Suffolk Police and was able to confirm from their records the correct date for the initial sighting by the airmen. Ridpath wrote to advise DS8 on 14 November 1983 that police had first been called to the scene in Rendlesham forest at 4.11 am on 26 December 1980. He added: "They said that all they could see was the the lighthouse [at Orfordness]. They were called out again at 10.30am on Dec 26 to examine the reported landing marks. There seems little doubt that the date of Dec 27 given in Col. Halt's letter is wrong. This also casts doubt on the second date he gives for the later events."

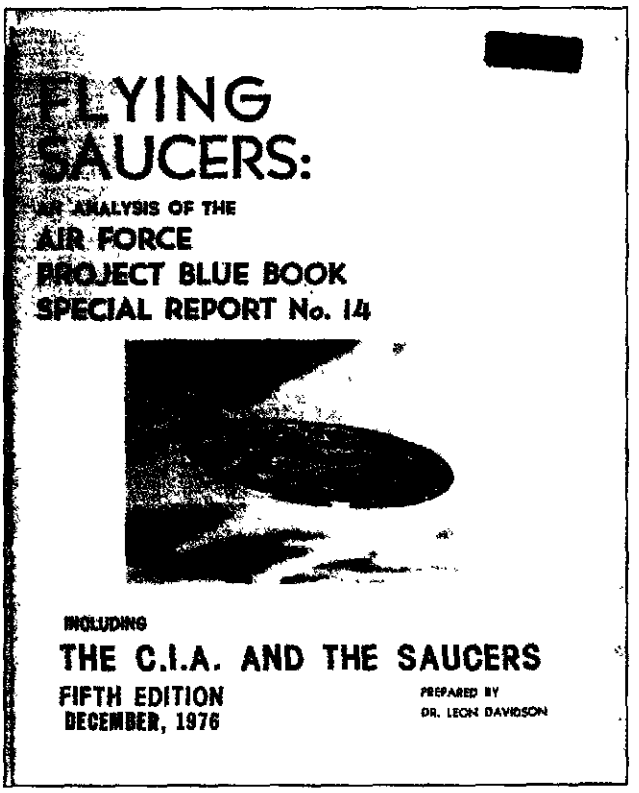
As a result of this, DS8 wrote to the RAF Base Commander, Squadron Leader Donald Moreland, asking if he could re-check the dates. Moreland's reply, dated 25 November 1983, compounded the errors and demonstrated the complete lack of interest the MoD had in the events of 1980. He wrote: "The incident is now almost 3 years old and no one here remembers it clearly. All we have is Lt Col. Halt's letter dated 13 January 1981."

This was hardly the "smoking gun" imagined by the UFOlogists. If an event of world-changing status had occurred at the base just two years earlier it was odd that "no one here remembers it clearly."

A similar lack of interest related to claims of higher than expected levels of radiation recorded by Col. Halt in the area of the forest visited by the UFOs. Early in 1981 the MoD asked its defence intelligence specialists to comment on the data recorded in Lt Col. Halt's memo, but made no attempt to establish independent confirmation of them. R.C. Moorcroft at DI 52, responding to DS8 on 23 February 1981 to the question, noted: "Background radioactivity varies considerably due to a number of factors ... If you wish to pursue this further I could make enquiries as to natural background levels in the area." There is nothing to suggest any further action was taken.

The radioactivity issue was not raised again until 1994 when Nick Pope, who was then Executive Officer at Sec(AS) 2, took the matter up with Giles Cowling at the Defence Radiological Protection Service, a branch of the Government's Defence Evaluation Research Agency (DERA). Pope's hand-written notes of his discussion with Cowling, dated 15 April 1994, form the last enclosure in the file. Pope – who subsequently described these notes as "the first and only official investigation into this aspect of the case" – ends with the comment "The level of 0.1 is completely harmless."

Oddly, in the light of his own hand-written reservations, by 1996 Pope was describing the alleged radiation traces as "the most tangible proof that something extraordinary happened there [Rendlesham Forest.]"



The USAF's highly public Project Blue Book stands in sharp contrast to the British Ministry of Defence's attitude of playing down any interest in UFOs

'UFO Lands in Suffolk – that's official!'

In October1983 the *News of the World* broke the story contained in Lt Col. Halt's memo and the MoD Press Office began to receive calls from the world's media. DS8 prepared what it called a "Defensive Press Line" anticipating the questions that might be asked. The most amusing comment noted that the MoD and USAF "both referred callers to the other ... [this] will have done nothing but confirm suspicions held in UFO circles that we are engaged in a cover-up."

When in 1984 the retired head of DS8, Ralph Noyes, contacted his former colleagues to ask for clarification of their position he had to send two reminders before receiving a standard reply. This delay con-

tributed to Noyes' increasingly public pro-UFO stance and by 1987 he came to believe that the MoD had indeed lied about the incident. He was joined by a former Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral Lord Hill-Norton. The Admiral, who became a UFO believer in retirement, also took up the case and reached the same conclusion. Ironically, whilst supporting the idea of a high level conspiracy, the Admiral asks us to believe that he was not part of it, and that the subject "never once crossed his desk" during his service as CDS!

The most recent MoD briefing on the Rendlesham Forest case contained in the file was compiled by Britain's self-styled Fox Mulder, Nick Pope, in 1994. In this Pope followed the standard MoD line that "no evidence was found of any threat to the defence of the United Kingdom and no further investigations were carried out ... no further information has come to light which alters our view that the sightings of these lights was of no defence significance ... in the absence of any hard evidence, the MOD remains open-minded about these sightings."

Pope served the standard three years as a junior officer with Sec (AS) 2 from 1991-94. After leaving this post he produced a book, *Open Skies Closed Minds* that took a pro-UFO stance. He maintains there was no cover-up of the Rendlesham incident but rather "a lack of action" by the MoD. In 2000 he provided the forward to Georgina Bruni's book on the Rendlesham incident, *You Can't Tell the People.* Although this book's author strongly believes in a cover-up by the British and US Governments, Pope failed to appreciate the contradiction in his stance. During an interview I recorded with Pope in 2001 it became clear that he had abandoned the objective viewpoint he displayed whilst working for the MoD. When asked for his current belief about what happened at Rendlesham he told us:

"As you know, despite the fact that I am a non-conspiracy theorist and a rational guy, you know that I am a believer in the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and I will go with the ETH on this one. Am I allowed to give my answer as an extraterrestrial spacecraft? That's the answer I'm going with on this case."

Conclusion

As the MoD maintained from the very beginning, there is nothing in the file to support claims that a cover-up had taken place to hide evidence of UFO landings in Suffolk. Rather than being a "smoking gun" the file contents chart the growth of a modern legend from birth to full maturity. As is the case with Roswell, the established facts have only a loose connection with the mythology that has grown up around the case in the UFO literature.

Folklore and UFO-lore share the same kind of evidence: the testimony of narrators describing extraordinary experiences. In UFO-lore reports made by military witnesses, particularly senior officers, are accredited special status. The existence of official documents describing extraordinary events is the UFOlogical equivalent of the "holy grail." This is where the circular arguments that bedevil UFO-lore begin.

The UFOlogists want to know the truth about a baffling subject and because the Government is involved it is assumed, wrongly, that it must know all the answers. From the standpoint of believers in alien visitors, all that has to be done is to force the Government to release "the truth" and the UFO reality would be established to everyone's satisfaction. Unfortunately, to use the words of Daniel Webster, "There is nothing so powerful as the truth and often nothing as strange." When information is not forthcoming, or when it is released but does not provide the conclusive evidence demanded by believers, a deeper cover-up is suspected and so the argument becomes a circular one.

The idea of an official cover-up of the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident is belief-driven and can never be disproved, only proved.

Official sources:

The MoD's policy towards UFO reports is outlined in three files available at the Public Record Office under these references:

DEFE 31/118: UFO Policy 1954-63
DEFE 31/119: UFO Policy 1967
AIR 2/19086: UFO Policy 1970-75

The contents of the MoD file on the Rendlesham UFO incident, file reference **D(Sec)AS/12/21**, has been made available online under the ministry's FOIA Publication Scheme at: *http://www.mod.uk/linked_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf*

Selected documents and analysis by the author can be found at: *http://www.flyingsaucery.com/Rendlesham/index.htm*

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Annex A

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - FILES NOT YET TRANSFERRED (i.e. awaiting transfer and/or listing) - AS AT 13 September 2004

Already open		**105**
To be released		
2005	**13**	
2006	**9**	
2007	**13**	
2008	**11**	
2009	**6**	
Awaiting Transfer	**9**	
Awaiting Listing/transfer	**34**	
Stored at Feltham [1]	**1**	
Retained S3(4) [2]	**1**	
Too soon for TNA [3]	**1**	
Total carried over		**98**
Total identified (released/unreleased)		**203**

The National Archives: Letter Code and piece number	*Date*	*Description of piece*	*Former reference*
DEFE 13 Private Office Papers			
1184	1977	Richard Luce MP; J Glover - UFOs **(ALTHOUGH PREPARED FOR TNA FILE HAS BEEN ISOLATED DUE TO ITS STORAGE WITH FILES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED IN OWO)**	AF/JW562/77 MR/12554
Piece number to be allocated (TBA)	1976	Sir John Langford-Holt MO M J Hessessy - UFO Enquiry	AF/BJ84/76
TBA	1976	Dr Coleman JP Mr R J Whitrow - UFO Enquiry	AF/BY76/76
DEFE 19 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: CENTRAL DEFENCE SCIENTIFIC STAFF and predecessors: REGISTERED FILES (CSA, AE 1 and A SERIES) and PAPERS			
9	1948 - 1960	Scientific intelligence. **(RETAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH S3(4) OF PRA, BUT INCLUDES DSI/JTIC REPORT NO 7 ON UFO STUDY. REPORT EXTRACTED AND RELEASED IN DEFE 44)**	CSA/ALPH/51
DEFE 24 Defence Secretariat: Registered Files (DS Series)			
1289	Apr - Aug 78	UFO Reports edited copies	D/DS8/75/2/2E
1290	Aug - Oct 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/2F
1291	Jan - Mar 78	UFO Reports	D/DS8/75/2/3D
1292	Sep - Oct 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3G

[1] One file, although prepared for TNA, has been temporarily relocated to Feltham as part of a consignment of files contaminated with asbestos.

[2] Although DEFE 19/9 is retained the DSI/JSTI Report NO 7 has been extracted (and replaced with a copy) and released as DEFE 44/119.

[3] Rendlesham Forest occurrence (1980-96) - file already placed in Publication Scheme.

		(1289 – 1292 Not yet transferred – due for release 2009)	
TBA	1977	UFO Reports: Reports and correspondence, Oct-Dec 1977	D/DS8/2/3C
TBA	1977	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/1B
TBA	1977-78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/1C
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3E
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3F
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3H
TBA	1978	Ditto **(TBA TNA class & piece numbers – due for release 2007/08)**	D/DS8/75/2/3J
TBA	1978	UFO: Parliamentary correspondence	D/DS8/2/3 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports and correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D
TBA	1979	TV discussion on UFOs	D/DS8/75/6 Pt A
TBA	1979	Satellite Debris	D/DS8/75/7 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt A
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt B
TBA	1982	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt C
TBA	1982	General, briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt D
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt E
NOT FOR TNA (YET)	1980-96	UFOs Report of sighting Rendlesham Forest, December 1981 **Not for TNA yet – but file has been released under CODE and placed in FOI Publication Scheme**	D/Sec(AS) 12/2/1
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt F
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt G
DEFE 31 DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF: REGISTERED FILES			
177	?	UFO's: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 21
178	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 22
179	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 23
180	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 24
181	?	Ditto **(177 –181 due for release 2010?)** **NOT YET TRANSFERRED TO TNA (as at Jun 04)**	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 25

MISSING FILES: After an extensive search of Hayes, Records1 and DAS [although Hayes state that items 1-5 with Records1]

Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1976	M Heseltine	AF/JW221/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1	1976	Nigel Lawson MP Mr Aleyne Body - UFO	AF/JW260/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1976	R Hattersley Esq Mr R Park - UFO	AF/JW270/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1977	John Ellis - UFOs	MR/122505
Hayes?	1979	Unidentified Flying Object	MR/122433
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1980	UFO reports & correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G

Note:

Items 1-5 - if located to be assigned to DEFE 13
Item 6 - if located to be assigned to DEFE 24



Notes for Dr Clarke's visit to the MOD on 1 October 2004

Section (A) MOD Policy and UFOs

1) Which documents / briefings form the basis for current policy?
What is the earliest dated document currently used as the bases for policy?

As far as I am aware the MOD's policy on UFOs has changed little over the years and has generally been based on two areas of interest. The first, to see if the reports provide any evidence that UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised aircraft and secondly, to see if they contained any information of value about the performance and threat of foreign weapons systems, nuclear, chemical and biological warfare programmes and technologies and emerging technologies. This policy remained until December 2000 when the DIS decided that as they had received reports for 30 years without any revealing any valuable information, that they no longer wish to see them.

The earliest surviving UFO policy file dates from 1970-71 and is already open to the public at The National Archives. The earliest held by DAS dates from 1985 and is stored at Hayes (*we have recalled the file).* The MOD holds policy files in MB from 1995 to date.

2) Outline of working relationship of the departments / branches responsible for dealing with UFO matters the process whereby MOD receives and investigates reports.

Background
Dr Clarke may ask how we determine which reports we refer to Section 40 *do not wish to get into specific details about credible witnesses if we can help it.*

There are now only two Departments involved with processing UFO reports. The first of these is DAS who is the MOD focal point for matters relating to UFOs and the other is the air defence experts whose expertise we call upon on occasion for advice. All UFO reports are handled by DAS and are referred to the air defence staff only where DAS feels there may be something of interest to them.

3) What factors lay behind DIST decision of October 2000 that they are not interested in receiving reports?

DIS staff decided in late 2000 that as they had looked at UFO reports for 30 years and none had ever revealed any useful information to them, they no longer wished to see them.

4) How far are current DAS personnel aware of the past involvement of the MOD in UFO matters and how they got involved (is there any form of history describing which secretariat was responsible for the subject in the past, etc?).

The MOD has only a very limited interest in UFO sightings and current staff do not study the history of the MOD's involvement in UFO matters, nor do they need to in order to process sighting reports. When we are asked questions about the MOD's past involvement in these matters we examine any surviving files of the period in order to give as accurate a reply as possible.

5) Would it be possible to contact previous incumbents of S4(Air), DS8 etc for interviews as part of this study?

No. Civil Servants move posts every few years and it is for the present incumbent to answer questions relating to these matters.

6) Reasons why MOD are reluctant to take part in public discussion of UFO matters or to provide a "spokesperson" for media?

The MOD's interest in UFO sightings is limited to the defence of UK airspace from hostile air activity, not the exploration of space or the search for life on other planets. Clearly there are those who refuse to believe this and wish instead to believe that the MOD is covering up knowledge of alien activity. No amount of public discussion or debate is likely to change this view and the MOD does not have the time or resources to get involved in such activity on a subject which is of such limited interest. If the media do have any questions, they should contact the MOD Press Office as they would on any other defence issue.

7) MOD Publication Scheme and UFOs: what factors led the MOD to accept there was a "public interest" in the subject and how they intend to address this.

The MOD has been aware that there is a public interest in UFO matters for a number of years. Until the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is introduced in January 2005 all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act 1998 and are generally closed from public viewing for a period of 30 years after the date of the last enclosure. The Code of Practice on Access to Government Information was an open government initiative introduced in 1994 (revised in 1997) to encourage the provision of information unless its disclosure would be harmful. Until the introduction of the FOIA there is no statutory obligation on Government departments to release information.

As Dr Clarke will be aware, the MOD has been responding to requests for information on UFOs in accordance with the Code. When the MOD Publication Scheme was launched in 2002 this gave us the opportunity to

make some of this information more widely available.

8) What is the MOD's view of former incumbents of the 'UFO Desk' giving media interviews as de facto 'MOD spokesman' when the opinions expressed conflict with those of the department? This question refers to your letter to Section 40 of 17 November 2003 where you state that the Ministry is keen to "ensure that any personal viewpoint is not presented as MOD policy".

Background
He is referring to my letter where we refused Section 40 the background papers to the clearance of Nick Pope's book and explained the clearance process. What we actually said was " I must stress that this process is not designed to stop individuals expressing their personal views, even if these differ from those of the MOD, but rather to prevent the release of information which would be inappropriate for the reasons stated and to ensure that any personal viewpoint is not presented as MOD policy."

I think we should be careful not to discuss Nick personally with him. We have refused Section 40 these documents under the Code and I do not wish to get into a public slanging match about him.

You are obviously referring to Nick Pope and we do not wish to discuss any correspondence or discussions between the department and Mr Pope as this is a personal matter. However, as explained to Section 40, the MOD does not stop individuals expressing their personal views.

9) Nick Pope frequently refers to his time at the UFO Desk as being part of "The Project". Was this term ever used for MOD UFO investigations, formally or informally?

No. We have no knowledge of this term ever having been used.

10) Does the role that Nick Pope occupied still exist? Is there an unclassified role description of that post available?

Yes. Section 40 now performs the UFO desk duties previously done by Nick Pope. Section 40's official title is Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information and handling UFO reports and correspondence is one element of this post.

11) Why in 1995 did Sec(AS)2a Section 40 inform a member of the public that RAF Rudloe Manor / Flying Complaints Flight acted as "a co-ordination point" for UFO reports received by the RAF prior to 1992? Why has this matter been previously denied by previous incumbents of Sec(AS)2a?

Section 40's statement in 1995 was correct. Until 1992 the Flying Complaints Flight (FCF), based at RAF Rudloe Manor, was the central co-ordination point for any "UFO" reports made to RAF stations (from whatever source, i.e. members

of the public or service personnel). Its function was simply to record details and pass the reports directly to Sec(AS)2a. No action was taken on the reports by staff in the FCF. The FCF no longer have any involvement in the central collection of "UFO" reports made to air force bases. I do not know why this would have been denied by previous incumbents of Sec(AS)2a but if Dr Clarke would like to show us a specific example we could look at our files to see if there was an explanation for that.

Section (B) FOIA and archive material

1) The future of Defence Intelligence files subject to asbestos contamination – what other subject areas are affected?

The Old War Office basement provided accommodation for the storage of files from three MOD branches; the Defence Intelligence Staff: the Departmental Records Officer (on behalf of the whole MOD) and the Air Historical Branch. All of the affected files have now been removed to another defence facility and a Project Board has been set up to consider options for the future of this information. No decisions have been made at this time.

2) Future preservation of UFO files and destruction of files – possibility of storage in electronic formats.

Background

We have to be careful here. Before 1967 UFO files were destroyed just like any other MOD files (probably after 5 years). DAS (and predecessor branches) have said for a number of years that since 1967, because of the public interest in the subject , "UFO report files have been routinely preserved". We have no surviving policy files of this period so we do not know exactly what was agreed in 1967 or between whom. Section 40 *knows of no documented agreement or instruction either internally or with the National Archives which says that UFO files will automatically be preserved and as far as he is concerned they will go through the normal review process and may/ or may not be selected for preservation. I can explain the review process further to Dr Clarke if necessary but we may have to admit that we do not know exactly what this statement meant. Since my time here we have tried to preserve all we can on UFOs but* Section 40 *strongly recommended that we do not tell Dr Clarke that everything will automatically be preserved.*

All MOD files are reviewed by the Departmental Record Officer at various times during their life and can be destroyed depending on whether they are considered to be of continuing administrative / historical value. Any that are selected for possible preservation in TNA are put on the list for TNA approval but it is up to them whether they are accepted. As for electronic files, it is too soon to consider preservation at The National Archive as electronic files are only just being created.

3) How applications for access to UFO files held by MOD and MOD archives will proceed after January 2005 under FOIA.

Under the FOIA requests for information must be made in a permanent form (ie letter or e-mail, not telephone) and must contain a name and postal address for a reply. Responses will be handled in a similar way to Code requests.

4) Status and titles of files currently in process of transfer from the MOD to TNA – possible dates of transfer etc.

Background
Section 40 *has confirmed that we can release his table of files not yet transferred to TNA. He has amended it to include headings as requested.*

Here is a table of UFO files which are either due for transfer and /or are due for cataloguing. The process of selection, cataloguing and transfer can be a lengthy process and largely depends on TNA so we are unable to give dates of when they will be fully available. I suggest Dr Clarke keeps an eye on TNA catalogue and then contacts them about when the documents will be available.

5) Issue of payment for processing of files subsequently made available via MOD publication scheme.

Under the Code there is a charging regime. This was designed to ensure that while providing information requested, we are not creating an extra burden on the taxpayer. As Dr Clarke will be aware the Code says that the Department will provide the first four hours of work on any request free and then there will be a charge of £15 an hour for each hour (or part thereof) after that. This fee is not refundable.

The Information Commissioner encourages Departments to make frequently requested information more widely available via the Publication Scheme and it is therefore possible that some of the information Dr Clarke has requested in the past, will eventually appear in the Publication Scheme. We have no intention to refund any fees paid for the release of information early under the Code. The fees regime under the FOIA has not yet been finalised.

6) Status of air intelligence and scientific intelligence files currently withheld under Section3(4) of the Public Record Act in context of FOIA.

Section3(4) of the PRA allows Government departments (with the permission of the Lord Chancellor) to retain records in the department beyond the 30 year

point, where the record has been selected for TNA but contains information still too sensitive for release. All of the DIS records which currently fit this description are subject to asbestos contamination. If these records are requested under the FOIA and there is no process in place to handle them safely, Health and Safety will be cited as grounds for non-compliance with the FOIA. Records retained under Section3(4) after 1 January 2005 (which have not been contaminated) will be subject to the FOIA and can only be withheld in accordance with an FOIA exemption.

7) Possible location of pre-1962 UFO records: the issue of "missing files" that are actually misplaced within other files with titles that do not reflect their UFO content.

The department does not hold any UFO files which date before 1962. Any surviving DAS files of this period are already open at TNA. Of course it is always possible that documents may have been placed on inappropriate or seemingly unrelated files in the past and that those files have been retained in the Department for more than 30 years, but we have no way of identifying such documents, if indeed they exist. Our records staff are aware of the public interest in UFOs and look out for any UFO related documents when reviewing the files. Dr Clarke will recall that this is how Report No.7 came to light.

8) Missing Records: The possible file location of the 1955 report on "Flying Saucers" by DDI(Tech) to ACAS(I) referred to in Parliamentary papers of Major Sir Patrick Wall held at Hull University?

Info-Records 1 have confirmed that Dr Clarke has requested this in the past and he can confirm that the Departmental Records organisation does not hold any relevant file.



Section (C) Radar systems and detections of UFOs

1) Is it not a matter of concern that radar systems are contrived to ignore returns outside the parameters of known aircraft technology?

No, because there is currently no suggestion or credible evidence (either here in the UK or from the international community) that there is any extra-terrestrial activity that poses a threat to UK national security.

2) Does MOD maintain separate records of unidentified radar incidents and which department performs analysis of these?

No, MOD does not maintain separate records of unidentified Air Defence radar incidents. This is due to the fact that there are no known incidents of the Air Defence radar or the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) detecting any object whose origin could not be explained. Air Defence radar

plot data is archived for 30 days before it is overwritten. This is a flight safety requirement and is not related to concerns about unexplained radar sightings. BMEWS radar data is archived for 10 days before being overwritten. If radar operators did have any concerns the radar could be 'played back' and analysed by the local operational and technical subject matter experts. If this proved inconclusive, the data could be passed to specialist radar technical experts or to the radar manufacturer. However, no such incidents have been recorded so this procedure has never been needed to be formalised or utilised.

3) Given ambiguous nature of unidentified radar incidents from 1950s why were details records from this period destroyed?

The MOD is only required to keep records until the desk officers responsible for the subject believe that they have no further administrative or operational value. As there has never been any suggestion or credible evidence that there was any extra-terrestrial activity that posed a threat to national security, the records would probably have been destroyed under normal 'housekeeping' guidelines.

4) How many such incidents on record in recent years & what action taken?

There are no records of any unidentified radar incidents in recent years.

Section (D) UFO Incidents

1) Rendlesham Forest incident: a) what specific factors led to release of the file; b) to whom was it first released; c) when will the original file be available for scrutiny at TNA?

As Dr Clarke will be aware, he made a request under the Code for a copy of the file on the Rendlesham Forest incident and it was released to him. He was the first person to receive these documents. Due to publicity about the release of the file, several others then requested a copy of the released documents. When the Publication Scheme was launched in November 2000 we saw this as an opportunity to make these documents more widely available. Files can be reviewed at any time during their life, but can only be held in the Department for a maximum of 30 years after the latest enclosure. The latest enclosure on the Rendlesham file is dated 1994 so the file could be reviewed at the 25 year point (if not sooner) and if selected for TNA may be available at TNA anytime after 2019.

2) Photographic cases: what (if any) criteria do they apply to decide whether or not they should examine a photo?

Background
He may be getting at Section 40 *photograph which* Section 40 *asked JARIC to look at for us. I do not think we should mention that, unless he*

brings it up, then we can say this was a one off because of the lengths Section 40 Section 40 *gone to.*

We do not receive many photographs, but any that are sent to us are shown to our air defence experts to see if they show anything of interest to them.

3) Reports by Civil Aviation pilots: how many in recent years and what procedures are followed to investigate these.

All reports are filed in the order in which they are received, regardless of the source of the report. We do not keep separate records of those from civil pilots. Any received from civil pilots would be passed to our air defence experts to see if they judge that they contain anything of defence significance.

4) Reports by Air Force & other personnel: How many in recent years?

As above separate records are not kept.

5) Total numbers and most likely explanation for UFO reports received within last three years.

Total number of reports 2001= 203
2002 = 100
2003 = 99
2004 = 68 *(up to end of Sept)*

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[redacted] My Site Defence Intranet

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Online Visitor Notification System

A new online visitor notification system has been launched to make the notification and management visitors to Main Building much easier to manage.

A new on-line visitor booking system has been launched that allows you to easily book visit the building directly from your desktop. The new online system replaces the temporary pape based system that was previously in operation and makes life much easier for people who re have visitors in the building.

Please use this link to access the Amey Intranet site and follow the simple instructions to visitor into Main Building. On arrival at reception your visitor will be asked to show identification, have their photograph taken and be issued with their pass. The new system will that your visitors are dealt with quickly and professionally, which means less hanging al reception.

The web facility allows you to notify Security Staff of expected visitors to the building and ch status of all of our notifications. *(Please note that notification does not mean a visitor is nec cleared for entry. In certain cases, only when Security action has been completed will your vi allowed to enter the building. On receipt of your visitor notification the system will clearly i which visitors have been automatically cleared for entry and which have not.)*

Visitors should be booked in at least 24 hours in advance.

Dr Clarke a Section 40 [redacted] notified to security

Dr Clarke Visitor No. 5026 Visit No. 6935

Section 40 [redacted] Visitor No. 5027 Visit No. 6936

Section 40 [redacted]

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Example of Records likely to warrant Permanent Preservation

1. Documents/Files

- containing Top Secret or Codeword material.

2. Documents/Files

- containing information on important scientific/technical developments.

3. Documents/Files

- which have been used by Official Historians or have been marked for retention by them.

4. Documents/Files

- that illustrate the formation/evolution of Defence Policy or significant developments in the relationship between MOD and other organs of Government, or other national or international authorities.

  that show the authority under which MOD has exercised a function.

  that contain important decisions relating to the organisation, disposition or use of the Armed Forces

  that show the reasons for important decisions or actions or provide precedents.

  that could help the Government to establish, maintain, or control a legal claim or title

  that reflect Law Officers opinion on any subject.

5. Documents/Files and other records

- of the setting up, proceedings and reports of committees, working parties and study groups.

  of the introduction/consideration of new types of weapons and equipment.

  of important trials and exercises.

  of the introduction of new types of uniforms, clothing etc

of the formation, organisation, reorganisation, redesignation or disbandment of units.

of notable courts martial and other legal matters.

of the occupation of historic buildings and sites of archaeological interest.

of matters of significant regional or local interest which are unlikely to be documented elsewhere.

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[redacted] interest.

6. Reports

- of significant operations, intelligence, organisational and logistic matters.

7. Histories

- produced by Service units etc.

8. Standing Orders

- and similar instructions of Commands, Agencies, Establishments etc.

9. Diaries

- journals, logs etc providing an insight into particular operations or activities of wide interest

10 .Records

relating to famous or infamous people.

Note: In assessing whether a file merits passage to DG Info-Records with a recommendation that it be considered for permanent preservation it is important to remember that it is the [redacted] to identify and forward such files. If your file merely contains copies of [redacted] to a topic for which another business unit has lead responsibility the file, [redacted].

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Annex A - Freedom of Information Act 2000

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The public records of the United Kingdom date back to the 11th century and form a rich archive which is a part of our national heritage. The great wealth of documents and other records stored at the Public Record Office (PRO) have led to its recognition as one of the most significant archives in the world.

1.2 The Law

1.2.1 The law on public records is set out in the **Public Records Acts of 1958 and 1967**. Public records are defined in the Acts as "administrative and departmental records belonging to Her Majesty's Government, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere". These include electronic and paper records, photographic material, film, video, and samples and models which have been made for the purpose of conveying and recording information.

1.2.2 The Public Records Act of 1958 places a responsibility on all government departments to review the records which are generated within the department, to select those which are worthy of permanent preservation and transfer them to the Public Record Office, and to destroy all records which are not selected. The 1958 Act stipulated that all surviving public records should normally be released to the public 50 years after their creation; the Public Records Act 1967 reduced that period to 30 years.

1.2.3 There are exceptions to the 30 year release rule, usually on the grounds of an ongoing administrative requirement or continued sensitivity. However, all such exceptions need to be approved by the Lord Chancellor who is the Minister responsible for public records. It is also permissible for records to be held in places other than the PRO (known as "approved places of deposit") but, again, the Lord Chancellor's approval must be obtained.

1.2.4 The **Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000** will, for the first time, give a statutory right of access to information held by public authorities. The Act also requires information to be released proactively though a Publication Scheme. The FOI Act 2000 both provides a statutory general right of access to information and requires public authorities to publish information proactively through a

blication Scheme. TLB FOI Focal Points will constitute a centre of FOI expertise within the TLB area and form the core of a network for efficient pan-MOD handling of requests for information.

1.2.5 The FOI Act applies to all parts of MOD including the armed forces, agencies and trading funds, whether they are located in the UK or overseas. Only the special forces and any units actively providing assistance to GCHQ are outside its scope.

1.2.6 The Act introduces a general right of access to information held by public authorities and also creates an obligation for those authorities to release information proactively by adopting and maintaining a Publication Scheme. Implementation will be in two main phases. In phase one, different types of public authority will gradually be required to establish their Publication Schemes: government department Schemes must be in place by the end of November 2002. In the second phase, the right of access to information on request will become effective. All public authorities will have to honour this right from January 2005.

1.2.7 The MOD policy lead on issues relating to openness, including implementation of the FOI Act rests within DG Info with AD InfoExp-Access. For more information about FOI see Annex A and visit the DG Info Access MODWeb site.

1.2.8 The **Data Protection Act 1998** (DPA) is the result of a European Directive on Data Protection, which requires Member States to "protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons, in particular their right to privacy with respect to the processing of personal data". All Service and civilian members of staff are bound by its provisions, which confer certain rights and responsibilities. The Act applies to all parts of the UK.

1.2.9 The DPA is about access by individuals to personal data held on them by any organisation whereas the FOI Act relates to the disclosure of information held by public authorities. Responsibility for ensuring the implementation of the DPA throughout MOD lies with the Director Claims and Legal (Finance and Secretariat). For more information about the implications of the DPA visit the CL(F&S) MODWeb site.

1.3 The Role of the MOD "Departmental Records Officer"

1.3.1 All Government Departments are required to appoint a "Departmental Records Officer (DRO)". The DRO is responsible for ensuring that information, both operational and administrative, is recorded and properly maintained so as to ensure that Departmental business can be conducted effectively and in line with the statutory requirements of the Public Records Acts, Freedom of Information Act, and other relevant legislation. The MOD DRO is Info Exp-Director on whose behalf day-to-day responsibility is discharged by Info-Analysis AD.

1.3.2 The DRO is responsible for MOD's records storage facilities at Hayes and Central London, for the central review and assessment of records to determine whether they merit permanent preservation, for the registry advisory service and for the conduct of records management audits.

1.3.3 The DRO is also responsible for the production of this JSP which details the minimum standards to be adhered to by all MOD business units and also identifies good records management practice.

1.4 What Are Public Records?

1.4.1 It is important to understand that all documents generated by government departments are public records covered by the terms of the Public Records Acts, This does not mean that all documents will be worthy of permanent preservation. There would be no logic in simply keeping

rything. The task of each department is to select those documents which merit capture as records and to safeguard them accordingly. Subsequently decisions must be made about the length of time for which records should be retained to meet administrative needs - this must take into account such issues as legal or contractual requirements.

1.4.2 Once the administrative need to retain a record has ceased a decision needs to be made as to whether the records have historical value and merit permanent preservation in compliance with the Public Records Act. For MOD this task is undertaken by DG Info-Records, taking into account the recommendation made by the originating business unit..

1.4.3 The following definitions are helpful:

Documents are defined as any tangible information received or produced by the department.

Records are those documents that support some official activity or decision and need to be preserved for future reference.

But remember - legally, any document produced by or held by MOD is a public record.

1.5 The Importance of Records to MOD

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1.5.1 The MOD and the Armed Services are large and complex organisations. Their decisions and actions affect many people, potentially over long periods. The various Business Units of MOD have an obvious need to record their decisions and actions for their own and wider MOD use. These decisions and actions are however increasingly open to legal, Parliamentary, media and personal challenge, often many years after the event. Business Units, whether it be the originator of the action or a successor branch, need to know what happened and why it is important. Selection of records for long term preservation for administrative use needs care, foresight and experience; the [redacted] made at this stage must also be tempered with the need for the permanent preservation of records, as mentioned above, for the national record in the PRO. Business Units are in doubt [redacted] existing records need to be kept for medium and long term use, advice and help should be sought from DG Info-Analysis/Records and also from the

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1.5.2 Service Historical Branches have wide experience of the use of records by MOD Ministers, Business Units, the Services and also of the interests of historians, the media and the public in these records subsequent to their opening after 30 years. If in doubt, err on the side of caution and forward the material to DG Info-Records with a recommendation that it be considered for permanent preservation.

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(2) file — (1) Section 40 - file if you haven't already.

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From: David Clarke [Section 40]
Sent: 24 September 2004 09:28
To: Section 40
Cc: Section 40
Subject: Meeting on 1 October 2004

24 September 2004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email communication of 23 September. I was pleased that you took the opportunity to get in touch directly in order to clarify the points to which you refer.

Firstly your understanding concerning the purpose for the meeting is correct. I am indeed involved in postdoctoral research into the social context of the UFO phenomenon in Britain from 1947 to present. The research is based at the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition (NATCECT), School of English, University of Sheffield. The records produced by the Ministry of Defence and currently available at the TNA are one of the primary sources utilised by this project. Hence my wish to discuss aspects of the subject and specifically the release of further records in a meeting with MoD staff responsible for these areas.

As regards Section 40 he is an individual who is researching the history of individuals involved in UFO research in Britain 1950-1995 in a private capacity. His research involves both the TNA archives and oral history interviews which overlap with my own university-based project. His input provides research assistance to my project hence his presence at the meeting.

With regards to your question concerning the use of the information provided at the meeting. Firstly, my occasional use of the word "interview" was purely accidental as a result of the presence of a number of specific questions in the advance agenda I sent to Section 40 at your request.

I am aware of the MoD policy regarding interviews and can confirm it is not my intention to obtain "an interview for publication." I share your view of the meeting as an opportunity for MoD to assist in the research that I have outlined in the second paragraph of this letter. However, in order for the meeting to be meaningful in the context of that research it is necessary for me to obtain an accurate transcript of what was said, hence my request for permission to use a recording device (a Sony CD minidisk which is standard equipment for oral history fieldwork in HEIs).

I hope these points clarify the issues you raised and look forward to meeting you and Section 40 on 1 October. In the meantime, I would grateful if you could let me know what decision is reached regarding the recording device.

Yours sincerely

Dr David Clarke

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By e-mail:
Dr D Clarke
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
23 September 2004

Dear Mr Clarke,

I am aware that you have been in correspondence with Section 40 regarding the arrangements for our meeting on 1 October. I have seen the exchanges and there are one or two points which I wanted to clarify with you before we meet.

My understanding is that you sought a meeting for the purposes of your on-going research only. I understand this relates to work at the University of Sheffield, where you are collecting material relating to the social history of the UFO phenomenon in Britain from 1947 to present. It was also, I believe, to help you 'clear up some matters where ambiguity remains and to avoid unnecessary correspondence in future'. I should be grateful if you could confirm that my understanding is correct. It would also be helpful for me to understand the role that Section 40 plays in this.

Finally, I should like confirmation as to how you intend to use the information that we provide during the meeting. I pose the question simply because in some (but not all) of your letters you have referred to our meeting as an interview. You will be well aware why it is not the practice for officials to conduct interviews. My decision to meet with you was based on the fact that your previous exchanges with the MOD and your current research indicate you take the subject seriously. I saw the meeting as an opportunity for us to assist your research, but not to provide an interview for publication. That remains my view.

Section 40 is still pursing the matter of you recording the meeting with the relevant authorities, but I hope that Section 40 will be in a position to provide a definitive answer very shortly.

Forgive me if this seems a little direct, but I felt it important for us both to clarify these issues. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 23 September 2004 13:04
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Section3(4) Public Records Act

Section 40

Find attached amended Annex.

I believe that you are talking about two different kinds of files, (1) files affected by asbestos, and (2) files not affected by asbestos:

(1) **Those affected by asbestos and stored at Feltham** - there are between 4,000 and 5,000 files selected for TNA but are too sensitive to release. These are retained in accordance with S3(4) of PRA. In addition to the retained files there are approximately 60,000 files (from Records, DIS and AHB archives) affected by asbestos. These will be due for review at some future date (it is possible that some are over due for review). These will continue to be stored at Feltham pending consideration of their future by the Project Board.

(2) **Those not affected by asbestos i.e. not previously stored in OWOB basement** – both Records and DIS are in the process of reactivating our basement stores in OWOB to enable newly received files to be archived. I very much doubt whether any Records 1 file will be of sufficient vintage (over 30-years old) to be retained in accordance with S3(4) i.e. selected for TNA but are too sensitive to release.. The same could be said for DIS as retention can only be applied for by the DRO, after review by DRO staff (Records1 staff).

As far as FOI is concerned files in (1), and assuming no process in place to permit safe handling, health and safety will be cited as grounds for "non-compliance" with FOI. If process are in place that permit MOD to respond to FOI requests we will do so.

On (2) files not affected by asbestos, whether retained or too young to be retained, will be subject to FOI.

Helpful?

Section 40

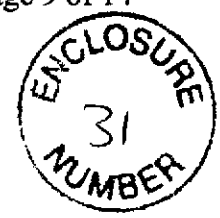
From: Section 40
Sent: 23 September 2004 11:49
To: Section 40
Subject: Section3(4) Public Records Act

Section 40

Thanks for your help with Dr Clarke's visit. Just one other thing, I see that you say that the DI material currently withheld under Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act has been affected by the asbestos problem, but do you know what is going to happen in the future if records that are not affected by asbestos and are withheld under Section 3(4) are requested under the FOI Act?. Does the Public Records Act override the FOIA? Would we have to apply an FOIA exemption?

Dr Clarke is bound to ask, so I would be grateful for any advice you can give.

Section 40



30/01/03 - Police Investigate Filey Saucers.

Police are quizzing UFO hunters over several incidents of lights in the sky off the east coast. Full-time re Russell Kellett has been interviewed by officers after a strange incident near Filey Brigg. And he claims f enthusiasts have also been quizzed by officers. "It is all very strange," said Mr Kellett at his Filey home. interviewed me after I reported an experience I had at Filey Brigg last summer. "I was looking out to se suddenly saw five saucer-shaped objects flying in a row. I turned away to get my camera and the objec but then I heard a bang and saw a flash and an RAF plane came flying over the area. "I phoned RAF Le and they sent the police officers round to interview me. They told me I had seen and heard a heat-seek they are usually fired to ward off incoming missiles. And this was over a built-up area."

Source: howard.williamson@ypn.co.uk

21/01/03 - UFO Hovers Over Gloucestershire.

Residents living in the Forest of Dean, near Gloucester, UK, reported a strange hovering light above Ha Cinderford, during the early hours of Tuesday," January 21, 2003.

Steven Taylor, 39, one of the residents who saw the light at 12:30 a.m., described the light as "very bril "'It was like the light of an airplane, but nothing like a helicopter, and it had no sound. I have no idea w I couldn't hope to describe it. It was strange!' said Elizabeth Fletcher, 64," another local eyewitness. "She added, 'It was a very strange pulsating light.'"
"'I thought that something had entered my house, or that it was the police helicopter,' Robin Cole said, the UFO "looked like 'two brilliant planets that could be seen at the present moment.'"

Source: "This Is Gloucestershire for January 22, 2003".

03/01/2003 - Joe McGonagle launches Campaign for UK National UFO Authority

Joe McGonagle a UFO investigator well known to UFORM members, has launched a campaign for a Nati Authority here in the UK.

He says: "I am determined to raise the standards of British Ufology. To this end, I have created the "Bri of Ufologists" smartgroup. This is only a group intended to steer towards the creation of a national stan authority, _not_ the authority itself. The aim of the group initially is to set an agenda for a summit meet interested parties at a date to be decided, to anticipate the pitfalls, requirements, scope, and viability of authority, and to stimulate interest in a national authority. In short, to get the ball rolling. The steering g to anyone based in the UK with an interest, either positive or negative, in the creation of such an author members are welcome to join as observers, but are respectfully requested not to play an active part in t proceedings. If you feel strongly that we either do or don't need such an establishment, I urge you to ta steering group to ensure that your views are taken into consideration. "
The URL: http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/bfedou

17/12/02 - Katherine Finney's article following our December meeting.

ENCLOSURE 30

Author **Topic**

Posted - 17/09/2004 : 00:58:05

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United Kingdom
101 Posts

Dave Clarke sent the following message to the ufologyinuk mail list earlier:

"FATE OF MOD PAPERS SEALED?

It's a revelation set to be seized upon by conspiracy mongers convinced the British Government have been hiding "the truth" about UFOs from the public. In July the MOD admitted that thousands of sensitive Cold War documents had been quarantined in plastic sacks because of fears they might have become exposed to deadly asbestos whilst stored in the basement of the War Office building at Whitehall. The files included important documents relating to British nuclear policy and defence intelligence briefings during the Cold War.

But we can reveal exclusively that among the records are 25 UFO files generated by the shadowy MOD intelligence branch known as DI55 that investigated the more bizarre reports reported to the Ministry since 1971. Historians who describe the Cold War files as "the crown jewels of contemporary history" are concerned the MOD will use the asbestos scare as an excuse to further delay their release, imminent when the Freedom of Information Act comes into force in January 2005. The MOD have told us that it is possible some of the files might have to be destroyed if the cost of preserving them safely is too high.

You would have thought this was a classic case for the Disclosure Project, with questions in Parliament and a 'save the files' campaign. So what precisely are British UFOlogists doing about it? Well this is the first they will have heard of it. It seems they are so busy organising skywatches and social events they have remained blissfully unaware of the impending threat of destruction of their own "crown jewels." And as usual it has been left to professional historians to mount a campaign to save them.
The Guardian, 27 July 2004.
http://www.guardian.co.uk

I have already initiated my own campaign to save these files from destruction via my MP, Helen Jackson, who intends the raise the issue with Defence Minister Geoff Hoon in Parliament in the near future. Watch this space."

There are a number of things that people can do without leaving their armchair, or posting a letter:

1. Send a message to the PM at:
http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/page3.asp

This is the text of the message which I sent him:

"Dear Mr. Blair,

It has recently come to my attention that an important part of our heritage is at risk of being destroyed.

Records held by the Ministry of Defence relating to a critical period of the cold war and other records relating to the MOD handling of UFO reports have been contaminated with Asbestos, and consideration is being given to their destruction.

These records are potentially of enormous importance to historians that want to better understand military and political decisions made during a very stressful period. If they are destroyed, rumours of "cover-up" will be rampant, and the resulting cost of dealing with such accusations will exceed any cost of salvaging the documents.

Not only would this be a waste of public money, but it would also be a denial of the rights of voters to be informed the decisions made by their elected representatives and Civil Service departments.

We have already had to wait for over a quarter of a century to learn what is in these files, and it seems that we may never have the opportunity to see them at all.

Please can you take this matter up with the MOD in the national interest.

Yours sincerely,

Joe McGonagle"

2. Contact your MP online. If you don't know who your MP is, visit:

http://www.locata.co.uk/commons/

and enter your postcode.

In many, if not all, cases, you will be taken to a page where you can post a message to your local MP. The message which I sent was as follows:

"Security of historical government documents

Dear Ms. Walley,

A matter has come to my attention which I now wish to bring to yours as my local representative in the House of Commons.

As you may be aware, Government documents which may be of historical importance are retained, and usually released for public scrutiny after 30 years.

I have learned that a batch of documents held by the Ministry of Defence are at risk of being destroyed because they have been stored in an area contaminated by asbestos.

These documents are potentially of immense historical importance. Amongst them are records of the UK nuclear warfare strategy from a critical period of the cold war, and UFO documents. Their destruction will almost certainly result in rumours of cover-up and generate enquiries

and accusations that will cost the MOD thousands of pounds to respond to.

No doubt disposal of these files would be expensive, and I very much doubt that the cost of salvaging them for posterity would outweigh the cost of disposal plus the subsequent cost of dealing with the innuendo (warranted or not) that would also result.

Please can you exert whatever influence is at your disposal on the MOD to avert what is nearly equivalent to "the sack of Rome" in historical terms.

Yours Sincerely,
Joe McGonagle"

3. Email the MOD at public@ministers.mod.uk

This is the message which I have just posted:

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I have written to the my MP and the Prime Minister about this already, and I sincerely hope that you will give this matter serious consideration before deciding to destroy such an important part of our heritage.

Yours Sincerely,

Joe McGonagle
<full address>"

Please feel free to use any of the text above when you send your objections to your MP/the PM/ The MOD.

These documents are potentially very valuable, particularly to the UFO community.

Joe

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for the latest news and views from the UK UFO scene!

Emmie71
UFO Spotter



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Posted - 17/09/2004 : 15:03:41

Good one Joe ;) Shall copy also.

More Vodka with that red bull....Please :-)

Benjoepen
M.I.B



United Kingdom
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Posted - 18/09/2004 : 20:37:15

my message has been been sent to mister blair.
Come on now everyone must get involved

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THINGS TO DO (22 SEPT 2004)

Dr Clarke's visit.

(A)1. Check policy files for when the current policy was established (possibly 1991).
The earliest UFO file Policy file that is still in existence dates from 1970-71. It is already open at TNA. The earliest held by DAS 1985 and is at Hayes (we have recalled it). Of the remaining policy files that we hold in MB, the earliest dates from 1995 and our policy is unchanged since then. The only major change to how we handle UFO reports was in December 2000 when DIS decided that as they had looked at UFO reports for 30 years and they had revealed nothing of interest to them, they no longer wished to receive any reports. DAO confirmed that they were happy to continue looking at the few that we passed to them.

(B)4. Ask Section 40 if his table of files can be released to Dr C. Ask him to add headings to the table.
Section 40 confirmed table at Annex A can be released to Dr C. Section will put headings on the table and send us the amended version.
Table received 23 Sept 04.

(B)6. How Section3(4) of the Public Records Act affects requests under the FOI Act. We know that all material currently withheld under Section 3(4) has been in the contaminated archive, but what if it wasn't. Check with Section 40 Section 40 and/or DG Info.
Section 40 asked for advice. 22 Sept.
E-mail received and discussion with Section 40
Section3(4) of the PRA allows Government Departments (with the permission of the Lord Chancellor) to retain records in the Department beyond the 30 year point where the record has been selected for TNA but it contains information that is currently too sensitive for release. All of the DIS records which currently fit this description are subject to asbestos contamination. If these records are requested under the FOIA and there is no process in place to handle them safely, Health and safety will be cited as grounds for non-compliance with the FOIA. Records retained under Section3(4) after 1 Jan 05 (which have not been contaminated) will be subject to the FOIA and can only be withheld in accordance with an FOIA Exemption.

(D)5. Total number of UFO reports received in the last three years (2001 to end of Sept 2004). Ask Section 40 to provide.
Figures for 2001 & 2002 already held. Section 40 asked to compile 2003 & 2004.
2001 = 203
2002 = 100

Visit - Speak to Section 40, tell her when the meeting is and check the following;

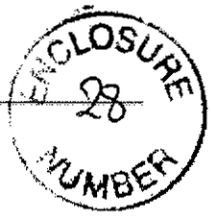
- Difference between a meeting and interview (are there specific rules about civil servants giving interviews?
- What if he publishes his conversation with us and names individuals?
- What about him recording the conversation, are then any rules etc?
- Can we terminate the meeting if he starts to turn it into something other than what was agreed at the outset?

Section 40 has advised that we should establish in writing with Dr C. some ground rules. We can say we are concerned that in his recent correspondence he is referring to this gathering as an interview and this is not what we believed it was going to be. Remind him that we do not give interviews. Ask him what he intends to do with the information. Ask him what role Section 40 has in his research. Section 40 does not have a problem with the conversation being taped, this is common practice in background briefings and protects us as there is an accurate record of what is said.`

Section 40 to send a letter to Dr C. by email- 22 Sept 2004.

Security – Check with security about the use of recording equipment in non-sensitive areas.

Message left on Section 40 answerphone. 22 Sept.



Section 40

From: David Clarke [Section 40]
Sent: 22 September 2004 09:59
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: Meeting, 1 October

22 September 2004

Dear Section 40

I wondered if you had the chance to discuss with Section 40 re the use of a recording device for the meeting on 1 October.
As I believe I mentioned earlier, the recorder I use (which is standard university equipment for fieldwork) is a Sony minidisk which uses small CDs and a tiny microphone. It is much more efficient that a standard tape recorder.
All my fieldwork interviews over the past five years have been recorded on this machine, which allows me to produce written transcripts afterwards. These can then be checked by interviewees and agreed for accuracy.

I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely

David Clarke

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2004 1:58 PM
Subject: Meeting, 1 October

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your message.

I will discuss this further with Section 40 when he returns from leave and then I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: David Clarke [mailto:Section 40]
Sent: 15 August 2004 17:14
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: Meeting, 1 October

15 August 2004

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your message concerning our meeting on 1st October.

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 – 66 So far.
2005



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13 September 2004

DAS-FOI

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BRIEFING FOR MEETING WITH DR CLARKE

Reference; DAS-FOI email 27 August 2004 12.19

1. The reference sought advice on a number of record related issues in preparation of your meeting with Dr Clarke on 1 October 2004. I attach comments that may prove helpful during your meeting:

The future of Defence Intelligence files subject to asbestos contamination - what other subject areas are affected?	The OWOB basement provided accommodation for the storage of files from three MOD branches: (1) the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS), (2) the Departmental Records Officer, on behalf of the whole of MOD, and (3) Air Historical Branch (AHB) small overflow store. It is estimated that approximately 65,000 files previously stored in this are have been affected by "asbestos contamination". All these files have now been removed from central London and relocated to a defence facility on the periphery of London pending a decision on what action is required to enable access to the information contained in the files. Pending this decision files are stored in plastic sacks and sealed in crates as recommended by health and safety procedures. A Project Board is being set-up to consider options; the Board is chaired by the DRO with representatives from DIS, The National Archives (TNA) and MOD's health and safety department. There is unlikely to be "quick fix" solution to this problem i.e. it is anticipated that the project could run for three/four years!
Future preservation of UFO files and destruction of files - possibility of storage in electronic formats.	**Strongly recommend that no commitment be made to the automatic preservation of "ufo" files.** As far as I am aware there has never been a departmental wide instruction for such files to be routinely preserved other than the fact that files from the air staff secretariat, oddments from elsewhere have been kept!

	Suggest that the following somewhat crude review outline may give Dr Clarke a flavour of the review activity. The current MOD policy is that files surviving local review (important that Dr Clarke understands that files can be and are destroyed at various stages in their life) are forwarded to one on two MOD archives under the control of the DRO. At an appropriate time files are reviewed by DRO staff to establish their continuing administrative/historical value, if files are perceived to have no value they are destroyed, but is selected for preservation they are prepared from transfer to Kew. As for electronic files, probably too soon to consider preservation at TNA as electronic files are only just being created, however, I anticipate a similar review arrangement.
Status and titles of files currently in process of transfer from MOD to TNA - possible dates of transfer etc.	See Annex A that proves a list of identifiable files that are due for transfer and/or are due for listing (cataloguing for TNA). Also important not to commit to the early release of files prior to 30-year point for the following reasons. Government departments are responsible for the review of records: in the MOD this is carried out by both branches creating the records and, for files surviving local review by DRO staff. Records selected for preservation at TNA are cleaned, assigned to a relevant TNA class (draft listed). TNA staff visit departments to check on the preparation of files for Kew, these checks include, cleaning standards, draft lists and whether file is appropriate for Kew. If TNA satisfied departments are given approximately one weeks notice of the collection of records. After transfer availability at TNA is a matter for Kew, currently administrative action at TNA is estimated to be between 50-70m days after transfer. At any time MOD is likely to have up to 10,000 at various stages of preparation for TNA. Important to reemphasize that records not selected for preservation are destroyed to ensure that department holds no records older that 30 years old. Only possible to hold records for longer with the Lord Chancellor's approval. Final point it is not likely that TNA will arrange for a further pick-up before min/end October 2004.
Status of air intelligence and scientific intelligence files currently withheld under Section 3(4) of	FOIA will apply to all defence records including any air intelligence and scientific intelligence files, unless specifically excluded (for example, security and intelligence agencies papers that might be held by MOD), just as it has been possible for researchers to seek the release of such

the Public Record Act in context of FOIA.	papers in accordance with the Code of Practice, since the mid-1990s. However, all records retained in accordance with Section 3(4) of Public Records Act, 1958 - estimated as between 4,000 to 5,000 files or extracts from files - have been affected by the "asbestos contamination" due to their storage in OWOB basement. [See also next answer]
Missing Records: The possible file location of the 1955 report on "Flying Saucers" by DDI (Tech) to ACAS(I) referred to in Parliamentary papers to Major Sir Patrick Wall held at Hull University.	Dr Clarke's papers consist of two news items from *Sunday Despatch,* a Hansard extract and a "House of Commons" note (source *Sunday Despatch*). None of these items add anything constructive to the subject of "missing records". The "missing file/report" has been sought before (by Dr Clarke) so I can say that on the information given, both previously and now, the DRO organisation does not hold any relevant file. Note only 4,000 to 5,000 files are retained under S3(4). Our search on this occasion not just limited to DRO archives but to DIS files previously stored in OWOB basement (DIS archives) material isolated due to asbestos contamination.

Annex A

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - FILES NOT YET TRANSFERRED (i.e. awaiting transfer and/or listing) - AS AT 13 September 2004

Already open		**105**
To be released		
2005	**13**	
2006	**9**	
2007	**13**	
2008	**11**	
2009	**6**	
Awaiting Transfer	**9**	
Awaiting Listing/transfer	**34**	
Stored at Feltham [1]	**1**	
Retained S3(4) [2]	**1**	
Too soon for TNA [3]	**1**	
Total carried over		**98**
Total identified (released/unreleased)		**203**

DEFE 13 Private Office Papers			
1184	1977	Richard Luce MP; J Glover - UFOs **(ALTHOUGH PREPARED FOR TNA FILE HAS BEEN ISOLATED DUE TO ITS STORAGE WITH FILES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED IN OWO)**	AF/JW562/77 MR/12554
TBA	1976	Sir John Langford-Holt MO M J Hessessy - UFO Enquiry	AF/BJ84/76
TBA	1976	Dr Coleman JP Mr R J Whitrow - UFO Enquiry	AF/BY76/76
DEFE 19 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: CENTRAL DEFENCE SCIENTIFIC STAFF and predecessors: REGISTERED FILES (CSA, AE 1 and A SERIES) and PAPERS			
9	1948 - 1960	Scientific intelligence. **(RETAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH S3(4) OF PRA, BUT INCLUDES DSI/JTIC REPORT NO 7 ON UFO STUDY. REPORT EXTRACTED AND RELEASED IN DEFE 44)**	CSA/ALPH/51
DEFE 24 Defence Secretariat: Registered Files (DS Series)			
1289	Apr - Aug 78	UFO Reports edited copies	D/DS8/75/2/2E
1290	Aug - Oct 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/2F
1291	Jan - Mar 78	UFO Reports	D/DS8/75/2/3D
1292	Sep - Oct 78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3G

[1] One file, although prepared for TNA, has been temporarily relocated to Feltham as part of a consignment of files contaminated with asbestos.

[2] Although DEFE 19/9 is retained the DSI/JSTI Report NO 7 has been extracted (and replaced with a copy) and released as DEFE 44/119.

[3] Rendlesham Forest occurrence (1980-96) - file already placed in Publication Scheme.

		(1289 – 1292 Not yet transferred – due for release 2009)	
TBA	1977	UFO Reports: Reports and correspondence, Oct-Dec 1977	D/DS8/2/3C
TBA	1977	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/1B
TBA	1977-78	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/1C
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3E
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3F
TBA	1978	Ditto	D/DS8/75/2/3H
TBA	1978	Ditto **(TBA TNA class & piece numbers – due for release 2007/08)**	D/DS8/75/2/3J
TBA	1978	UFO: Parliamentary correspondence	D/DS8/2/3 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports and correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports. edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J
TBA	1979	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B
TBA	1979	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt D
TBA	1979	TV discussion on UFOs	D/DS8/75/6 Pt A
TBA	1979	Satellite Debris	D/DS8/75/7 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L
TBA	1980	UFO reports: edited	D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A
TBA	1980	UFO reports	D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt A
TBA	1981	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt B
TBA	1982	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt C
TBA	1982	General, briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt D
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt E
NOT FOR TNA (YET)	1980-96	UFOs Report of sighting Rendlesham Forest, December 1981 **Not for TNA yet – but file has been released under CODE and placed if FOI Publication Scheme**	D/Sec(AS) 12/2/1
TBA	1983	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt B
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt F
TBA	1984	General briefs, reports, UFO correspondence	D/DS8/10/209 Pt G
DEFE 31 DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF: REGISTERED FILES			
177	?	UFO's: incidents	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 21
178	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 22
179	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 23
180	?	Ditto	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 24
181	?	Ditto **(177 -181 due for release 20107)** **NOT YET TRANSFERRED TO TNA (as at Jun 04)**	DI55/108/15/1 Pt 25

MISSING FILES: After an extensive search of Hayes, Records1 and DAS [although Hayes state that items 1-5 with Records1]

Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1976	M Heseltine	AF/JW221/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1	1976	Nigel Lawson MP Mr Aleyne Body - UFO	AF/JW260/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1976	R Hattersley Esq Mr R Park - UFO	AF/JW270/76
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1977	John Ellis - UFOs	MR/122505
Hayes?	1979	Unidentified Flying Object	MR/122433
Not Hayes/DAS/Records1?	1980	UFO reports & correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G

Note:

Items 1-5 - if located to be assigned to DEFE 13
Item 6 - if located to be assigned to DEFE 24

Annex B

PRO CLASSES CREATED FOR INTELLIGENCE RECORDS - UFO RELATED RECORDS - AS AT JUNE 2004

20 classes have, to date, been identified for records created for the defence "intelligence" branches. **They contain between them more than 17,350 intelligence records selected for permanent preservation.**

The classes together with the date range and approximate number of pieces in each class:

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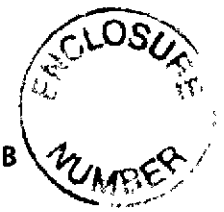
DEFE 10	**Major Committees: minutes and papers**	**1942–1977**	**987 bound volumes.** Incl: DEFE 10/496 & 497 - These two pieces contain 7 items relating to Working Party on Flying Saucers and its subsequent report. **496 & 497 RELEASED 1998 but 6 items were released in 1996 see DEFE 41/74-76**
DEFE 19	**Ministry of Defence: Directorate of Scientific Intelligence, later Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence: Reports and Memoranda.**	**1948 - 1979**	**163 files** Incl; DEFE 19/9 1948 - 60 Scientific intelligence Piece includes DSI/JTIC Report NO 7 - report extracted and reassigned to DEFE 44/119
DEFE 21	**Joint Intelligence Bureau, Directorate of Scientific Intelligence: Registered files**	**1946–1978**	**72 files**
DEFE 31	**Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files**	**1957 - 1979**	**160 files** DEFE 31/118 (1958–63) UFO: policy 119 (1963–67) **(118 & 119 RELEASED 1998)**
DEFE 32	**Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files**	**1946–1983**	**21 files**
DEFE 41	**Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence: Scientific Technical Intelligence Branch and Overseas Liaison Branch**	**1946 - 1963**	**161 files** **Incl:** **DEFE 41/74) - Minutes from DSI/JTIC Meetings.** **DEFE 41/75) - (6 items relating to Working Party on** **DEFE 41/76) - Flying Saucers and its report)** **(RELEASED 1996)** **DEFE41/117 - Unorthodox Aircraft** (ufo

			references limited to British/German press cuttings **(RELEASED 1995)** DEFE41/153 – DSI/JTIC papers (incl. reference to Report No. 7 "UFO's") **(RELEASED 1995)**
DEFE 44	**Joint Intelligence Bureau: Reports**	**1946–1991**	**298 files and volumes** **Incl:** **DEFE 44/119 DSI/JTIC Report No 7** **(Transferred to PRO 2 October 01)**
DEFE 60	**Ministry of Defence: Joint Intelligence Bureau: Economic and General Division, later Division of Joint Services and Economic Intelligence: Intelligence Assessments, Reports, Memoranda and Surveys**	**1952–1956**	**2 files**
DEFE 61	**Ministry of Defence – Defence Intelligence Staff: Directorates of Service Intelligence and of Economic and Logistic Intelligence: Registered Files**	**1957–1976**	**8 files**
DEFE 62	**– Ministry of Defence – Defence Intelligence Staff: Director-General of Intelligence, later Chief of Defence Intelligence; Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Intelligence); Directorate of Management and Support of Intelligence; and Defence Intelligence Staff Secretariat: centrally-staffed DIS Intelligence Assessment, Reports and Studies**	**1964–1988**	**Currently an empty class**
DEFE 63	**Ministry of Defence – Defence Intelligence Staff: Directorate of Service Intelligence, later Deputy Directorate of Intelligence (Warsaw Pact) and Deputy Directorate of Intelligence (Rest of the World): Intelligence Assessments, Reports and Studies**	**1957–1976**	**10 files**
DEFE 64	**Ministry of Defence – Defence Intelligence Staff: Directorate of Economic Intelligence: Intelligence Assessments, Reports and Studies**	**1957–1978**	**27 files**
DEFE 65	**Ministry of Defence: Joint Intelligence Bureau and**	**1961–1975**	**5 files**

	Defence Intelligence Staff: Intelligence conferences, Committees and Working Parties; Reports and Papers		
DEFE 66	Ministry of Defence: Joint Intelligence Bureau and Defence Intelligence Staff: Miscellaneous Papers	1946–1972	Currently an empty class
WO 106	Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence	1837–1962	6368 boxes, files and volumes
WO 208	Directorate of Military Intelligence	1917–1974	5387 boxes, files and volumes



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DEFE 19	**Ministry of Defence: Directorate of Scientific Intelligence, later Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence: Reports and Memoranda.**	**1948 - 1979**	**163 files** Incl; DEFE 19/9 1948 - 60 Scientific intelligence Piece includes DSI/JTIC Report NO 7 - report extracted and reassigned to DEFE 44/119
DEFE 21	**Joint Intelligence Bureau, Directorate of Scientific Intelligence: Registered files**	**1946–1978**	**72 files**
DEFE 31	**Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files**	**1957 - 1979**	**160 files** DEFE 31/118 (1958-63) UFO: policy 119 (1963-67) **(118 & 119 RELEASED 1998)**
DEFE 32	**Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files**	**1946–1983**	**21 files**
DEFE 41	**Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence: Scientific Technical Intelligence Branch and Overseas Liaison Branch**	**1946 - 1963**	**161 files** **Incl:** **DEFE 41/74) - Minutes from DSI/JTIC Meetings.** **DEFE 41/75) - (6 items relating to Working Party on** **DEFE 41/76) - Flying Saucers and its report)** **(RELEASED 1996)** **DEFE41/117 - Unorthodox Aircraft** (ufo

			references limited to British/German press cuttings **(RELEASED 1995)** DEFE41/153 - DSI/JTIC papers (incl. reference to Report No. 7 "UFO's") **(RELEASED 1995)**
DEFE 44	**Joint Intelligence Bureau: Reports**	**1946–1991**	**298 files and volumes** **Incl:** **DEFE 44/119 DSI/JTIC Report No 7** **(Transferred to PRO 2 October 01)**
DEFE 60	**Ministry of Defence: Joint Intelligence Bureau: Economic and General Division, later Division of Joint Services and Economic Intelligence: Intelligence Assessments, Reports, Memoranda and Surveys**	**1952–1956**	**2 files**
DEFE 61	**Ministry of Defence - Defence Intelligence Staff: Directorates of Service Intelligence and of Economic and Logistic Intelligence: Registered Files**	**1957–1976**	**8 files**
DEFE 62	**- Ministry of Defence - Defence Intelligence Staff: Director-General of Intelligence, later Chief of Defence Intelligence; Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Intelligence); Directorate of Management and Support of Intelligence; and Defence Intelligence Staff Secretariat: centrally-staffed DIS Intelligence Assessment, Reports and Studies**	**1964–1988**	**Currently an empty class**
DEFE 63	**Ministry of Defence - Defence Intelligence Staff: Directorate of Service Intelligence, later Deputy Directorate of Intelligence (Warsaw Pact) and Deputy Directorate of Intelligence (Rest of the World): Intelligence Assessments, Reports and Studies**	**1957–1976**	**10 files**
DEFE 64	**Ministry of Defence - Defence Intelligence Staff: Directorate of Economic Intelligence: Intelligence Assessments, Reports and Studies**	**1957–1978**	**27 files**
DEFE 65	**Ministry of Defence: Joint Intelligence Bureau and**	**1961–1975**	**5 files**

	Defence Intelligence Staff: Intelligence conferences, Committees and Working Parties; Reports and Papers		
DEFE 66	Ministry of Defence: Joint Intelligence Bureau and Defence Intelligence Staff: Miscellaneous Papers	1946–1972	Currently an empty class
WO 106	Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence	1837–1962	6368 boxes, files and volumes
WO 208	Directorate of Military Intelligence	1917–1974	5387 boxes, files and volumes



Section 40

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

From: [redacted] [CTandUKOps-AirspaceIntegritySO1@mod.uk]
Sent: 07 September 2004 18:40
To: Section 40
Cc: CTandUKOps-AD Ops2
Subject: RE: Dr Clarke

Section 40

As requested.

I have answered the questions below to the best of my ability.

There is nothing in my responses that cannot be released to Dr Clarke although you may wish to make my answers more politically correct and coherent with MOD Policy (if there is any!)

Section 40
SO1 Airspace Integrity
D CT&UK Ops
Section 40 Section 40

Please note that this CHOtS account will cease to exist at 1200 on 10 Sep 04. Messages **cannot** be forwarded to the new account.

From 1200 on 13 Sep 04 my new e-mail addresses will be: Section 40 @mod.uk (internet compatible) or CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1. Other details are:

SO1 Airspace Integrity,
Section 40
Main Building,
Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB
Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 27 August 2004 12:19
To: Info Records1; DI BCR-CG AD; CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1
Cc: Section 40
Subject: Dr Clarke

Dear All

I have now received Dr Clarke's agenda of items for discussion at our meeting with him and Section 40 on 1st October. I am going to prepare some notes for Section 40 and myself to use when we are talking to them. Most of the questions we can answer, but I would be grateful for your advice on the following which refer to your areas.

The future of Defence Intelligence files subject to asbestos contamination – what other subject areas are affected?
(DI BCR-CG AD / Info Records1)

Future preservation of UFO files and destruction of files – possibility of storage in electronic formats.
(Info Records1 – Do you have any general guidance on the preservation of MOD information now we are storing electronically?).

Status and titles of files currently in process of transfer from MOD to TNA – possible dates of transfer etc.
(Info Records1)

Status of air intelligence and scientific intelligence files currently withheld under Section 3(4) of the Public Record Act in context of FOIA.
(DI BCR-CG AD / Info Records1)

Missing Records: The possible file location of the 1955 report on "Flying Saucers" by DDI (Tech) to ACAS(I) referred to in Parliamentary papers to Major Sir Patrick Wall held at Hull University.
(DI BCR-CG AD / Info Records1 - Dr Clarke has provided some papers on this. I will fax them to you both)

Is it not a matter for concern that radar systems are contrived to ignore returns outside the parameters of known aircraft technology?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)
This response is confined to Air Defence radars - I am not aware of any Military ATC radar reporting system or analysis procedures.
No because there is currently no suggestion or credible evidence (either here in the UK or from the international community) that there is any extra-terrestrial activity that poses a threat to UK national security.

Does MOD maintain separate records of unidentified radar incidents and which department performs analysis of these?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)
This response is confined to Air Defence radars - I am not aware of any Military ATC radar reporting system or analysis procedures.
No, MOD does not maintain separate records of unidentified AD radar incidents.
This is due to the fact that there are no known incidents of the Air Defence radars or Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) radar at RAF Fylingdales detecting an object(s) whose origin could not be explained.
Currently the AD radar plot data is archived by the command and control system for 30 days before it is overwritten - this is a flight safety requirement and it is not in any way related to concerns about unexplained radar sightings. However, if the radar operators did have any concerns the radar data would be 'played back' and analysed by the local operational and technical subject matter experts. If this analysis proved inconclusive, it would be possible to pass the data on to our specialist radar technical experts at RAF Henlow or to the radar manufacturer. However, no such incidents have been recorded so this procedure has never needed to be formalised or utilised.
This is the same process that is applied to Unexplained Aerial Sightings from Credible Witnesses. The operators at the command and control units are ordered by the Group Headquarters (formal tasking originates from DCT&UK Ops when notified of incidents by DAS) to 'playback' the radar tapes at the time and location of the alleged 'sighting' and report whether the radar detected any unusual and unexplained activity. I am not aware of any incident that has been detected by an AD radar and classified as of 'interest to the Air Defence system'.
BMEWS radar data is archived for 10 days before being overwritten. This is mainly due to the fact that some space debris can orbit the earth several times before the identify is positively confirmed. If the radar operators did have any concerns the radar data could be 'played back' and analysed by the local operational and technical subject matter experts. There are no known incidents of the BMEWS radar at RAF Fylingdales detecting an object(s) whose origin could not be explained.

Given ambiguous nature of unidentified radar incidents form 1950s why were detailed records

from this period destroyed?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)
This response is confined to Air Defence radars.
My understanding is that the MOD is only required to keep files until the desk-officers responsible for the subject believe that they are no further administrative or operational value. As there has never been any suggestion or credible evidence that there was any extra-terrestrial activity that posed a threat to national security, I can only assume that the files were destroyed under normal 'housekeeping' guidelines as they were regarded as of no further interest or value to the MOD.
These same guidelines exist today and archived files on all subjects and of all classifications are constantly being reviewed and are destroyed, where appropriate.

How many such incidents on record in recent years and what action taken?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)
This response is confined to Air Defence radars - I am not aware of any Military ATC radar reporting system or analysis procedures.
There are no records of any unidentified radar incidents in recent years.
Any such incident would be handled in the same manner as the Unexplained Aerial Sighting reports.

Even though we will be talking to Clarke and Section 40 face to face, FOI principles will still apply, so if there is anything sensitive in what Dr Clarke has asked, please let me know so that we do not tell him anything that should not be released. I am on leave from the 2 to 17 September, but would appreciate your advice by COP 20th September. If you have any queries before then, please give me a call on Section 40

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40, MB
Tel: Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 02 September 2004 09:10
To: Section 40 ; CBSSBC-SYOPS7; CBSSBC-SYOPS9 (CHOTS)
Cc: Section 40
Subject: RE: Visitors & Portable Recording Devices

Section 40

I have taken further advice on this request. To allow this CBSSBC-Sy would require a justifiable case to be presented for the use of recording equipment. In this case, accurate note taking is not justifiable.

This opens an additional question: Why can't they take written notes?

Regards,

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 01 September 2004 10:55
To: Section 40 CBSSBC-SYOPS7; CBSSBC-SYOPS9 (CHOTS)
Cc: Section 40
Subject: Visitors & Portable Recording Devices

Section 40

Further to your advice below, the people who are visiting us on 1st October have told us that they would like to bring a Sony Mini-disc recorder with them to enable them to take accurate notes. I see from JSP440 that we need approval from the local security staff, so I would be grateful for your advice as to whether this is possible. The visitors will be escorted by MOD staff from the North Door to the conference room and at all times during their visit. We initially assumed that they may wish to use a laptop (which now we know they do not) so we have booked an AV enabled conference room (Section 40).

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From: CBSSBC-PO1
Sent: 21 July 2004 13:58
To: DAS-FOI
Cc: CBSSBC-SYOPS7; CBSSBC-SYOPS9 (CHOTS)
Subject: Restricted: Security Helpdesk Enquiry - Visitors & Portable Recording Devices

Section 40

Reference: Security Helpdesk Enquiry 85 - Visitors & Portable Recording devices in MB

Thank you for your enquiry with reference to visitors to MOD Main Building with portable recording devices. The advice is by category of equipment:

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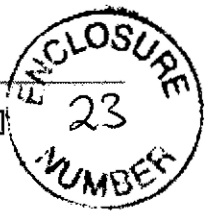
Should you require any further advice or information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Section 40
CBSSBC-PassOffice1 & Security Helpdesk
Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]



From: DI BCR-CG AD [c=GB;a= ;p=CHOTS-HQ;o=CHOTSR;cn=DI BCR-CG AD ;ou1=MB1;]
Sent: 01 September 2004 19:06
To: DAS-FOI
Subject: FW: UFO requests

Thanks Section 40 Not a problem if he asks as we have that clearly documented. It was in order to see whether we had anything useful from a DI perspective and resulted in our decision to stop receiving sighting reports in 2000. I think we have lines to take ifhe asks.

Section 40 [redacted]
DI BCR CG AD
Section 4 Section 40 [redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: DI BCR-CG AD
Sent: 01 September 2004 11:40
To: DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: FW: UFO requests

From: Section 40 [redacted] X400:C=GB;A= ;P=MOD;O=DII;S= Section 40 [redacted] ;I=LC;]
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2004 11:39:37 AM
To: DI BCR-CG AD (CHOTS); DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: RE: UFO requests
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Section 40 [redacted]

Thanks for this. I will remove staff names, telephone numbers etc in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

I agree that we should not mention the database to Dr Clarke unless he brings it up. If he does, we can tell him that we believe it has been destroyed. The only tricky thing might be if he asks why it was set up in the first place.

Section 40 [redacted]

From: DI BCR-CG AD
Sent: 26 August 2004 11:36
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: DI 55-B
Subject: RE: UFO requests

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

We are now content for you to release the minute from DI ST unredacted.

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 01 September 2004 11:37
To: DI BCR-CG AD (CHOTS); DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: RE: UFO requests

Section 40

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Section 40 has found a minute on the file dated March 2000 advising the whereabouts of the original material (ie the sighting reports) and stating that everything else had been destroyed. We infer from that, that the database was also destroyed. However, we do not think there is a need to mention the database to Dr Clarke unless he comes back with a question about it.

Section 40 [redacted]
DI BCR CG AD
Section 40 [redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2004 16:44
To: DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: RE: UFO requests

Dear Section 40

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1. Release the documents to Dr Clarke without redaction. Dr Clarke may then ask for sight of the database or details from it. If we find that the database no longer exists, then we can tell him that and that should be the end of it, although he may ask some questions about why the database was set up. If it is still stored somewhere and the information is still sensitive we will be able to withhold the information under an exemption of the Code, depending on the sensitivities.

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1st October. I hope therefore we can reach a decision before then, if not sooner.

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From: DI BCR-CG AD [c=GB;a= ;p=CHOTS-HQ;o=CHOTSR;cn=DI BCR-CG AD ;ou1=MB1;]
Sent: 23 August 2004 17:49
To: DAS-FOI
Cc: DI 55-B
Subject: FW: UFO requests

Thanks, Section I would prefer the first option. WE will then a few weeks to see if the database can be traced. If discovered, it SHOULD all be releasable. Although Section and I were discussing charging a fee for it!!

Section grateful for your views. Are you happy for Section to send Dr Clarke the unredacted note yet?
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1st October. I hope therefore we can reach a decision before then, if not sooner.

The move to MB was not bad, although seven weeks on, we still have no UFO answerphone and no access to our database.

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DAS-FOI

From: DI BCR-CG AD
Sent: 23 August 2004 11:51
To: DAS-FOI
Subject: UFO requests

Dear Section
I have had an update from DI55 on finding the information about the sightings database mentioned in Section minute. We have been having difficulty in contacting the contractor who compiled it, but we now think it was compiled by Section on his behalf. We are now trying to find out if threre is a copy stored anywhere.
Meanwhile, Section has agreed to write me a note detailing his efforts. I think once FOI comes in, some

evidence to demonstrate that we have been active and not just letting things drift will be extremely useful if requesters appeal. I will let you have a copy of his note when I get it.

I hope the move to MB went OK!

Section 40 [redacted]

DI BCR CG AD

Section 40 [redacted]

DAS-Sec3

From: DI BCR-CG AD
Sent: 03 June 2004 10:00
To: DAS-Sec3
Subject: RE: UFO- Request for information

Thanks Section 40 sorry to hold you up and cause delay.

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DI BCR CG AD

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-----Original Message-----
From: DAS-Sec3
Sent: 03 June 2004 09:28
To: DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: RE. UFO- Request for information

OK Section 40 thanks. In the meantime, so that we do not delay sending the rest of the papers he has requested, I will tell Dr Clarke that we are temporarily withholding these papers, so we can consider their status further.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: DI BCR-CG AD
Sent: 03 June 2004 09:07
To: DAS-Sec3
Cc: DI55B
Subject: RE: UFO- Request for information

Section 40

Thank you for your advice. I apologise. Having now reread the Code, I can see that we need to be more rigorous these days in citing an exemption. I will speak to Section 40 again and if necessary, get his Director involved if we do need to cite an exemption. I will be in touch soon.

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-----Original Message-----
From: DAS-Sec3
Sent: 02 June 2004 16:03
To: DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: RE: UFO- Request for information

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Under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code), information can not be withheld purely on classification or because it is about policy. Information can only be withheld if it fits one of the 15 Code exemptions and we can demonstrate that the harm likely to arise from disclosure would outweigh the public interest in making the information available. If we do withold information under an exemption of the Code and the requester is unhappy with that decision (very likely in this case) they have the right to first, an internal review (by DG Info) and then an appeal to the Parliamentary Ombudsman. In both cases we would have to justify our decision and if we can not put up a strong enough case, we can be told to release the information. When the public gain access rights under the FOI Act in January 2005 very similar arrangements will apply.

If you still believe that this information should be withheld from Dr Clarke please could you let me know which exemption of the Code you believe best fits your reason for withholding the information and what harm you envisage would be caused by its release. Please let me know if you do not have access to details of the Code exemptions and I will fax them over to you.

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-----Original Message-----
From: DI BCR-CG AD

Sent: 02 June 2004 14:49
To: DAS-Sec3
Subject: RE: UFO- Request for information

Sorry Section 40
Meant to reply to you before. Section 40 and I have discussed these documents and we have decided that since they concern DIS policy and are classified CONFIDENTIAL, we do not wish them to be released into the public domain. We shall be reviewing UFO files in the light of the FOI Act in due course, but at this stage, we are not ready to release them.

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-----Original Message-----
From: DAS-Sec3
Sent: 02 June 2004 12:06
To: DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: UFO- Request for information

Section 40

I now have together all the papers requested by Dr Clarke which I am about to send to him. Please could you let me know as soon as possible, whether you are happy for us to release the two documents I sent to you on 21 April.

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Section 40

From: [redacted] [Section 40]
Sent: 01 September 2004 20:09
To: Section 40
Subject: [redacted]

1 September 2004

Dear Section 40

With reference to the forthcoming meeting on 1 October I hope you have received the list of topics to be discussed.
Due to unexpected work commitments my colleagu Section 40 will be unable to accompany me to the meeting.
However, another colleague, Section 40 wishes to accompany me and out of courtesy I said I would obtain clearance for this substitution with you in advance.
I shall be on holiday from 2-10 September and no doubt will hear from you in due course,

Yours sincerely

Dr David Clarke

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2004 1:58 PM
Subject: Meeting, 1 October

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your message.

I will discuss this further with Section 40 when he returns from leave and then I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: David Clarke [mailto: Section 40
Sent: 15 August 2004 17:14
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: Meeting, 1 October

15 August 2004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your message concerning our meeting on 1st October.

Whilst we fully understand your concerns regarding our proposal to record the interview, surely you can appreciate that this is the only way to ensure that a full and

accurate record of the discussion can be made. For the purposes of academic research hand written notes, or indeed shorthand, do not constitute an accurate record of what was said and any ambiguity could lead to misunderstanding or misperceptions which could, in turn, distort our understanding of the MoD's position.

We also understand the possible security concerns about bringing a recording device into the MoD building. However, we are quite prepared for any check to be made on the equipment or, failing that, perhaps the MoD could provide suitable recording equipment for us to use.

We have no desire to become 'involved in future public interviews and debates'regarding answers to any of our questions and, as I am sure you must be aware, share the MoD viewpoint on UFOs to a great extent. We are quite simply trying to obtain direct answers to questions which have not been asked before and in a face to face situation so that any nuances may be explored as they arise. Clearly this cannot be done by letter or email due to the nature of these communciations and equally clearly the only way to be sure we have a true and accurate record of the MoD's answers.

We hope this clears up any misunderstandings and look forward to hearing from you once this has been discussed with Section 40 . You should receive our agenda questions within the next ten days.

Yours sincerely,
Dr David Clarke

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2004 11:39 AM
Subject: Meeting, 1 October

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your message concerning our meeting on 1st October.

With regard to your proposal to tape our discussion, I need to discuss this with Section 40 who is currently on annual leave until 25 August. Once I have had an opportunity to speak to Section 40 I will write to you again.

In the meantime, please be aware that the MOD does not get involved in taped interviews and public debates on UFO matters. We are happy to explain the MOD's position and to assist the public wherever possible with answering any questions that they may have, or information they may require. Section 40 and I have, therefore, agreed to this meeting on the understanding that the purpose of the meeting is to assist you with your studies, not for us to become involved in future public interviews and debates for which we do not have the time or resources.

I will discuss this further with Section 40 on his return and if we agree that our conversation can be recorded for your research purposes, I will explore the technical possibilities with our building security staff.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
MOD
DAS-FOI

From: David Clarke [mailto:Section 40
Sent: 10 August 2004 18:54
To: Section 40
Subject: Meeting, 1 October

10 August 2004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 21 July 2004 in reply to mine of 5 July enclosing cheque for UFO-related records processed under the Code of Practice.

With regards to the proposed meeting at MOD Main Building with yourself and Section 40 just to confirm that Friday, 1 October at 11am is convenient for myself and Section 40

One question: I note that your description of security procedures states that "cameras or ancillary recording equipment" will not be allowed into the building.

While we had no intention of bringing cameras to the actual meeting, does this mean that it will not be possible to record the discussion meeting for transcription purposes?

I had intended to record the discussion on a small Sony mini-disc recorder that I use for interviews. This would then allow me to produce an accurate transcription of what was said that I intended to submit to yourself for approval. If this is not possible, could MOD provide a recording machine that could be used for the same purpose?

I have drawn up an agenda of topics for discussion and will send this by post within the next week.

Yours sincerely,

Dr David Clarke
National Centre for English Cultural Tradition and Language
School of English
University of Sheffield



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 01 September 2004 10:55
To: Section 40 ; CBSSBC-SYOPS7; CBSSBC-SYOPS9 (CHOTS)
Cc: Section 40
Subject: Visitors & Portable Recording Devices

Section 40

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Sent: 21 July 2004 13:58
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Cc: CBSSBC-SYOPS7; CBSSBC-SYOPS9 (CHOTS)
Subject: Restricted: Security Helpdesk Enquiry - Visitors & Portable Recording Devices

Section 40

Reference: Security Helpdesk Enquiry 85 - Visitors & Portable Recording devices in MB

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Regards,

Section 40

CBSSBC-PassOffice1 & Security Helpdesk

Section 40 [redacted]



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Subject: Restricted: Security Helpdesk Enquiry - Visitors & Portable Recording Devices

Section 40 [redacted]

Reference: Security Helpdesk Enquiry 85 - Visitors & Portable Recording devices in MB

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Should you require any further advice or information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Section 40 [redacted]
CBSSBC-PassOffice1 & Security Helpdesk
Section 40 [redacted]

JSP 440 Vol 3 Part 7
Section 3 Chapter 5
Para 32

ENCLOSURE 19 NUMBER

Control of loudspeaker telephones

31. 'Hands-free' telephones have built in loudspeakers. Such telephones should be removed from conference or meeting rooms, and cut off when sensitive conversations are being held in their vicinity.

Control of recording equipment

32. As well as static installations, such as conference room dictation systems, a number of portable items that may be fitted with microphones and a recording capability are likely to be brought into defence premises. Where official PDAs and mobile phones are to brought into sensitive areas, care must be taken that their recording facilities cannot be accidentally activated by the holder, or remotely activated. Ancillary recording equipment may only be [redacted]

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Inductive Loops

33. As well as the direct audio signal, it is also possible for an attacker to exploit the inductive loops fitted to various types of equipment to aid those with hearing disabilities. If any equipment fitted with such facilities is to be installed on a defence site, the Co-ordinating Installation Design Authority (CIDA) should be consulted.

Acoustic hoods

34. Acoustic hoods offer some privacy in general office areas, but must be sited carefully to be effective.

Secure speech enclosures

35. Secure speech enclosures offer a high degree of privacy. Their use should be considered where sensitive discussions take place in a high risk environment, and when using approved secure speech systems in such environments.

Physical search

36. Periodic physical searches by security staff (usually security guards in MOD civilian establishments and service personnel in service establishments) are an effective countermeasure against quick-plant devices. Basic guidelines for carrying out a physical search can be found at *Annex C*. Advice on training in physical searching is available through the relevant PSyA.

Action to be taken when an eavesdropping device is found

37. Search teams who believe they have found an eavesdropping device in an office/conference room etc should immediately follow the guidance given at *Annex C*.



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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

From: [c=GB;a= ;p=CHOTS-HQ;o=CHOTSR;cn=DI BCR-CG AD ;ou1=MB1;]
Sent: 01 September 2004 09:38
To: DI 55-B; DI BCR-INFO AD; DI BCR-INFO 1a
Cc: DAS-FOI
Subject: FW: Dr Clarke

Dear all
Please see the attached email from DAS with some further questions from Dr Clarke, who is researching UFOs. DAS have agreed to meet Dr Clarke and his assistant, Section 40 . to answer his questions. These particular questions refer to the files in the contaminated archives. I have numbered the ones relevant to DIS.

On Q1, he ask what other subject areas are affected? I don't think we would wish to answer specifically. Section 40 you have a line to take, please?

Q2 - Section 40 ould you shed any light on section 3(4) of the Public Record Act or is this one for Info Records to answer?

Q3 - Section 40 I have a fax that I can copy you - but would we still retain files from 1955? Section 40 are there any files which might be relevant in our archives?

I am on leave after the Transition Event, but back on 17 Sept. Most grateful for your help on these questions and your responses by 17 Sep would be most helpful. Thanks very much.

Section 40
DI BCR CG AD
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-----Original Message-----
From: DI BCR-CG AD
Sent: 01 September 2004 08:15
To: DI BCR-CG AD
Subject: FW: Dr Clarke

From: Section 40 [X400:C=GB;A= ;P=MOD;O=DII;S=Section 40 ;I=LC;]
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2004 8:14:29 AM
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Subject: FW: Dr Clarke
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I hope one of these will get to you this time. This is what the fax refers to.

Section 40
DAS-FOI

From: Section 40
Sent: 27 August 2004 12:16
To: Info Records1; DI BCR-CG AD; CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1

[redacted]
Subject: Dr Clarke

Dear All

I have now received Dr Clarke's agenda of items for discussion at our meeting with him and [redacted] on 1st October. I am going to prepare some notes for [redacted] and myself to use when we are talking to them. Most of the questions we can answer, but I would be grateful for your advice on the following which refer to your areas.

1. The future of Defence Intelligence files subject to asbestos contamination – what other subject areas are affected?
(DI BCR-CG AD / Info Records1)

Future preservation of UFO files and destruction of files – possibility of storage in electronic formats.
(Info Records1 – Do you have any general guidance on the preservation of MOD information now we are storing electronically?).

Status and titles of files currently in process of transfer from MOD to TNA – possible dates of transfer etc.
(Info Records1)

2. Status of air intelligence and scientific intelligence files currently withheld under Section 3(4) of the Public Record Act in context of FOIA.
(DI BCR-CG AD / Info Records1)

3. Missing Records: The possible file location of the 1955 report on "Flying Saucers" by DDI (Tech) to ACAS(I) referred to in Parliamentary papers to Major Sir Patrick Wall held at Hull University.
(DI BCR-CG AD / Info Records1 - Dr Clarke has provided some papers on this. I will fax them to you both)

Is it not a matter for concern that radar systems are contrived to ignore returns outside the parameters of known aircraft technology?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)

Does MOD maintain separate records of unidentified radar incidents and which department performs analysis of these?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)

Given ambiguous nature of unidentified radar incidents form 1950s why were detailed records from this period destroyed?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)

How many such incidents on record in recent years and what action taken?
(CTandUKOps-Airspace Integrity SO1)

Even though we will be talking to Clarke and [redacted] face to face, FOI principles will still apply, so if there is anything sensitive in what Dr Clarke has asked, please let me know so that we do not tell him anything that should not be released. I am on leave from the 2 to 17 September, but would appreciate your advice by

[redacted]OP 20th September. If you have any queries before then, please give me a call on MB Section 40

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ENCLOSURE 17 NUMBER

Dr David Clarke
Section 40

Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff(Secretariat)3
Ministry of Defence
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25 August 2004

Dear Section 40

Please find attached our agenda for our meeting at 11 am on Friday, 1 October 2004.

The areas of discussion are loosely grouped under four general headings, A-D. We hope this will provide some structure and allow you to prepare in advance.

However, we hope the subject areas/questions are not too restrictive on a free-flowing discussion of the subject matter.

Please note the attached papers, copied from the Major Patrick Wall MP archive at the University of Hull refer to agenda item B8 – the 1955 Air Ministry report on 'flying saucers' which so far has not been identified at the TNA.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the agenda please do not hesitate to contact me either in writing or via email.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

D.W.Clarke Section 40

Agenda items for meeting with Ministry of Defence, DAS (Sec), 1 October 2004.

A) MOD policy and 'Unidentified Flying Objects'

1. Which documents/briefings form the basis for current policy? What is the earliest dated document currently used as the basis for policy?

2. Outline of working relationship of the departments/branches responsible for dealing with UFO matters the process whereby MOD receives and investigates reports

3. What factors lay behind DIST decision of October 2000 that they are not interested in receiving reports?

4. How far are current DAS personnel aware of the past involvement of the Ministry in UFO matters and how they got involved (is there any form of history describing which secretariat was responsible for the subject in the past, etc?)

5. Would it be possible to contact previous incumbents of S4(Air), DS8 etc for interviews as part of this study?

6. Reasons why MOD are reluctant to take part in public discussion of UFO matters or to provide a "spokesperson" for media?

7. MOD Publication Scheme and UFOs: what factors led Ministry to accept there was a "public interest" in the subject and how they intend to address this.

8. What is the MOD's view of former incumbents of the 'UFO Desk' giving media interviews as de facto 'MOD spokesman' when the opinions expressed conflict with those of the department? This question refers to your letter to Section 40 of 17 November 2003 where you state that the Ministry is keen to "ensure that any personal viewpoint is not presented as MOD policy."

9. Nick Pope frequently refers to his time at the UFO Desk as being part of 'The Project'. Was this term ever used for MOD UFO investigations, formally or informally?

10. Does the role that Nick Pope occupied still exist? Is there an unclassified role description of that post available?

11. Why in 1995 did Sec(AS)2a Section 40 inform a member of the public that RAF Rudloe Manor/P&SS/Flying Complaints Flight acted as "a co-ordination point" for UFO reports received by the RAF prior to 1992? Why had this matter been previously denied by previous incumbents of Sec(AS)2a?

B. FOIA and archive material:

1. The future of Defence Intelligence files subject to asbestos contamination – what other subject areas are affected?

2. Future preservation of UFO files and destruction of files – possibility of storage in electronic formats

3. How applications for access to UFO files held by MoD and MoD archives will proceed after January 2005 under FOIA

4. Status and titles of files currently in process of transfer from MOD to TNA – possible dates of transfer etc

5. Issue of payment for processing of files subsequently made available via MOD Publication Scheme

6. Status of air intelligence and scientific intelligence files currently with-held under Section 3(4) of Public Record Act in context of FOIA

7. Possible location of pre-1962 UFO records: the issue of "missing files" that are actually misplaced within other files with titles that do not reflect their UFO content.

8. Missing Records: The possible file location of the 1955 report on "Flying Saucers" by DDI (Tech) to ACAS (I) referred to in Parliamentary papers of Major Sir Patrick Wall held at Hull University? [copy attached, Attachment A].

C. Radar systems and detections of 'UFOs'

1. Is it not a matter for concern that radar systems are contrived to ignore returns outside the parameters of known aircraft technology?

2. Does MOD maintain separate records of unidentified radar incidents and which department performs analysis of these?

3. Given ambiguous nature of unidentified radar incidents from 1950s why were detailed records from this period destroyed?

4. How many such incidents on record in recent years & what action taken?

D. UFO incidents:

1. Rendlesham Forest incident: a) what specific factors led to release of the file; b) to whom was it first released; c) when will the original file be available for scrutiny at TNA?

2. Photographic cases: what (if any) criteria do they apply to decide whether or not they should examine a photo?

3. Reports by Civil Aviation pilots: how many in recent years and what procedures are followed to investigate these.

4. Reports by Air Force & other personnel: how many in recent years?

5. Total numbers and most likely explanation for UFO reports received within last three years.

D.W.Clarke
23 August 2004

Attachment A

Sunday Dispatch (London), April 24, 1955, p 1

FLYING SAUCERS REPORT IS KEPT SECRET

Air Ministry chiefs have been shown a full report of the RAF's five-year probe into Flying Saucers To the great question "Do Flying Saucers exist?" the answer is understood to be "No " But the public are not to know the details.

Ten weeks ago the Sunday Dispatch knew about this report and pressed for publication in the public interest Yesterday the Air Ministry stated that a senior officer has ordered that the report is never to be made public

Fear of scepticism is one of the reasons that induced the air-marshals to have the report filed away They feel that the findings cannot be explained without revealing top-secret facts and that without a full explanation there would be a nation-wide controversy over the truth of the report

Sunday Dispatch, May 1, 1955, p 3

MP: TELL ALL ON FLYING SAUCERS

The Air Minister will be asked in the Commons on Wednesday if he will make public a report on Flying Saucers which an officer on the Air Staff has refused to release

Major Patrick Wall (Con Haltemprice) gave notice of his question after reading in last week's Sunday Dispatch that the report, prepared after a five year probe, will not be made public

"Unless there is a security risk, which I don't think there is, the public should know the truth," he told me "If the Air Ministry have found the answer whether or not they exist it is of great interest to everyone "

Major Wall

The following information was given to me by Mr. Peterson, News Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch". He asked that it should be treated as strictly confidential, as it was given him by an informant in the Air Ministry and you will understand that he is very anxious not to involve him.

There are in fact 2 reports. The first is a full length report going into some 10000 words. It does include a number of things which the authorities would certainly consider as ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ secret. Another, and modified report, of about 2½000, has been vetted for security and it was this one that Mr. Peterson hoped would be made available for publication. As far as the reasons for suppressing it are concerned, Mr. Petersen feels sure that these are not very sound, though, as he put it, "boxed up" in a parliamentary answer they may sound as though they are!

He would be most grateful if he could be informed if you do put down a Question, as he would like to give it publicity.

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Dr. Hill: I can reassure the hon. and learned Gentleman to this extent whereas in recent years the demand has exceeded the supply, it is estimated that in the current year the supply will be substantially in excess of the demand.

36. **Mr. Bing** asked the Postmaster-General the number of business and private subscriber lines, respectively, connected to the Rainham Exchange, and the number of applications for business and private lines, respectively, at present outstanding.

Dr. Hill: The number of business subscribers' lines is 1,285, and of private subscribers' lines 1,447. Forty-five business and 517 private applications are at present outstanding apart from those in course of provision or under inquiry.

Mr. Bing: Is the right hon. Gentleman aware that there are many small business firms in the Rainham area which have been unable to obtain telephones for a considerable period—one of which cases I called to his attention? In these circumstances, does he not think that he could appeal to one or two of the very large firms who are connected to that exchange—for instance, Ford's works—to give up one or two of their lines in favour of small businessmen?

Dr. Hill: I do appreciate the problem of small businessmen waiting for telephones, and I shall look into the suggestion the hon. and learned Gentleman has made.

"FLYING SAUCERS"

39. **Major Wall** asked the Under-Secretary of State for Air whether the Air Ministry inquiry into the existence of "flying saucers" has been completed, and whether he proposes to publish a report.

The Under-Secretary of State for Air (Mr. George Ward): Reports of "flying saucers," as well as any other abnormal objects in the sky, are investigated as they come in, but there has been no formal inquiry. About 90 per cent. of the reports have been found to relate to meteors, balloons, flares, and many other objects. The fact that the other 10 per cent. are unexplained need be attributed to nothing more sinister than lack of data.

Major Wall: I thank my hon. Friend for that reply, which I am sure will be of interest to a great many members of the general public.

TRANSPORT

Area Consultative Committees

41. **Mr. Page** asked the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation what steps he has taken, and what further steps he proposes to take, in pursuance of the recommendation of the Central Transport Consultative Committee for Great Britain in paragraph 5 of that Committee's Annual Report for 1954 to increase the awareness of the public at large of the facilities provided by the area committees.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (Mr. John Boyd-Carpenter): I shall continue to invite the attention of hon. Members and of organisations outside to the use which can be made of these committees. But the good work they do is itself the best method of securing greater public attention to them.

Mr. Renton: Is my right hon. Friend aware that, however much these consultative committees are used and however hard they try, they will always be a poor substitute for Parliamentary Questions and debate?

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter: As my hon. and learned Friend knows, they largely cover a sphere upon which, on the whole, Parliamentary Questions are not admissible. As I believe my hon. and learned Friend knows, these committees do a very good job of work.

Public Service Vehicles (Passengers' Injuries)

42. **Mr. Page** asked the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation how many accidents have occurred causing personal injury to passengers falling inside public service road vehicles during the latest convenient 12 months, how far the number shows an increase upon previous years, and whether he will cause a special inquiry to be made into this type of accident.

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 16

Dr David Clarke
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
21 July 2004

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 5th July and your cheque for £615. Your cheque has been passed to the MOD Accounts Department and I enclose a receipt for your records.

We are still awaiting a decision on the documents outstanding from your request, but I will write to you again as soon as there is any news.

With regard to our meeting, Section 40 and I are unavailable during the dates you suggested in September, but we have made an appointment to meet you and Section 40 on the 1 October 2004 at 11.00am. I hope this will be convenient for you.

Please enter the MOD Main Building by the North Door entrance in Horse Guards Avenue. You will be required to comply with security procedures which will include the searching of any luggage you have with you and may include putting it through an x-ray machine similar to those used at Airports. Please note that the security regulations for MOD buildings do not allow you to bring Camera's or ancillary recording equipment into the building. Mobile phones may be carried, but have to remain switched off in most areas of the building. The building is fitted with mobile phone detection equipment in prohibited areas. The use of camera's on mobile phones is strictly forbidden. You will be allowed to bring a Laptop into the building, but will only be able to use it in designated areas. I have ensured that I have booked a conference room in an area where you will be able to use a laptop if you wish to do so. Security will be told that you will be visiting and will notify me of your arrival.

I hope this is helpful. We are currently experiencing some technical problems with our telephone, so if you have any questions, please e-mail me at the address at the head of this letter. In the meantime, I look forward to receiving your agenda of items for discussion in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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RECEIPT

This is to certify that the Ministry of Defence, Directorate of Air Staff has received a cheque from Dr David Clarke for the sum of £615 made out to The Accounting Officer, MOD. This was payment for the preparation and supply of information from MOD files on 'unidentified flying objects' which Dr Clarke requested in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

Section 40

21 July 2004.



Section 40 [redacted]

From: CBSSBC-PO1
Sent: 21 July 2004 13:58
To: DAS-FOI
Cc: CBSSBC-SYOPS7; CBSSBC-SYOPS9 (CHOTS)
Subject: Restricted: Security Helpdesk Enquiry - Visitors & Portable Recording Devices

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Dr David Clarke
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Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff(Secretariat)3
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5 July 2004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters dated 3 June and 21 June in response to my request for UFO related information and copies of files requested under the Code of Practice.

The files dispatched under the date of 3 June arrived safely and I do appreciate the hard work that must have gone into assembling this material. As agreed I enclose a crossed cheque for £615 made out to 'Accounting Officer MOD' in payment. Please could you let me have a receipt for this amount which is required for my project accountants.

I look forward to receiving copies of the outstanding documents from D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F and D/DPR(RAF)326 Part A when consultations with your colleagues have been completed.

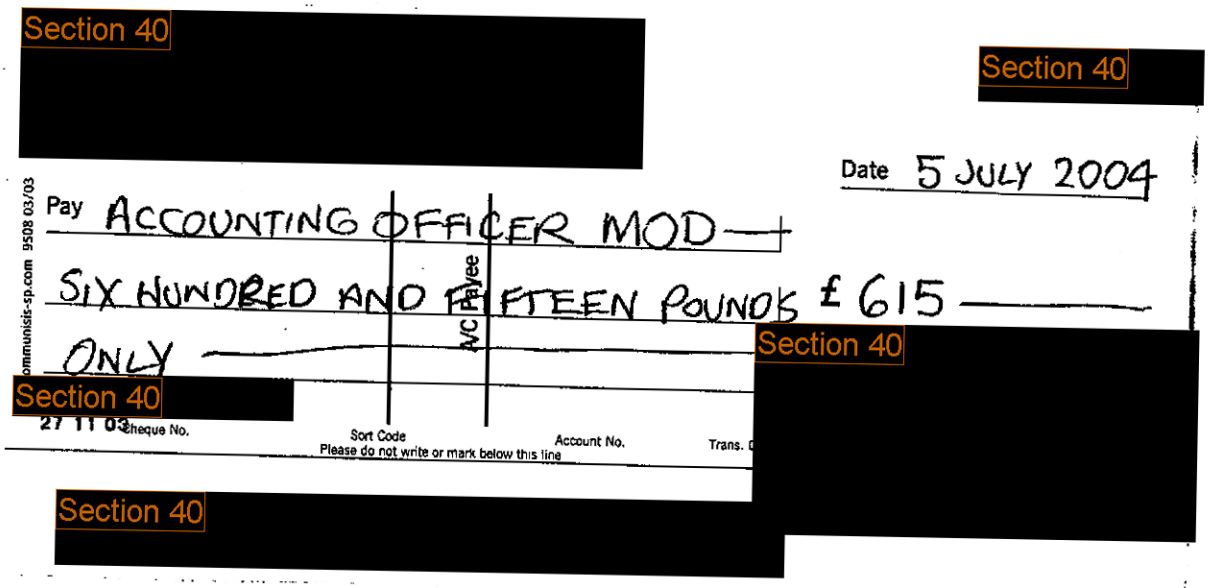
In the meantime, I hope that your move back into the MOD Main Building goes well. I hope you will be fully settled in by the time of the meeting we discussed in previous correspondence. I anticipate being able to send an agenda of items for discussion before the end of this month. Having consulted with my colleague Section 40 on convenient dates for us, we would suggest the following:

Monday, 13 September 2004
Monday, 20 September 2004
Friday, 24 September 2004

The autumn university semester commences on 27 September and due to teaching commitments after that any Friday from 1 October would be equally convenient for us. Thank you again for your assistance which is appreciated,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40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Dr David Clarke
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
21 June 2004

Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 3 June. I apologise for not replying sooner but I have been consulting with our records department about the UFO files held at The National Archives. I am now in a position to send a substantive reply.

First, your letter seems to have crossed in the post with the information I sent to you on 3 June relating to your request for copies of seven files. I hope these have now arrived with you.

With regard to your question about files held at The National Archives which are due for release between 2006-2009, I can confirm that the MOD has raised no objections to the early release of certain files relating to the 'UFO' phenomenon. However, I must point out that the identification of records for consideration for early release was the sole responsibility of The National Archives. As to when transferred material becomes available, this is a matter for The National Archives.

You also asked about the status of four Ministerial files. With the exception of the Nigel Lawson file (which we have been unable to locate), three of the four Ministerial files are in the process of preparation for The National Archives. Unfortunately, the Richard Luce file has been in contact with files previously stored in an asbestos environment. In the circumstances this file has been isolated and will not be transferred to The National Archives at the present time. The National Archives will determine when the other files are suitable for transfer to Kew.

As for the nine files, DEFE 24/1206, DEFE 24/1207-1212, D/DS8/75/2/1 Parts C and F- those assigned provisional National Archives references (ie.DEFE) are awaiting transfer to Kew. The two DS8 files are currently at a very early stage in the preparation process. However, these files are just a very small part of a very large collection (in excess of 400 files) that are new additions to DEFE 24, in the circumstances we do not anticipate transfer to The National Archives before September / October 2004 at the earliest.

You asked if it would be possible for you to obtain, in advance, a list of UFO-related files which will be released in 2005. The National Archives is working in collaboration with the MOD to identify transferred information which is suitable for early release, but The National Archives will

determine when material will be available. This question should therefore be directed to The National Archives.

Finally, with regard to the meeting you have requested with DAS staff, we will arrange a mutually convenient date when we have received your agenda of matters for discussion. In the meantime you may wish to note that we will be moving out of this building on 9th July and returning to the Ministry of Defence Main Building in Whitehall which has been undergoing refurbishment. Our address from the 12th July will then be as follows;

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Info-Records1
Sent: 16 June 2004 13:17
To: DAS-Sec3
Subject: Input to Dr Clarke's letter of 3 June


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Section 40

I attach the suggested Records1 input to your reply to Dr Clarke's letter of 3 June.

I hope that it makes sense!

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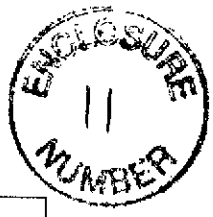
Info-Records1 input to Dr Clarke's letter dated 3 June 2004

Comment	*Suggested reply*
The early release exercise is a TNA initiative. TNA was responsible for identifying relevant records and clearing release with departments. Departments had no responsibility establishing the accuracy of lists produced by TNA, MOD's action being limited to advising whether release is agreed.	I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence has raised no objections to the early release of certain files relating to the "UFO" phenomenon. However, I must point out that the identification of records for consideration for early release was the sole responsibility of The National Archives. As to when transferred material becomes available this is an matter for TNA.
Four Ministerial files: The ~~Luce~~ Lawson file cannot be found (searches at Hayes, DAS and Records1).	With the exception of the Lawson file (which we are unable to locate) three of the four Ministerial files are in the process of preparation for TNA. Unfortunately, the Luce file has been in contact with files previously stored in an asbestos environment. In the circumstances this file has been isolated and will not be transferred to TNA at the present time. TNA will determine when the other two files are suitable for transfer to Kew.
The preparatory work to enable files selected for permament preservation at TNA is a time consuming process. DEFE 24 (DS8 files) is a particular problem: there have no transfers for more than a year, and currently two draft lists are awaiting clearance by TNA. Unfortunately, the asbestos problem has impacted on many files being prepared for Kew, DEFE 24 has had more than 50 files removed from transfer and this is may impact on any new additions to DEFE 24. However, TNA staff have agreed that DEFE 24 should now be treated as a priority class for "sorting out" primarily due to the number of ufo files to be assigned, but perhaps more importantly the 400 plus files awaiting some form of action which would add significantly to	Concerning the nine files - DEFE 24/1206, 1207-1212, D/DS8/75/2/1 Parts C and F - those assigned provisional TNA references are awaiting transfer to Kew. The two DS 8 files are currently at a very early stage in the preparation process. However, these files are just a very small part of a very large collection (in excess of 400 files) that are new additions to DEFE 24, in the circumstances we do not anticipate transfer to TNA before September/October 2004 at the earliest.

the early release initiative.	
Dr Clarke may anticipate, but fortunately the decision is not for him but for TNA working in collaboration with MOD. The early release initiative deadline for departments might be July, but the deadline for transfers to Kew to meet the January 2005 release is mid-November. As for the list of early releases this is for Kew not MOD.	The question about a list of files available with effect from January 2005 is one that should be directed to TNA.



"Missing" files (14 June 2004)

TNA ref	*Date*	*Title*	*Former ref*
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2.	1976	Nigel Lawson MP Mr Aleyne Body UFO	AF/JW260/76
3.	1976	Dr Coleman JP MP R J Whitrow - UFO	AF/BJ76/76
5.	1976	R Hattersley Esq Mr R Park - UFO	AF/JW270/76
6.	1977	John Ellis - UFOs	MR/122505
7.	1980	UFO reports & correspondence	D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 10

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As discussed, here is Dr Clarke's latest letter. Please could you give me a call or e-mail regarding his comments on the files in the TNA and those from the late 1970's which I think your staff may be reviewing at the moment.

Thanks

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Dr David Clarke
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3 June 2004

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 21 April in response to my questions concerning access to UFO related material under the Code of Practice and forthcoming Freedom of Information Act.

I note that the seven files I have requested under the code are currently being processed and I look forward to receiving these when the work is complete.

Further to my question regarding access to files held at The National Archive (TNA) due for release between 2006-9. Enclosed with my letter I supplied a list of 30 UFO files covering the period 1975-78 held at TNA which I understood were currently under review for release following the implementation of the FOIA in 2005. Your reply said no final decision had been made regarding release of these files. However, I now understand from TNA FOIA office that all the files listed – (apart from four or five currently awaiting transfer) – and possibly a number of others will be available from 2005. Could you confirm this is correct?

Assuming the intention remains to open a large number of files that were originally due for release 2006-9 this will extend the UFO material available at TNA to the years 1978-79 from January. The list you supplied of UFO-related files held by MOD included four dating from 1976-77 that relate to correspondence with MPs Sir John Langford-Holt, Nigel Lawson, Richard Luce and Dr Coleman (file refs: AF/BJ84/76, AF/JW250/76, AF/BJ76/76 and MR/12554). Is it also your intention to release these files in 2005 as their date of creation falls within the same time period as the others listed in my letter?

In addition, I note that the majority of the files earmarked for release next year date from the 1970s and in order to complete my research coverage of this decade I wish to examine reports and correspondence files up to 1979. Assuming the 30+ files outlined in my previous letter are released next year, there would appear to be a number of outstanding files that contain correspondence and sighting reports from this period (1978-79). These are:

DEFE 24/1206 -UFO reports and correspondence 1977 (formerly D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B)
DEFE 24/1207-1212 – UFO reports 1978 (6 files)
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C - UFO reports and correspondence 1978
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F - UFO reports and correspondence 1979

Could you confirm the status of these files. I wish know if the intention is to release them in 2005 or whether it would be necessary for me to request access to them separately under an FOIA request.

I would anticipate that a decision will be made shortly regarding the extent of the files to be released in 2005. Once that decision is made would it possible to obtain a full list in advance of UFO-related files that will be available from next year. This is an area that could be discussed further at our forthcoming meeting.

With respect to my request for a meeting with members of DAS (Secretariat) to discuss UFO matters, raised in my letter of 22 March. Thank you for confirmation that a meeting is possible and we agree that it would be useful to outline a list of areas in advance that would make the discussion as meaningful as possible. I hope to be able to provide this information shortly and will be in touch to supply an agenda of matters for discussion. Once this has been agreed perhaps we could then arrange a mutually convenient date to meet as you suggest.

In the meantime thank you for your attention to my requests,

Yours sincerely,

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Dr David Clarke
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
3 June 2004

Dear Dr Clarke

Further to my letter of 21st April, I am now in a position to send the information which you requested in March. Please accept my apologies for the delay in sending you this information, but you will appreciate the amount of data that has been processed. I will explain what information is enclosed and what will follow. On all files personal details have been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA98).

D/D Ops(GE)/10/8/1 Part A
A full copy of the file is enclosed. On examination we noticed that enclosures 88 to 97 appear to be missing. This may have been a simple error in the numbering of the enclosures or these enclosures may have been removed, or moved to another file. If however, they have been removed it has not been possible to determine what has happened to them.

D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F
A copy of the file is enclosed. However, enclosures 95 and 96 have been withheld pending the results of a request to the relevant authorities regarding release. I will write to you again about these soon as a decision has been received.

D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part G
A full copy of the file is enclosed.

D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part H
A full copy of the file is enclosed.

D/DI55/108/15/2
A full copy of the file is enclosed.

MO/9/18
A copy of the file is enclosed. One enclosure has been withheld in accordance with Exemption 2 of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information which refers to internal discussion and advice. If you wish to appeal against our decision to refuse this information you should write to the Ministry of Defence, Directorate of Information (Exploitation), Room 819B, St Giles Court,

1-13 St Giles High Street, London WC2H 8LD requesting that the decision be reviewed. If following the internal review you remain dissatisfied, you may ask a Member of Parliament to take up the case with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) who can investigate on your behalf. The Ombudsman will not, however, consider an investigation until the internal review process has been completed.

D/DPR(RAF)326 Part A
This file contains seven documents relating to UFO matters. A copy of three of these are enclosed. The remaining four documents are currently withheld while we consult with our colleagues in the relevant branches to seek advice on their release.

I hope that you will find this information useful. I will write to you again as soon as possible regarding the documents outstanding from D/AIR DEF/111/6/4 Part F and D/DPR(RAF)326 Part A. In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could let me have your crossed cheque for £615 as agreed in your letter of 22 March 2004. The cheque should be made payable to "Accounting Officer MOD".

Yours sincerely,

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PART E ENCL 8

LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAS/64/3/11

21 April 2004

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. As you will be aware, one of our regular correspondents (Dr Clarke) has made a request under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code) for copies of papers from seven UFO related files.

2. One of these files, contains two documents on UFO Policy which were generated by DIST and classified Confidential in 1997. I have attached copies of these papers and would be grateful if you could advise me as to whether you are content for the whole, or part, of these documents to be released. If you feel that anything should be withheld, we will have to apply an appropriate Code exemption. Any personal details such as individual's names, signatures and telephone numbers will be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

3. I would appreciate a reply as soon as convenient.

DR CLARKE

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Hold.
Awaiting DIS advice on release.

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DI chased again 8/7/04
DI Update 23 Aug 04.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA - POLICY

Ref A: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 13 May 97.

1. Thank you for your minute and your observations.

2. UFO/UAP. I note that you will continue to use the term "UFO" and appreciate your logic. We prefer to use the term UAP internally to DI(ST) since I believe that it more accurately describes the topic.

3. DIS Interests. Your existing policy statement is already classified RESTRICTED - POLICY and I believe that this is adequate to cover my suggested minor amendment. In dealing with the public I would expect you to continue to use the expression "anything of defence significance".

4. Archive. By archive I meant your UFO report files since I assumed that you retain files to assist in answering questions from the public. My proposal was meant to indicate that once the database was established we would not retain any paper reports. I do not envisage that this practice would impose any additional work on your department.

5. Database/Customers. DSc(Air) TG 3 and 4 strongly support our proposed initiative. If DAO still have no interest in any data-basing of material then I will support the minor costs involved from within my own budget. I am still prepared to include any minor DAO requirements if they do not have a significant effect on

costs.

6. I hope that my comments have assisted in your understanding of my intentions. I have no wish to "send the public a misleading message" and I will (as always in the DIS) take appropriate steps to ensure that the public do **not** become aware of this minor project.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) - POLICY

References
A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97
B. D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 Feb 97
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 Mar 97
D. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 Apr 97
E. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 Apr 97

1. My apologies firstly for not responding sooner to your minutes at Ref. Unfortunately it took much longer than expected, at the time of my holding reply, to recover from a number of staff changes and to give the subject sufficient attention against other priorities. I am pleased that we should have this debate since at present there is a significant mismatch between our assumed responsibilities and our ability to resource them.

Policy

2. Referring to the policy stated in your initial minute (Ref A, Annex paras 1 & 2) an immediate difficulty arises over the use of the term 'UFO'. This term is discredited in some circles and I think that consistent use of UAP would be much more satisfactory. This would then avoid an immediate association with 'extraterrestrial' phenomena and the difficulty which arises in trying to distinguish whether events are 'extraterrestrial' or not, a judgement which we are strictly incapable of making. While analysis may enable MoD to identify some phenomena, those that remain are by definition 'unidentified' rather than 'extraterrestrial'.

3. You queried at Ref A, para 3a the extent of DIST interest in UFO reports. We agree that MoD's interest has to be related to defence significance but this is not solely to determine whether

the UK ADR is breached, as implied by the parenthetical text in your Annex, para 2. DIST's role in support of customer requirements is to assess all source intelligence on foreign weapon systems and science & technology with military relevance. We have the responsibility to decide which sources are most appropriate and how they should be weighted for assessments. We regard UAP as a source, akin in some respects to human reporting not least in that the phenomena are reported by people and may not be fully appreciated or understood at the time. This intelligence interest needs to be explicitly covered in the policy statement and we propose that your Annex, para 2 should read:

'MoD's interest in 'UAP' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance, viz:

a. whether the UKADR has been breached;

b. what intelligence is revealed on military capabilities of other countries;

c. whether scientific and technical information of military significance is revealed.'

Arrangements

4. Referring to your Annex, para 4, in the light of the above we do not consider that MoD can have no interest in extraterrestrial matters and needs to keep an open mind on whether 'unidentified' phenomena may have significance. Additionally the lack of evidence to date in the DIS on the extraterrestrial hypothesis has to reflect the fact that we have not carried out any analysis. Effectively the UAP source is unproven for DIST purposes, a situation of concern even if we never expect it to be as reliable or valuable as other sources. Two principles therefore arise:

Reports

5. Firstly DIST needs to continue to receive reports in order to make the judgements at para 3b and 3c above. It seems probable that only credible sources are likely to provide enough information for a substantive analysis and we are therefore prepared to constrain ourselves to receive reports in the categories at Ref D, para 2.

Analysis

6. Secondly DIST needs to have an adequate system in order to reference the information. In line with developing practices for other source intelligence we need a reliable system for the retention and analysis of data. Hitherto the paper records have been much too unwieldy for effective action leading to the failing noted above. The proposed filtering of reports will reduce the volume considerably and we need to take the opportunity to initiate a database now. How we do this remains to be decided. Our resources are heavily over-bid but it seems essential that we establish the database in order to reduce subsequent analysis effort to the minimum. The extent to which we incorporate retrospective reports into the database depends on the resource costs. At best we would aim to apply the proposed filters in order to reduce the task to manageable

proportions. Concurrently we have to decide whether it should be DIS policy to retain the other reports or rely on your own archive. I favour the latter. Once the database is established and populated we would commission a limited analysis to determine whether reports possess any intelligence, S&T value or discernible patterns (locations, features, performance) and establish the residue of significant unidentified events.

7. This requirement for a database needs to be considered alongside DAO's interests and we should aim to develop a single framework and decide how to share the responsibility for data entry.

Action

8. We therefore propose to:

a. plan in conjunction with DAO and customers how to achieve the database;

b. implement the plan, sharing resources if appropriate;

c. conduct, in DIST, a limited analaysis of events;

d. review the situation once the database is accessible and no later than 12 months hence.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) POLICY

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14 Mar 97.
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97.

1. Thank you for your letter at Reference A reminding of the need to make progress on future handling of UFO reports against a background of increasing public interest and therefore workload. You ask what might be required insofar as air defence interests are concerned.

2. Following your earlier letter at Reference B, you will recall our discussion of the topic. My views are unchanged. We have no direct air defence interest in UFO reports unless there is intelligence, reliable sighting or evidence that UK national airspace, or the UKADR, may be, or has been, penetrated by aircraft of potentially hostile powers without authorisation. Orbiting satellites are accounted separately and appropriate COMSEC implemented.

3. A majority of UFO reports are tenuous in nature, are reported at second hand or with a time lag, and frequently overland or at night in areas where we have little radar cover. Those described as at great height, if they exist, may lie above radar cover, as only Fylingdales has tracking capabilities in the endo-atmosphere and in space. Some reports describe objects in terms of manoeuvre, speed and shape which lie beyond our engineering knowledge and that which could be reasonably expected from hostile powers.

4. There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil

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airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity.

5. I would emphasise that such sightings have been few and far between, with only Russia among potentially hostile powers being capable of penetrating UK airspace at very high altitudes; while no hostile power could reasonably be responsible for low level sightings, because of the range or political risk involved, except in the context of large civil register aircraft diverting from flight plans (where we have had incidents).

6. Staffing UFO matters, however, is a time consuming concern. As you are painfully aware, reported sightings are frequently explored in the public domain, often by organised societies, seeking extra-terrestrial explanations. Whilst using best judgement at the time, we are sometimes left accounting for the inexplicable or investing large numbers of man hours to establish rational explanations (as recently in the "Skegness sighting" when the Service's professional competence was called into question in an MP's letter to the SofS). These frustrations are compounded by supporting PQs of the sort "... on how many occasions have ..." which require paper searches of long put down records. Neither do explanations that "the cost of the search cannot be justified" satisfy the public, for it only re-inforces their conviction that if the truth cannot be found out there, it is certainly available in the MOD. The MOD may eventually be caught out by cross referring to previous answers and other information, cherished on PCs and exchanged on "the web". The consequences are further questions and ever greater care and time taken to ensure that we do not contradict ourselves.

7. The problem is unlikely to subside especially as the US brings into service over the next decade high flying capabilities such as Global Star, Dark Star, the X-33 and, should it come to fruition, the manned spaceplane. Other nations will follow, especially with UAVs, which may permit risk taking in unauthorised penetrations of airspace. Activities of these sorts would clearly require monitoring and control by the MOD.

8. The extra-terrestrial business is also likely to boom, exacerbating the staffing problem. Continuing discoveries of planets, and emerging knowledge of circumstances needed for at least non-intelligent life, lead to speculation that planets and life may commonly occur. With that change of perception, arguing that our rock alone is a teeming and verdant speck in a vast and sterile nothingness may soon be as unrewarding as the Church once found in continuing to enforce the idea that the world was flat; more so, with the knowledge that many suns are older than our own, and perhaps provide conditions for advanced evolution. Even though some experts argue very low probabilities for intelligent life, and allowing for barely imagined transit distances, requiring unknown uses of physics, we cannot rule out entirely the idea of extra-terrestrial observation/visitation, either covert or overt. Our current policy to retain an open mind on these matters is therefore probably correct.

9. It is a fine judgement whether UFO sightings are MOD matters, or Government responsibilities best located with other agencies given the unproven nature of a vast majority of reports. I

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believe they should continue to be managed in the MOD because of inevitable inter-weaving of terrestrial sightings, some of military origin, with extra-terrestrial pre-occupations. Moreover, any future concerns, terrestrial or extra-terrestrial, are likely to require national or international co-ordination responsive only within security alliances.

10. Whether we should set aside for further examination outside the MOD unexplained phenomena, I leave others to decide, knowing that political, scientific and cost judgements are associated with their investigation. I am not wholly convinced, however, that covert investigations would be the best way forwards. When inevitably discovered, they lead to mistaken ideas that "contact has been made" or that "government is worried, knowing something we don't." Should we decide regularly to investigate UFO reports, then we might look at how the US has handled some aspects with, for example, the targeted search of deep space for artificial signals which attracts little public speculation. The downside, of course, is "Roswell" with plastic kits as visible proof of alien capture and reverse engineering. What are US reporting and investigation practices?

11. The UK air defence interest is primarily to automate reporting, handling and administration of incidents so that operators, infrequently switching their busy routines to consider unlikely phenomena, react in a focused and consistent way. Reaction and reporting needs for UFOs are similar to those practices necessary for handling flight safety incidents, and potentially we could mimic them. However, a computer based system is needed to support accurate handling and recording of incidents, and to allow easy extraction of historical data for parliamentary response or retrospective study. Such a system is not, per se, an air defence requirement.

12. We therefore differ in view over responsibilities, organisation and funding. These matters are not for the air defence forces alone to consider, or to utilise the output from. Public reporting of phenomena is essentially government business to which we contribute infrequently when there are matters of direct air defence interest and, on other occasions, to exclude known air movements. As always, when tasked to respond, we do so to the best of our abilities. However, PQs that ask what similarities we have found between recent incidents and those of years ago, or to count them, leave us embroiled in dusty paperchases or in making retrospective assessments of incidents when we are not fully expert.

13. My response has turned out longer than I had intended, but hopefully lays the issues fully on the table as we see them. The policy is fine, how we manage public enquiries probably needs some re-consideration, also whether we need to fund investigation of a minority of incidents which may be inexplicable; above all, we need an electronic database and management system against which

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sightings may be uniformally handled and recorded. If nothing else, we owe successors an easily extracted historic record.

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/DIST/11/10 dated 25th April 1997

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference setting out the DIS interest in 'UFO' reports.

2. I was grateful for your detailed comments. I think it might be helpful if I list my observations on them in the same order (paragraph numbers in brackets in bold refer to your minute):

a. You say that you would prefer the term 'UAP' rather than 'UFO' **(para 2)**. Presentationally this would give us some problems. To the vast majority of the public - and it is the public we deal with - 'UFO' with all its 'extraterrestrial' connotations is the only one they recognise. Most are not interested in the difference and, to avoid any more confusion in their minds, we shall continue with 'UFO'.

b. You suggest **(para 3)** amending the policy statement on MOD's interest to include your own specific areas of interests. However, the current wording 'anything of defence significance' has been couched in fairly general terms so that it can be used in response to PQs, letters from the public, the media etc. We need to be quite sure that there are no hostages to fortune in saying anything more detailed. Are you content to have your interests promulgated more widely given the inevitable questioning that will follow?

c. I can assure you that we too are always careful to say that we have an open mind on this issue **(para 4)**.

d. For the future we shall copy to you (and DAO) only those sighting reports falling into the three categories set out in my minute to AOAD1 of 2nd April (D/Sec(AS)/64/1) **(para 5)**.

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e. You say (**para 6**) that you need an adequate reference system for information culled from reports and intend a database, albeit that you have not yet determined how it might be achieved, and that incorporating retrospective reports depends on the costs involved. But you also say that you have to decide whether it should be 'DIS policy to retain other reports or rely on our archive'. I am rather confused about what this means. Are the 'other' reports those copied to you **previously** which do not fall into the three categories (para d above), or those which will not be copied to you in future? Either way, I am concerned that you favour relying on our archive because you do not say what this might entail and I am afraid there are no Sec(AS) resources to support your work. If there is a DIS requirement for access to archive material I think it makes sense for DIS to retain the information.

f. Returning to the subject of a database (**para 7**), you suggest DAO's requirements also need considering and propose a single framework, sharing responsibility for data entry. However, AOAD1 has said they have no requirement for a database (D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March, para 11) and, as I made clear in my reply to him, Sec(AS) has no need of one either. It would be helpful to know who else might be a customer given Sec(AS)'s role as the MOD focal point for this subject, and what 'shared resources' might be used to implement the plan. Sec(AS) has neither staff nor money for this purpose and, I think, DAO is similarly constrained.

3. I am sorry for the length of this note but we do all need to be quite clear what, as a Department, we are doing and why. We need to be very careful about expanding 'UFO' business and, thereby, sending the public a misleading message about the extent of MOD's interest. Of course, should Government policy on this issue change, we will review the extent of our involvement accordingly.

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Dr David Clarke
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/11
Date
21st April 2004

Dear Dr Clarke,

Thank you for your letter of 22 March concerning your further request for information under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

The seven files you have requested are currently being processed and I will write to you again as soon as possible.

With regard to your request for an estimate of supplying D/DI55/108/15/1 Part 9, unfortunately we are unable to access this file as it is currently held in the archive which is contaminated with asbestos. I should inform you that with the exception of D/DI55/108/15/2 – Cosford Incident, Investigation, which you have already requested, all the Defence Intelligence UFO files are stored in this archive and are therefore not accessible at this time.

In your letter you expressed concern about the future of files stored in the contaminated archive. You may therefore wish to be aware that the basement of the Old War Office Building houses some of the Ministry of Defence's archives, including some material already selected for transfer to The National Archives. Unfortunately, as a consequence of the discovery of asbestos in the vicinity of these archives access to the files stored at this location is no longer possible. In accordance with current health and safety regulations files have now been sealed in sacks and crated pending their re-location to another defence site. During the coming year the MOD will address the problem of how the information contained in these files may be safely accessed. However, at this point in the project it is not possible to state when, or in what form, any of the files affected by the asbestos contamination problem will be available to the public.

You have also raised the question of access to files held at The National Archive (TNA) which are due for release between 2006-2009. An exercise is already under way to consider the status of more than 100,000 files already at TNA for possible release in January 2005 or soon after. Of the 29 files cited in your letter, 25 are already at TNA. The remaining four are awaiting transfer between the MOD and TNA, and it is hoped that these will also be at TNA by the end of the year. No final decision has been made regarding the release of these files and a decision is unlikely before July 2004

Finally, you asked if it would be possible for you and Section 40 to meet with members of DAS (Secretariat). Section 40 (Assistant Director of DAS Secretariat) and myself, would be happy to meet you, but in order to make the discussion as meaningful as possible, it would be extremely helpful if you were able to outline in greater detail the "matters where ambiguity remains". In addition an indication of which other areas you wish to discuss would be helpful. Once we have this information I hope that it will be possible to find a mutually convenient date to meet thereafter.

Yours sincerely,

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From: D News RAF
Sent: 19 April 2004 15:25
To: DAS-Sec3
Subject: RE: Interview / Meeting with Dr Clarke & Section 40



Section 40
Many thanks for sight of the attached, which explains the situation very thoroughly. I can't think of anything else to add.
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-----Original Message-----
From: DAS-Sec3
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Subject: Interview / Meeting with Dr Clarke & Section 40

Section 40

Here is our brief for US of S on the proposed meeting with our two Ufo historians. Please let me know if you have any comments.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS – PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AND MEMBERS OF DAS

Issue

1. Members of DAS, with policy responsibility for the department's limited interest in Unidentified Flying Objects, have been asked to meet with two prominent researchers (Dr David Clarke and Section 40 [redacted] who are studying UFO phenomena.

Recommendation

2. That Minister notes that DAS staff intends to agree to the meeting, to be held on a date in May 2004.

Timing

3. Routine.

Background

4. Dr David Clarke has been corresponding with DAS on the subject of UFOs since 1998. He states he was a founder member of the Independent UFO Network in 1987 and of the UFO Investigator's Network in 1999. He has also served as a Council member of the British UFO Research Association in the late 1980s. Dr Clarke was a journalist for ten years in the regional press and, in addition to his current studies, now works freelance. He has written (or co-written) eight books on UFOs, ghosts and legends and has contributed to a number of magazine articles and TV programmes on related subjects. He is currently a post-doctoral researcher based at the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition and Language at Sheffield University where he is studying the social history of UFO phenomena in Britain from 1947. He is in the process of preparing an application to the Economic and Social Research Council for funding to undertake a two-year project to further his research.

5. Section 40 has also been corresponding with DAS on UFO matters since 2000. He works closely with Dr Clarke on a number of projects and has written, or contributed to seven books on UFOs, ghosts and legends (with Dr Clarke and others). Section 40 has produced articles for UFO magazines, local and national TV and radio shows.

6. Both Dr Clarke and Section 40 have made a large number of requests for information about our files relating to UFOs under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information. They have indicated that they intend to continue to do so when the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) comes into force on 1 January 2005. They have recently requested a meeting with members of DAS staff in order to avoid unnecessary correspondence in future. They have assured us that this meeting is for the purposes of their own research only.

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[Original Signed]

Section 40

DAS- AD (Secretariat & Lower Airspace)

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DAS-Sec3

From: DAS-SecAD
Sent: 15 April 2004 17:07
To: DAS-Sec3
Subject: RE: Interview

Importance: Low



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We spoke. Please draft out a short submission to PS/USofS along the lines we discussed. I'd like to take a look at it on Monday please.

I would hope we could get something to Clarke next week.

thanks,

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From: DAS-Sec3
Sent: 15 April 2004 09:27
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Subject: FW: Interview

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For info.

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- public lectures and speeches, interviews with or communications to the press or other media, film, radio and television appearances and statements to non-Governmental bodies, including MOD-sponsored conferences and seminars;
- books. monographs, articles, letters or other text, including supposed fiction;
- theses for degrees, diplomas or MOD-sponsored fellowships;
- participation in outside study conferences, seminars and discussions.

You must not make comment on, or make disclosure of:

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- relations between civil servants and Ministers, and advice given to Ministers;
- politically controversial issues;
- material covered by copyright, unless prior permission has been obtained. Particular care must be taken where the origin of the material is obscure,
- information that would conflict with MOD interests or bring the Civil Service into disrepute;
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- anything that the MOD would regard as objectionable about individuals or organisations,

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6 2 **Greater openness in Government requires:**

- the fullest possible exposition to Parliament and the public of the reasons for Government policies and decisions once these have been announced, and

- improving public understanding about the way the processes of Government work and the factual and technical background to Government policies and decisions.

Ministers are responsible for the exposition of Government policies and decisions. Staff must avoid being drawn into public discussion on justification of Government policies.

6.3 **Seeking permission**
You must obtain authority, before taking part in any outside activity involving:

- the disclosure of information obtained in the course of official duties;
- the use of official experience,
- the public expression of views on official matters.

Chapter 3 Annex M The procedures for obtaining permission are set out in Annex M to Chapter 3.

You are responsible for seeking this authority in sufficient time to allow proper consideration. Failure to obtain permission before undertaking any such activity is a disciplinary offence

Elected officials of a recognised trades union or staff association do not need to obtain MOD authority if they are publicising their association's or union's views on an official matter which, because it directly affects the conditions of service of members, is of legitimate interest to them. This exemption does not apply to the (probably rare) case where the official duties of the union or association representative as a public servant are directly concerned with the matter in question:

Paragraph 6.1 You do not need permission to take part in activities organised by, or on behalf of, unions or staff associations, although conduct in public should still be consistent with the principles set out above.

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6.5 **Former members of staff**
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Sponsors of MOD conferences and seminars, at which classified information is to be discussed, must obtain approval from AD CB Sy before issuing invitations

6.9 **Political conferences**
You must obtain the permission from a senior line manager before attending conferences of a political nature in an official capacity

6.10 **Outside seminars and study conferences**
If you receive an invitation from a non-governmental body to participate in a study, conference, seminar or discussion you must seek prior permission from:

- D News CPO – (Chief Press Officer) if serving in Ministry of Defence Headquarters;
- D Def Sy (Scientific and Technical), if DPA or DSTL personnel (for clearance of material);
- the TLB holder or his or her delegated representative, if working outside MOD HQ

In any case of doubt you must consult D Def Pol You must submit texts in advance in accordance with the procedures set out in the Annex M to Chapter 3.

6.11 **Outside organisations**
You do not need prior approval to take part in the proceedings of the following institutes:

- International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).
- Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA)
- Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies (RUSI)

Your participation is, however, subject to the following conditions:

- if nominated by the MOD to participate in a study, conference or seminar on defence problems you are encouraged to make as useful a contribution as possible but, if you are in doubt, you should consult D Def Pol,
- when participating in a discussion, you must be aware that your remarks may be reported and publicised. you should avoid conflict with MOD or Government policy,

Annex N

- you must not reveal classified or commercially sensitive material.

6.12 **Questionnaires**
You must not.

- complete outside questionnaires if it involves disclosing detailed and significant information about official duties. If in doubt you must consult the security officer or the appropriate publication clearance authority;

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Annex N Confidentiality and Official Information

1 **Rules**
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2 **Standards of conduct to be reflected in local staff regulations**
Civil servants are expected to be prepared to make available official information which is not held in confidence within Government, in accordance with Government policy and departmental or agency instructions. They must not, without relevant authorisation, disclose official information which has been communicated in confidence within Government or received in confidence from others.

3 Civil servants must continue to observe this duty of confidentiality after they have left Crown employment.

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7 Civil servants must not take part in their official capacities in surveys or research projects, even attributably, if they deal with attitudes or opinions on political matters or matters of policy.

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Loose Minute

Info-Records/3/7/8

30 March 2004

DAS (Sec) 3

ENQUIRY: DR DAVID CLARKE'S LETTER DATED 22 MARCH 2004

1. Thank you for sight of Dr Clarke's recent letter in which you seek an Info-Records1 input to two questions.

2. Three branches store files in the OWOB, DIS, AHB and DG Info (the latter being the official MOD sensitive archive). The DI 55 files are, I presume in the DIS archive, with the exception of D/DI55/108/15/1 Parts 21-25, dating from 1979 which are all with Records 1 awaiting transfer to TNA (TNA refs DEFE31/177-181).

3. What to say to Dr Clarke our standard line, slightly tweaked for Dr Clarke:

"The basement of the Old War Office Building houses some of the Ministry of Defence's archives, including some material already selected for transfer to The National Archives. Unfortunately, as a consequence of the discovery of asbestos in the vicinity of these archives access to the files stored at this location is no longer possible. In accordance with current health and safety regulations files have now been sealed in sacks and crated pending their re-location to another defence site. During the coming year the MOD will address the problem of how the information contained in these files may be safely accessed. However, at this point in the project it is not possible to state when, or in what form any of the files affected by the asbestos contamination problem will be available to the public."

4. On the question of the accelerated release of files already held by TNA. An exercise is already under way to consider the status of more than 100,000 files already at Kew for release in January 2005 or soon after (staff at Kew have privately suggested that a large scale once only release might not be manageable, therefore it is possible a phased release programme might be adopted). It is also important to state no final decision has been made and a decision is unlikely before July 2004 (the deadline set by TNA). Of the 1200 MOD files at Kew being considered under this initiative between 60-65 have been recalled for a more detailed examination. About 20 of the files cited by Dr Clarke in his letter were not included in TNA's accelerated release programme. They were missed due to a "programming error". They will now form part of a follow-up exercise! However, I do not anticipate claiming an FOI exemption for these files.

5. Of the 29 files cited in his letter 25 are already at Kew (being transferred at various dates ie 6 April 1999, 1 Feb 2000, 2 October 2001 and 21 August 2002).

6. The four files still to be transferred: DEFE 24/1206, DEFE 24/1207, DEFE 71/34 & DEFE 71/35 transfer is by arrangement between MOD and TNA ie we're waiting for Kew to pick the files up! I therefore suggest that in your reply to Dr Clarke you flag up the four files awaiting transfer and suggest that it is hoped that these are at Kew before the end of the year.

7. Hope that this is helpful, but come back if further clarification is required.

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TO: Section 40 – **Info(Exp)-Records1**

SUBJECT: Dr Clarke's request for information

DATE: 25 March 2004

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER: 3

Section 40

Please see attached Dr Clarke's latest request for information which I received yesterday afternoon.

I would appreciate your advice as to a suitable form of words to his questions (as marked) on page 2 regarding the DI55 UFO files held in the OWO archive, and the future of the files held, but not yet released, in The National Archive. With regard to the latter, I know you told me that

TNA want to release these on 1 Jan 2005, but I was not sure whether this has actually been agreed with the MOD and if so, whether this is common knowledge yet.

As always, I am grateful for your help.

Section 40

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18th February, 2003.

To whom it may concern:

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Yours sincerely, Section 40

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Director

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To whom it may concern:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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