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UFO's -

FOI REQUESTS

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Section 40

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From: **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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21/12/08

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

Section 40

Runcorn
Cheshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
08-12-2008-072640-511

Date:
15 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for any information regarding seven objects that were travelling over Runcorn in Cheshire on the 7 December 2008.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other sighting reports for the 7 December 2008, of seven objects flying over Runcorn in Cheshire.

Finally, I suggest that you contact the Civil Aviation Authority for information. They may be able to help you with your enquiry.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent

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Yours sincerely

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If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.

Section 40

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58-12-2008-092640-511

From: Section 40
Sent: 08 December 2008 08:37
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request

QAA -
Manchester
Airport

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

Dear Focal Point(s)

The Freedom of Information (FOI) request for information (RFI) below has been placed with you, but not confirmed on the Access to Information Toolkit (AIT). [insert details here, of which area should answer which part of the RFI, if it has been broken into different sections]

Please acknowledge within two working days that you are the appropriate area to respond, or lead, and we will transfer this to you on AIT. You should respond to the requester within twenty working days of the date the request was made. If you consider that another area is more appropriate to respond or lead, then please approach them, also within two working days. Please engage with the FOI Helpdesk at all times when you are looking to place a request elsewhere. The FOI Helpdesk will be pleased to assist during this process.

This request will be automatically allocated to your area, on AIT, after three working days, if the FOI Helpdesk receives no acknowledgement of receipt or evidence of action to place the request elsewhere.

If you are copied into this email, you may be a relevant contributor to the response and you should liaise with the lead respondent.

This process is set out to maximise the amount of time to find information and respond, when this request has been placed with the appropriate subject matter expert.

Lastly, please see further headline guidance on FOI correspondence at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Library/CivilianAndJointService/BrowseDocumentCategories/Legal/UkLegislation/FreedomOfInformation/HeadlineFoiGuidance.htm> or detailed guidance (including model answers) at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformation/>. If you have any concerns, or require any assistance with FOI, please contact Info-Access Operations, we are here to help.

Best regards

MOD Info Access
Freedom of Information Helpdesk
Telephone: Section 40
Email: info-access-office@mod.uk
AIT: <http://aitportal/default.aspx>

1The 'clock starts ticking' at the beginning of the next working day from when you received the request.

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [<mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk>]
Sent: 07 December 2008 20:35
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2: Norton
txttowncity: Runcorn
txtstatecountry: Cheshire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
t ountry: UK
txemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: Could you please send me any information regarding approx. 7 objects
travelling over Runcorn (Cheshire) on 07/12/08 at approx. 19:45 travelling in a south-
east direction?

Section 40

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From: Section 40

Sent: 11 December 2008 09:30

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 28-11-2008-102615-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 27 November 2008 asking for details of a UFO sighting made by police officers on the night of either 1 or 2 May 2008. Your e-mail suggests this was a separate sighting to the one dealt with by Airprox Incident 055/08. If this is incorrect, please let me know.

The Ministry of Defence has no record of receiving a report of a UFO from police officers for either 1 or 2 May 2008 although we were later contacted by the UK Airprox Board to see if there were any military aircraft in the area as part of their investigation into Airprox 055/08. You might like to consider approaching the relevant police authority directly to see if they have anything.

Airprox Report 055/08 was produced by the UK Airprox Board and I suggest you contact them for any permissions required to use their report.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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DAS-FOI

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Section 40

28-11-2008 - 152615 - 001

Exp 31 Dec 08

From: Section 40
Sent: 28 November 2008 09:02
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: 2nd May 2008 UFO & Police Helicopter - FOI Request
Importance: High

Section 40

Just to make your day a UFO FOI for you, (bit of a mouthful)!!

Regards,

Section 40

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From: SHY-ADMIN-OCpMS [mailto:ocpms@direct.shawburyigs.raf.mod.uk]
Sent: 28 November 2008 08:58
To: Section 40
Subject: release-authorised: 2nd May 2008 UFO & Police Helicopter - FOI Request
Importance: High

Section 40

Please see the email below, which indicates a FOI Request, in relation to an incident in Birmingham in May 08.

At first sight, this does not appear to be connected to RAF Shawbury, so it is passed to you for further action.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

Section 40

Sqn Ldr
 OC PMS
 RAF Shawbury
 Section 40

28/11/2008

Section 40

From: SHY-ADMIN-CRO
Sent: 28 November 2008 08:36
To: SHY-ADMIN-OCPPMS
Cc: SHY-SPTWG-OC; SHY-STNCDR; SHY-OPS OC
Subject: FW: 2nd May 2008 UFO & Police Helicopter
Importance: High

Section 40 One for you through the FOI. Shawbury will have no details as it happened over Birmingham and made the local press. It will have to go direct to MOD. Would you like me to send them a holding e-mail or will you do it.

Ta

Section 40



Squadron Leader
 Community Relations Officer

Section 40

From: Birmingham UFO Group [mailto:Section 40]
Sent: 27 November 2008 22:34
To: cro@direct.shawburyigs.raf.mod.uk
Subject: 2nd May 2008 UFO & Police Helicopter
Importance: High

With regards to the the Airprox incident report 055/08 which involved a West Midlands Police helicopter and an unidentified flying object on 2nd May 2008 which shows a very extensive investigation which took place.

We are investigating this incident further as we have 2 additional Police Officers who experienced an object of a similar nature which had blue lights on the previous night 1st May.

We also have acquired photographs from an officer which we are trying to confirm is of that particular night. Firstly this incident happened on the 2nd May and involved an object with blue/green lights and was witnessed by a Police helicopter.

We are looking for further assistance and a Freedom of Information request on any details relating to this particular event. We are also seeking permission to use details from the Airprox report to further assist us and build part of our final report.

Please feel free to contact me with any issues or information

Thank you for your time

Regards

Section 40

Birmingham UFO Group
www.bufog.com

28/11/2008



From: Section 40

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Section 40

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Section 40

Bromley
Kent

Section 40

Our Reference
09-12-2008-113343-009

Date

10 December 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 3 December 2008. You state that you believe that page 2 of enclosure 28 of file DEFE24-1940 is not a scanned copy of the original document. Additionally, you asked how many documents throughout the release (by which I assume you mean the release of UFO files to The National Archives) had been "reset".

All the UFO files released by the MoD are scanned originals. On a number of occasions, the scanning has not been of a readable quality, or has been scanned sufficiently "off centre" to make reading difficult. These pages have been photocopied and re-scanned, sometimes on a different scanning machine, which can give the page a slightly different look to others in the same file. I have no record of how many times this has taken place.

On no occasion has an original document been removed and replaced with another manufactured for that purpose.

The original paper file is now held by The National Archives. You should make any application to view it to them.

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Section 40

09-12-2008 - 11:24 - 009

8 Jan 08

Bromley, Kent.

Section 40

**Info Access/FOIA request
6th Floor, Zone E
Main Building
Whitehall
London, SW1A 2HB**

Your web request is not working today.

3/12/2008

12/2 J

Dear Sirs,

DEFE24-1940 Enclosure 29 and Enclosure 28 (2 sheets).

The information I require is that in the recently released PDF versions of this file there is an anomaly concerning the Sheet 2 of enclosure 28 of the above.

This sheet is not a scanned copy of the original as is the case of all the other Enclosures. This sheet was inserted after scanning but before converting file to PDF, it is obviously a word-processed patch that with a copy of a staple mark to make it look original put in place of the original page.

I think you will agree that this is bad practice considering the subject matter. I would like to see the original if possible. My main concern is asking if you can provide me with info about how many pages have been reset throughout the release because something like this could destroy all the work that has been done by Section 40 and others to bring about the disclosure of these files.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

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From: System Administrator
To: Section 40
Sent: 10 December 2008 14:52
Subject: Undeliverable:Returned mail: see transcript for details

Your message did not reach some or all of the intended recipients.

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-12-2008-113343-009
Sent: 10/12/2008 14:46

The following recipient(s) could not be reached:

Section 40 on 10/12/2008 14:51

The e-mail account does not exist at the organization this message was sent to. Check the e-mail address, or contact the recipient directly to find out the correct address.

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 13-11-2008-151504-004

Expiry: 10 Dec 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copy of MoD file on Rendlesham and Cosford documents previously on MoD website

Case for release of information

Other than personal information withheld under Section 40 there is no reason to withhold this information.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

Grade/Rank: *B2 766* Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.....

Date: *10 December 2008*



From: Section 40

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Crosby

Liverpool

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Our Reference

13-11-2008-151504-004

Date

10 December 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 11 November 2008 asking for a copy of documents on the Cosford and Rendlesham Incidents that had previously been available on the MoD website, which I enclose on disk.

Some personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers etc has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information). You will notice that whilst most of the information withheld has been blacked out manually with a marker pen, some has clearly been blacked out electronically. These are amendments to bring the documents into line with current MoD practice and therefore the documents do not exactly match those that appeared on the website. That having been said, I do not believe that these amendments substantially alter the documents.

You may also wish to know that the original file that the Cosford documents were drawn from is one of 160 due for transfer to The National Archives as part of the three year programme that has recently been featured in the UK media. The Rendlesham file is also due for transfer.

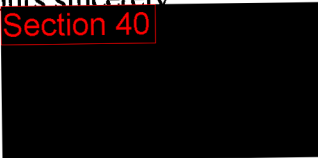
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Whilst I have no reason to believe the disk contains anything harmful to your computer, I strongly recommend that you virus check it before use.

Yours sincerely

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From: Section 40
Sent: 13 November 2008 15:33
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: RE: Requesting information.

Thanks for your quick reply, I am indeed interested in the Rendlesham and Cosford incidents. My postal address is Section 40 Crosby Liverpool Section 40 paper or electronic copy will be great, whatever is easiest.

Thanks again.

Subject: RE: Requesting information.
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2008 09:22:50 +0000
From: DAS-UFO-Office@mod.uk
To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail, which will be treated as a Freedom of Information request. However, I am not sure what information you are actually looking for. I suspect that you are referring to documents on the Rendlesham or Cosford incidents. If you could confirm this, it would assist me in answering your request.

Additionally, as the documents are too large for me to e-mail, I will need you to provide me with a postal address where I can send either an electronic copy on disk or, if you prefer, a paper version.

Section 40
DAS-FOI
05-H Section 40
MoD Main Building
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From: Section 40
Sent: 11 November 2008 12:35
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Requesting information.

Hello, I am emailing you to request the information regarding UFO's that you have recently released. I tried to get it from your ebsite but it says that it has been removed again for copyright reasons, but to contact this address.

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17-11-2008 - 15154-024
EX/ 10 DEC 08**From:** Section 40 on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office**Sent:** 13 November 2008 09:23**To:** Section 40**Subject:** Release-authorised: RE: Requesting information.

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Case Number: 27-11-2008-091822-001

Expiry: 3 Dec 08

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Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**Date: 3/12/08

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Our Reference

27-11-2008-091822-001

Section 40 Tagelswangen

Date

Switzerland

3 December 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 27 November 2008 asking for a copy of the Ministry of Defence file on the Rendlesham Incident. I enclose a copy of our file on the subject in CD format, in line with your follow up e-mail of the same date.

Some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The file is a compilation file comprised of documents that were removed from their original file and placed on this file. This would account for the non sequential enclosure numbering. Although the file cover states the file was opened on 25 October 1982, it is clear that this was not the case. Sec(AS) was not in being at this time, only being formed in early 1985 and therefore no file with a reference number commencing with D/Sec(AS) could have been in existence in 1982. No record of when the file was created can be found.

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Whilst I have no grounds to believe the disk contains anything harmful to your computer, I suggest you virus check it before opening the file.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 27 November 2008 21:08
To: Section 40
Subject: AW: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 27-11-2008-091822-001

Dear Section 40

I am neither living in UK nor I am a citizen of England, under these circumstances you are maybe not willing to send me a copy of this file.
If you nevertheless provide this service to foreign people, I kindly ask for an electronic copy.
My postal address would be:

Section 40

Section 40 Tagelswangen
Switzerland

With kind regards

Section 40

-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----

Von: Section 40@mod.uk

Datum: 27.11.2008 10:38

An: Section 40

Betreff: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 27-11-2008-091822-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 27 November 2008 asking for a copy of the Ministry of Defence file on the Rendlesham Incident.

As the file is too large for me to e-mail to you, I should be grateful if you would provide me with a postal address where I can send you an electronic copy on disk or, if you prefer, a paper version. Please let me know which version you would like.

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27-11-2008-091822-001

EX 30 DEC 08

From:

Section 40

Sent:

27 November 2008 06:42

To:

DAS-UFO-Office

Subject:

"Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980"

To whom it may concern

On the website of MOD you offer to provide the MOD documents about the "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980".

Can you please mail me those documents withdrawn for copyright reasons from your website.

With kind regards

Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 27 November 2008 14:15

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RTEQUEST 07-11-2008-125422-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 7 November 2008 asking whether five specific UFO sightings over Devon had been further investigated by the Ministry of Defence and for any documentation or reports relating to those investigations.

The five sightings were not the subject of further investigation.

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 07 November 2008 12:34

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PF 07-11-2008-125422-002 **Section 40**

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txttitle: **Section 40**

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txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Journalist

txtorganisation: Express and Echo

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Yeovil

txtstatecountry: Somerset

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: It is noted that the MoD has logged a number of UFO sighting in Devon over the past few years.

Did the MoD further investigate any of the following incident and would it be possible to have any reports or documentation relating to the investigations of the sightings?

23-Jun-07 22:45 Pilton, Devon Five lights were seen, that were followed by another fifteen lights, all moving in the same direction and extinguishing in the same area.

06-Sep-06 Exeter, Devon. A sighting.

21-Feb-05 09:56 Winkleigh, Devon. Object seen in the sky.

Undated 2005 09:34 Chevithorne, Devon. The object looked like a telegraph pole.

NO DATE, 2003, Ashburton, Devon. (Seen for six weeks - Feb/March 2003). Two strange lights in the sky.

Please respond via the email given above. Thank-you for your help.



From: **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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Section 40

Cwmbran
Gwent

Section 40

Our Reference
21-11-2008-110333-006

Date

25 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 18 November 2008 asking why some UFO files would go to DIS and some to DAS. Additionally, you asked what the defence procedure would be if a UFO sighting were deemed to be of defence significance.

Firstly, I think it might be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not open files for each UFO sighting report it receives. Each UFO sighting report file can contain dozens and, in the past, hundreds of reports. That having been said, a handful of individual case files were opened during the early 1990's. These will be transferred to The National Archives in 2009.

Copies of sighting reports from either military or civilian sources were sent to DIS from the Air Staff in case they contained any information which was of value in DIS's task of analysing the performance and threat of foreign weapons systems, nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programmes and emerging technologies. However, none of the reports received over a period of 30 years have yielded any valuable information whatsoever. DIS therefore decided in December 2000, not to receive these reports any longer. DAS staff were, and are, unable to provide a technical evaluation since they are not scientists or technical specialists. It was not a case of different reports being sent to the two branches, but reports being looked at for slightly different reasons.

Turning to your second question, if DAS staff felt a sighting was of defence significance, we would contact the appropriate branch within the MoD to deal with the matter. Who that would be would, of course, depend upon the particular circumstances of each individual report.

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I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

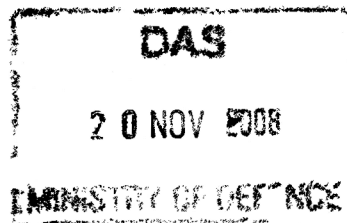
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21-11-2008-110733-226
ex/ 19 Dec 08



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18/11/08

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your reply of 11th November 2008, could you clarify a point raised by your response:

Could you explain why some files would go to DIS and some to DAS? What criteria would dictate this?

Also, as many of these incidents are classified as not being of defence significance, if you deemed a UFO sighting to be of defence significance (hypothetically speaking) what would the procedure be?

Yours sincerely

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Peacehaven
East Sussex

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Our Reference

24-11-2008-071059-003

Date

24 November 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of information request of 24 November 2008 asking for information regarding an alleged UFO sighting over Peacehaven in East Sussex for 2008 and also any for the period 2006-07. Additionally, you asked how to go about reporting a UFO sighting. Your request has been passed to this branch as we have responsibility for UFO matters within the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

We have no record of a UFO sighting being made for Peacehaven this year. Details of all UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 can be found on our website www.mod.uk by searching under "UFO Reports". In January 2009, details of sightings for the year 2008 will also be placed on our website.

UFO reports can be made in writing to my address above or by telephone to 0207 2182140.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 24 November 2008 08:16
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 24-11-2008-071059-003

EXP: 27 JZ 08

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

Dear Focal Point(s)

The Freedom of Information (FOI) request for information (RFI) below has been placed with you, but not confirmed on the Access to Information Toolkit (AIT). [insert details here, of which area should answer which part of the RFI, if it has been broken into different sections]

Please acknowledge within two working days that you are the appropriate area to respond, or lead, and we will transfer this to you on AIT. You should respond to the requester within twenty working days of the date the request was made. If you consider that another area is more appropriate to respond or lead, then please approach them, also within two working days. Please engage with the FOI Helpdesk at all times when you are looking to place a request elsewhere. The FOI Helpdesk will be pleased to assist during this process.

This request will be automatically allocated to your area, on AIT, after three working days, if the FOI Helpdesk receives no acknowledgement of receipt or evidence of action to place the request elsewhere.

If you are copied into this email, you may be a relevant contributor to the response and you should liaise with the lead respondent.

This process is set out to maximise the amount of time to find information and respond, when this request has been placed with the appropriate subject matter expert.

Lastly, please see further headline guidance on FOI correspondence at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Library/CivilianAndJointService/BrowseDocumentCategories/Legal/UkLegislation/FreedomOfInformation/HeadlineFoiGuidance.htm> or detailed guidance (including model answers) at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformation/>. If you have any concerns, or require any assistance with FOI, please contact Info-Access Operations, we are here to help.

Best regards

MOD Info Access
Freedom of Information Helpdesk
Telephone: Section 40
Email: info-access-office@mod.uk
AIT: <http://aitportal/default.aspx>

1The 'clock starts ticking' at the beginning of the next working day from when you received the request.

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Subject: FOI written request PS 24-11-2008-071059-003

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the past 2. Also information on how to repot this sighting

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From: Section 40

Sent: 24 November 2008 13:03

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 22 November 2008 asking whether there had been an investigation into an alleged UFO sighting made by a police helicopter over Birmingham, on the night of 2 May 2008.

This incident was investigated by the UK Airprox Board who have responsibility for investigating incidents where there has been a "near miss" involving aircraft. The results of that investigation can be found on their website www.airproxboard.org.uk. The incident has been given the Airprox Board reference number 055/08.

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24-11-2008-12105-001

EX 23 DEC 08

From: Section 40

Sent: 22 November 2008 12:16

To: Section 40

Subject: Helicopter/UFO incident

11/22/08

Dear Section 40

Has an investigation been conducted in regards to this incident? If so, what were the findings?

<http://www.birminghammail.net/news/birmingham-news/2008/11/21/ufo-involved-in-a-dramatic-incident-97319-22310179/>

"A POLICE helicopter flying over Birmingham narrowly avoided tragedy when it nearly collided with a UFO, a report has claimed.

The pilot managed to swerve out of the mystery aircraft's way while he was on a routine police surveillance task over the city centre earlier this year.

The helicopter was also carrying two police observers during the journey at around 9.50pm on May 2."

The report stated: "The front observer saw unidentified lights flying around their aircraft. The pilot established visual contact, as he maneuvered the aircraft to avoid a collision and to identify the light source."

The object was less than 100m away and flew around them. The pilot told the Airprox Board he thought the intent may either have been sinister or just someone messing around.

That doesn't sound like a balloon, lantern, or a flock of birds to me.

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@mod.uk> wrote:

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 January 2008 to Secretary of State for Defence, Des Browne, it has been passed to this office to answer as we are the branch with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD.

When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last

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quarter of a century which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. Other than an obligation to respond to questions from the public, the MoD has no further interest in the subject and considers the matter closed.

The MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident is already in the public domain via our website and will be included in the general release of 160 UFO files that you mention in your e-mail, which will also include policy files, correspondence files, sighting report files, Freedom of Information request files and a small number of files regarding specific incidents or subjects such as alien abduction.

Yours sincerely,

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If, in fact, we are able to answer the question 'ARE WE ALONE?' in the Universe then that certainly is grand enough and noble enough to be the enduring legacy of our civilization.

NST Jervi W. 71
ANJWER

AIRPROX REPORT No 055/08

Date/Time: 2 May 2150

Position: 5232N 00156W (8nm
NW of BHX)

Airspace: Lon FIR/B'ham CTR (Class: G/D)

Reporting Ac Reported Ac

Type: EC135 Unknown

Operator: Civ Pol NK

Alt/FL: 1500ft NK
(QNH 1022mb)

Weather VMC CAVOK
[no cloud, no moon wind 4kt]

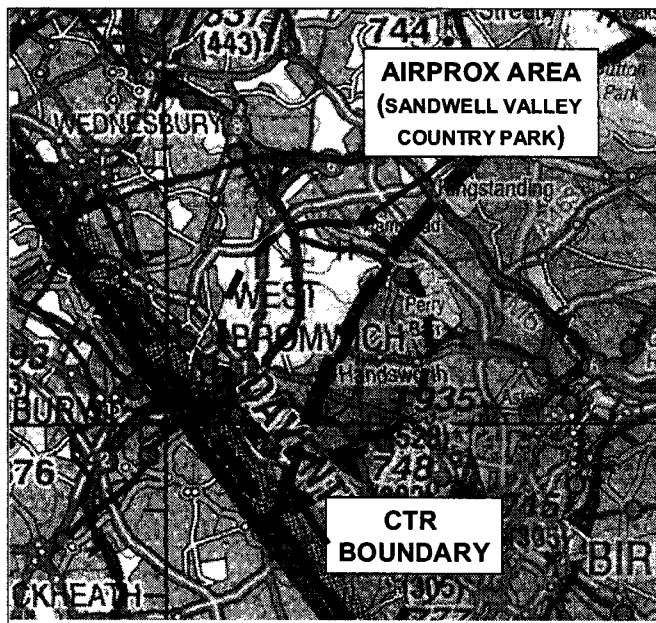
Visibility: >30km

Reported Separation:

NR

Recorded Separation:

NR



PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO UKAB

THE EC135 PILOT reports flying a routine night police surveillance task, CTR squawking 0060 with Mode C and in receipt of a RC service around 1500ft on the QNH and initially in an orbit at 80kt when the lights flying around their ac. The pilot established visual contact, he estimated 100m away but it was very difficult to tell, as he manoeuvred the ac to avoid a collision and to identify the light source.

The lights appeared to continue to circle their ac the same height, flew away to the N slightly then returned. Contact was broken by flying E to Birmingham City and descending to a lower height to enable the lights to be seen against the dark sky but the other ac returned to their area.

They searched the open land in the area below them with their thermal camera looking for any signs of radio-controlled model activity but nothing obvious was found.

He believes the lights may have come from a radio controlled fixed wing ac, the lights being to assist with night flying, and that it was purposely flown around them. He also thought that the intent may either have been sinister, or just someone "messing around". He informed Birmingham Radar at the time who as would be expected saw nothing on the radar, probably due to the small size of the other ac.

ATSI had nothing to add.

UKAB Note (1): The pilot of the EC135 was very co-operative and provided additional information when contacted by the Secretariat. He is a very experienced helicopter pilot particularly in night operations. He was engaged on a routine police surveillance task, accompanied by 2 fully trained police observers, one visual in the left hand seat and one in the rear operating the ac equipment and, at the time, using NVGs. All 3 crewmembers saw 2 continuous (not flashing) blue/green lights and the front seat observer saw an object behind the lights. The rear seat observer saw the lights on his NVGs but nothing else due to 'blooming'. None of the crewmembers could offer any explanation as to the source of the lights other than that given by the pilot. The RT recording verifies that the EC135

pilot reported the incident to Radar and they responded by saying that there were no other contacts in the area.

The pilot discounted any 'flashing' from the rotor blades (as reported as taking place in some helicopter operations in the Middle East). He also stated that they thought that the source of the lights might be a reflection from the NVG lenses onto the inside of the ac canopy; this was later discounted after another ac conducted a test on a later flight.

UKAB Note (2): All available radar recordings were examined and the EC135 shows throughout, squawking with Mode C, operating on the edge of the Birmingham CTR, both inside and outside Class D airspace. The RT recording shows that the pilot was in contact with Birmingham Radar and cleared to operate in the area. At the time the only other ac seen in the area and the only other in contact with radar, is a routine Birmingham CAT inbound which passes over the EC135, well above. (Although he did not report seeing it, the EC135 pilot was certain that the lights did not emanate from that ac). There were several 'one sweep only' primary contacts over 10nm to the W and slightly before the incident time that were attributed to anaprop [anomalous propagation].

UKAB Note (3): Due to the pilot's report the first organisation contacted by the UKAB in attempting to trace the source of the lights was the British Model Flying Association. Their view was that the object could not have been a model ac as it would have been too high and they had no reports of any activity at night. In addition it would not, in their view been possible to control a normal (in size and control system) model ac at that height since any light would not have been sufficient to enable control. In pursuing more sophisticated unmanned aerial vehicles, known civil, police and military operators of UAVs were contacted and no activity was reported (in any case it was a most unlikely location and time for the operation of UAVs, indeed virtually impossible for military UAV activity). Military flights were ruled out since there was no squawk observed and the area is outwith the UKLFS. Gliders, kites, tethered and untethered balloons were ruled out due to the light and weather conditions. There are no Met balloon launch sites in the area. All local GA airfields (except Halfpenny Green) reported no night activity on the date of the incident. The activity from Halfpenny Green was police operations that had landed before the incident time. Since the incident occurred in good radar coverage (both Birmingham and Clee Hill) and no contacts either squawking or primary-only were evident within 20nm of the incident position, it is thought most unlikely that the lights emanated from normal GA, other police or air ambulance activity. A laser light show was also discounted since there was no cloudbase for the lights to be reflected on. Fireworks or flares were also discounted since the light source did not descend towards the ground as, even with parachute flares, would be the case and, in any case, the lights reported were not bright enough to be pyrotechnics. The authorities for the parks close to the incident area were contacted but they had no activity recorded for the evening of 2 May.

Although the possibility of a civilian clandestine flight by a microlight or similar ac could not be ruled out, it is thought unlikely that any pilot engaged on illegal airborne activity would orbit what could probably be identified as a police helicopter.

Regrettably therefore, despite extensive tracing the source of the lights could not be identified.

PART B: SUMMARY OF THE BOARD'S DISCUSSIONS

Information available included reports from the helicopter pilot, a recording of the relevant RT frequency, radar video recordings and a report from the appropriate ATC authorities.

The Board noted the extensive tracing action taken by the Secretariat and accepted that any further effort was unlikely to determine the source of the lights reported by the EC135 pilot which, despite there being no information to support the crew's (unanimous) sighting, Members accepted totally as being accurate. The Board, which included a very experienced helicopter pilot Member with extensive experience of civil, military and police helicopter operations, was invited to offer an explanation as to the source of the lights: none was forthcoming. The possibility of a clandestine

flight was only one of several possibilities and Members were not convinced that, other than by exclusion of other logical possibilities, there was sufficient information to mention this in the cause. Certainly however, the ac from which the lights emanated had been small and probably non-metallic since it was not displayed on either of the radars examined and had not been displaying the lighting required by the ANO. Members agreed unanimously that they did not have enough information to determine a degree of risk involved in the incident.

PART C: ASSESSMENT OF CAUSE AND RISK

Cause: An apparent conflict with an unidentified ac displaying non-standard lights.

Degree of Risk: D.

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 21-11-2008-115431-008

Expiry: 18 Dec 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

All information on UFOs and related subjects.

Case for release of information

It will take at least 2 years to complete this task

It is not possible to accurately cost, but on average it takes 3 days work to prepare a UFO file for release

1 file = 3 days labour

3 days labour = £600

150 files = £90,000

Information should be withheld on the grounds of cost

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

Grade/Rank: B1 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.....

Date: 21 November 2008



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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 November 2008 14:23

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 21-11-2008-115431-008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 19 November 2008 asking for all information on UFOs and related subjects.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) holds some 150 files on UFOs. The costs of preparing these files for release to you would far exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the MoD is not obliged to comply with your request.

However, you may be interested to know that UFO files for 1967 to 1992, and any files prior to 1967 which have survived, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. The MoD has a programme to transfer the 150 files to The National Archives by the end of 2010. You may also be interested to know that the MoD has released details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-07 on its website www.mod.uk, which can be found by searching under "*UFO Reports*".

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Yours sincerely,

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18 Dec 08

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 19 November 2008 17:58

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PF 21-11-2008-115431-008 Section 40

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtoccupation: unemployed

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txtaddress2: Klondyke

txttowncity: Cramlington

txtstatecountry: Northumberland

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: All the information under the freedom of information act 2000 on UFO's and all related issues to this subject, example aliens etc. Thank you



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 22-10-2008-071429-001

Expiry: 19 Nov 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Information in unclassified documents about UFOs denied by Section 40

Case for release of information

Section 40 request is not very clear but it is possible he is referring to personal information withheld from UFO files transferred to the national Archives. It is also possible that he believes Section 40 is an MoD branch, rather than an FOI exemption.

I have asked for clarification but explained he cannot have the information I believe he wants.

Exemption s.40 should apply

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date: **17/11/08**

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 17 November 2008 10:10

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of information request asking for access to all information withheld in "unclassified" UFO documents under Section 40.

It is not clear from your request what information you are asking about, but I assume that you are referring to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) UFO files that have been placed in The National Archives and that have recently been the subject of some media attention. If this is incorrect, please let me know.

The MoD has pro-actively placed a number of files in The National Archives as part of a three year programme to transfer some 160 files. When placing these files in the public domain in this manner, we have followed the principles of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and have applied exemption s.40 (Personal Information) for information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers etc that could be used to identify individuals. I am afraid therefore that we cannot provide you with the information you have requested.

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Yours sincerely,

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19 NOV 08

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 22 October 2008 04:34

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 22-10-2008-071429-001 **Section 40**

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txttowncity: Oakland

txtstatecountry: California

txtzipcodepostcode: 94605

txtcountry: USA

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like to access information in "unclassified" documents about UFO sightings, denied by "Section 40".

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATIONApplicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 28-10-2008-105908-003

Expiry: 24 Nov 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

General report of UFOs (Think this is the UAP Report)

Does Bonnybridge and Bonsall still send UFO sightings.

Are military bases the cause of these sightings

Did BBC send a UFO film from 1960's for analysis.

Case for release of information

Information requested is available on the internet or in The National Archives.

Exemption s.21 (Information reasonably accessible to applicant by other means applies)**Authorisation**

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information under the above exemption

Grade/Rank: **B2** Name: **Section 40**Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.... **Section 40**Date: **13/11/08**



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Our Reference
28-10-2008-105908-003

Date

13 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 5 November 2008 clarifying your original Freedom of Information request of 23 October 2008.

You have stated that you were not seeking information regarding the Cosford Incident, but a more general report into UFOs. Additionally, you asked whether the areas of Bonnybridge in Scotland and Bonsall in Derbyshire continued to report UFO sightings and whether any local military bases could be responsible for them. Finally, you asked whether the BBC had passed a film from the 1960's to the Ministry of Defence for analysis.

I believe that the report you are looking for is entitled "*Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region*". The report is available on the Ministry of Defence internet site at www.mod.uk. It is therefore readily available for the public to read and under exemption s.21 (Information Reasonably Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means) of the Freedom of Information Act, the MoD is not required to provide you with a copy.

The Ministry of Defence continues to receive UFO sightings from all over the UK. Details of sightings for the period 1997-2007 are also available on our website by searching under "UFO Reports" and again, under exemption s.21 we are not required to provide you with this information.

The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

Turning to the matter of a BBC film sent to the MoD in the 1960's, you may wish to be aware that MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing.

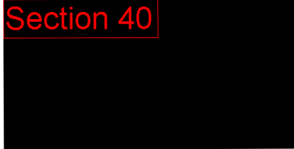
If a film was sent to the MoD from the BBC, there may be some record of it in these files. The National Archives, can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at:
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I note that you are not on the internet yourself. Your local public library will have an internet connection and I am sure that its staff will be happy to assist you in any internet search.

I am sorry I could not be of more help.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

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10 NOV 2008

5 NOV '08

Dear

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Thank you for your recent letter dated 31 OCT 2008.

I have no idea what the Cosford Incident is although I would be interested from an astronomer's perspective but, alas I do not yet have the net at home yet.

The report I was looking for is a very long term project similar to the U.S. "Bluebook" and

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only came to light about 2-3 yrs ago due to the freedom of information act. It was originally either restricted or even "Secret" but is now available to the public. It was carried out in a R.A.F. base which I'm sure was in the West country, but that's not so important as it's the content that's important viz that the "UKOs" a) presented no military threat to our airspace and b) that most, if not all, were misinterpretations of normal phenomena either astronomical, meteorological or man-made, which is what I suspected.

So, please could you see if you can locate this, which I know exists and was for a while in the media.

Aha, there are a couple of other

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this I would like to ask. There have been so called UFO "hotspots" in the U.K. for decades. I put this down to misinterpretations of aircraft, military manoeuvres, et al such as happened in Warrington in the 1960s and 1970s; in that case a military base and Salisbury plains were in that region explaining a great deal (in my opinion), thus could you tell me, do you still hear of reports from Bonny Bridge, Scotland or Borsall, Derbs. and are there any bases near there that could explain them.

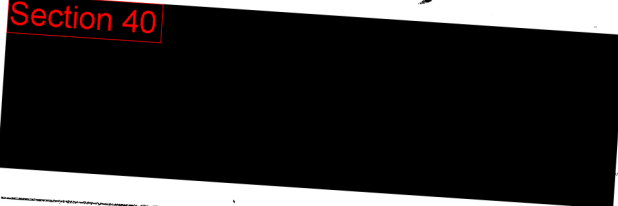
Aha, does the BBC ever pass on anything filmed by them (accidentally?) to your dept. for analysis? I am especially interested in the incident

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when the BBC filmed (what Sir Patrick Moore called "ILFS" (Interplanetary Light formations) allegedly) when the "Sky at Night" visited "Cradle Hill" with Arthur Shuttlesworth in the 60's some time. The above journalist saw them being filmed, but did not appear (for obvious reasons), on the TV show!

Could they be in your files?
Many thanks for your help,
yours sincerely,

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Our Reference

28-10-2008-105908-003

Date

31 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 October 2008 asking for a copy of the file on an incident near Corsham.

I believe you may be referring to a set of documents placed on our website that relates to an incident in March 1993, often referred to the Cosford Incident. However, this is not close to Corsham.

Can you confirm whether this is what you are looking for?

Yours sincerely,

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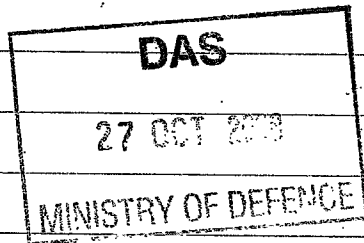
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23 OCT 08



Dear Section 40

I firstly hope I was given the correct person and address; if not I'm sorry to bother you.

I'm an amateur astronomer (not a so-called "Ufologist"!) and I'm interested in this subject as it shows how people can be fooled by ordinary meteorological phenomena etc.

but I'm especially interested in a report by the British government on UFO's carried out

from a Wiltshire base the name of which I cannot remember but I know it was near Corsham or Hawthorn and was published about 2 years ago. It came (rightly) that they presented no risk to national security, but did make some interesting astronomical observations. Could you send me a copy and anything else that might interest me of this nature? (I do not have access to the internet alas!)

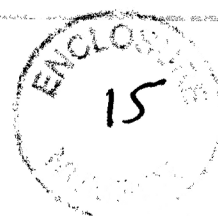
Hope you can help,
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Gwent

Section 40

Our Reference
11-11-2008-135018-008

Date

11 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request asking whether RAF Henlow had taken over the role of logging UFO incidents from RAF Rudloe Manor.

Until 1992 the Flying Complaints Flight (FCF), part of the HQ Provost and Security Services(UK) 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) (now DAS) in the Ministry of Defence. Sec(AS) would then examine the reports and decide whether what was seen had defence implications. No action was taken on the reports by staff in the FCF.

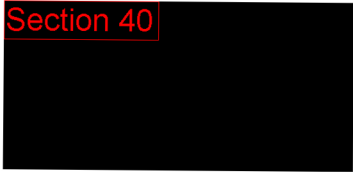
The FCF (now Defence Flying Investigation Team) no longer have any involvement in the central collection of "UFO" reports made to air force bases. Any reports received by air force stations are now forwarded directly to DAS for consideration. RAF Rudloe Manor has now closed. RAF Henlow has not taken on Rudloe Manor's previous role in collating UFO reports although, in common with all other RAF stations, it will take down the details of any made in its local area and to pass them to us.

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FO 1755

Dear Sir,

POST-

After some research I have been reading about RAF Henlow taking over the role of logging UFO incidents from RAF Rudloe Manor. Under the FOIA can you confirm that this was once the role of RAF Rudloe Manor and that this function has indeed switched to RAF Henlow.

Yours sincerely

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Our Reference

11-11-2008-135603-009

Date

11 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request asking whether, as reported in a number of articles, nine of the UFO files due for transfer to The National Archives had never been passed to the "*UFO Desk*".

I have not seen the articles you refer to and therefore cannot comment on them. However, the release of UFO files covers those held by two separate branches; DAS and DIS. Each branch holds its own set of files and, quite naturally, neither branch deals with the others files. Neither DAS, nor DIS, have any idea where the stated figure of nine files comes from.

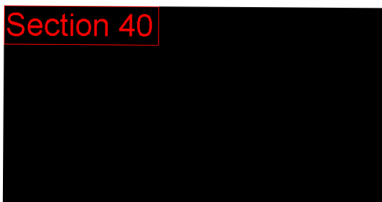
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11-11-2008-175603-009
EXP 9 Dec 08

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Section 40

Dear Sir,

POST-

I have read in numerous articles that 9 of the files due to be released by MoD (UFO report files etc) were never passed to the 'UFO desk' until this release. Can you confirm if this is the case and what reference numbers these files have.

Yours sincerely

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Our Reference

10-06-2008-150228-002

Date

8 July 2008

Crawley
West Sussex

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 June 2008 asking for details of any MoD classified or unclassified investigations into UFOs in the UK to date. Additionally, you asked for details on the incident that occurred in March 1993.

The MoD holds records relating to UFOs on some 160 files covering a period of over quarter of a century. Searching through 160 files would far exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If you could narrow the scope of your request to a particular incident or issue, I may be able to help.

However, you may be interested to know that UFO files for 1967 to 1987, and any files prior to 1967 which have survived, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. The MoD will be transferring the 160 UFO files from the Directorate of Air Staff and Defence Intelligence Staff to The National Archives as part of a three year programme. Those files covering the period 1979-92 will be released during 2008, 1993-2000 in 2009 and those from 2001 onwards will be transferred in 2010.

The MoD holds documents which I can release to you immediately on what has become known as the Cosford incident which occurred in March 1993. If this is the 1993 incident you were referring to I can forward you a copy on disk or a printed version. Please confirm this is the incident you were referring to and the format you want to receive the information in.

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Email:

Telephone:

Fax:

Request_Details: Under the Act please provide details of any M.O.D classified or declassified investigations into Unidentified Flying Objects in the United Kingdom to date.

Please provide details also on the incident which occurred in March 1993. Which was investigated by the M.O.D

Kind Regards

Section 40

Subject: classified investigations into UFOs

Raised_On_Behalf_Of:

Case_Number: 10-06-2008-150228-002

Originator: DII Section 40

User_Group: GxAITESTPTCDAS

Date_Received: 10/06/2008

Date_Due: 08/07/2008

Status: Withdrawn - By Requestor

Responder: DII Section 40

Vexatious_Type:

Vexatious_Reason:

Quick_Response_Type:

Quick_Resp_Cov_Letter_Issued: No

Media_Preference_Met:

Media_Date_Sent:

Media_Response_Sent:

Media_Preference_Comments:

Closed: Yes
Date_Closed: 10/11/2008
Media_Type: not stated
Requested_Language: English
Standard_Response_Comment:
Offline_Assigned_To:
Offline_Date_Due:
Offline_Date_Responded:
Ext_Ref_Department_Name:
Ext_Ref_Sent_To_PRO:
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Vexatious_Supporting_Cases:
Vexatious_Authorised_By:
Vexatious_Date_Authorised:
Vexatious_Reference:
Request_Location:
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Hold_Resp_Letter_Sent:
Hold_Resp_Date_Letter_Sent:
On_Hold:
Exemption_Applied: No
Exemptions_Authorised_By:
Exemptions_Date_Authorised:
Exemptions_Ref_Number:
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Section 40

01-08-2008-152251-003

EXP 2 SEP 08

From:

Section 40

Sent:

31 July 2008 22:31

To:

DAS-UFO-Office

Subject:

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980



I would like a copy of the files

thank you

Section 40

NOTE: CLOSING OF TOPIC IF
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RESPOND TO CLARIFICATION
REQUEST

Section 40

DAS-DE
10/NOV/08

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 01 August 2008 10:38

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 01-08-2008-102251-003

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 31 July 2008 asking for a copy of the Rendlesham files.

The MoD has one file on this topic and I am happy to provide you with a copy. Unfortunately, I cannot e-mail it to you as it is too large. If you provide me with your postal address I can send you a copy on disk (our preferred option). Alternatively, you are entitled to a paper copy if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

DAS-FOI

MoD Main Building

Whitehall

London

SW1A 2HB

01/08/2008



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 29 September 2008 14:11

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

You wrote to the Ministry of Defence on 25 June 2008 asking for a copy of documents relevant to the Cosford incident.

As I explained in my e-mail of 23 July 2008, I am unable to e-mail them to you but am happy to provide an electronic copy on disk or, if you prefer, hard copy.

To that end I should be grateful if you would provide me with a postal address so I can forward them to you.

Section 40

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05-H Section 40

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NOTE: CLOSER IN
TOOLKIT IS NOT OF
NEVER RESPONSE TO
CLARIFICATION REQUEST

Section 40

JAS-FSE

10/NOV/08

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 July 2008 13:28

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM FO INFORMATION REQUEST 25-06-2008-154821-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 25 June 2008 asking for copies of documentation relating to the Cosford incident.

I am unable to e-mail them to you, but if you provide me with a postal address I can provide them on a disk.

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23/07/2008

Section 40

25-06-2008-154821-001

EXP 27 JUL 08

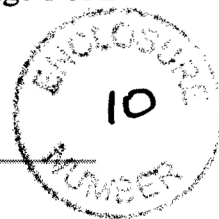
From: Section 40
Sent: 25 June 2008 15:24
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Cosford UFO file

Dear Sirs,

I wish to see a copy of the documents relating to the above incident. Please send them to my mailbox at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you,

Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 November 2008 14:16

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 14-10-2008-090808-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request asking what regulations covered the requirement for pilots to report unusual events. It has been passed to this office to answer as we have responsibility for UFO matters within the Ministry of Defence.

"Joint Services Publication 551 – Military Flight Safety Regulations Volume 1: Flight Safety, Section 200, Occurrence Reporting" covers incidents that may occur during flying and provides guidance on reporting. However, the emphasis is on flight safety and it does not specifically mention UFOs.

If you wish, I can of course provide you with a copy (on disk or, should you prefer, paper), but I fear it will not be of much interest to your show or its viewers.

Regulations for civilian pilots would be covered by the CAA who can be contacted via their website at www.caa.co.uk.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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06/11/2008

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 13 October 2008 21:26

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 14-10-2008-090808-002 **Section 40**

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: **Section 40**
txtfirstname: **Section 40**
txtlastname: **Section 40**
txtoccupation: Producer
txtorganisation: History Channel
txtaddress1: **Section 40**
txtaddress2: **Section 40**
txttowncity: Santa Monica
txtstatecountry: CA
txtzipcodepostcode: 90403
txtcountry: USA
txtemailAddress: **Section 40**
txttelephone: **Section 40**
txtinforequest: Hello,

I work on the show UFO Hunters and we interviewed a pilot who spoke briefly about pilots being required to report any strange activity/thing they may see while flying. Im looking for any type of document from the CAA or Defense Department stating such a requirement. Could you please forward me in the correct direction. I have had no luck researching this law to give you more specific information.

Thank you

Section 40





AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 05-11-2008-113605-002

Expiry: 4 Dec 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

All documents relating to the Rendlesham Incident.

Case for release of information

Documents relating to Rendlesham could be found on some 109 files including 61 correspondence files, 30 FOI files, 10 PQ files and 8 Policy files. This excludes Reports files which are unlikely to include Rendlesham information.

Each file would have to be manually checked and any documents redacted.

Costing

1 file = 1 hour (minimum)

109 files = 109 hours

1 hour = £25

109 hours = £2725

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.... **Section 40**

Date: **5/11/08**



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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 05 November 2008 14:23

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 05-11-2008-113605-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 4 November 2008 asking for copies of all information regarding the alleged UFO incident at Rendlesham Forrest in 1980.

Answering your request would involve manually checking, as a minimum, some 100 DAS files, and then preparing relevant documents for release, the cost of which would exceed far the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Whilst it is not possible to quantify without undertaking a major administrative exercise, my experience would suggest that the overwhelming majority of documents mentioning the Rendlesham incident are requests for information or correspondence from members of the public such as yourself, which may not provide you with the information you are looking for. However, the MoD has a file on this incident, that was created sometime after the incident and which is currently being prepared for release to The National Archives as part of a programme to transfer 160 MOD files on UFO matters. The MoD had previously placed the file on its own website, but has had to remove this for copyright reasons. If you would like a copy of our file on Rendlesham, please let me know whether you can accept a PDF copy on disk or a paper copy, together with your address and I will forward it to you. I am afraid that due to the size of the file, I am unable to e-mail it to you.

You may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at:
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

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<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

05/11/2008

Section 40

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05-H **Section 40**

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05-11-2008-113605-002

EXP 4 Dec 08

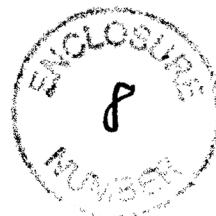
From: Section 40
Sent: 04 November 2008 21:13
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Rendlesham Forrest ufo incident

I would be pleased if you could kindly send me by email copies of all documents in your possession relating to the "Rendlesham Forrest Incident" of December 1980.

Thank you,

Section 40

05/11/2008



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 03-11-2008-103053-002

Expiry: 2 Dec 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Information to the Rendlesham Incident.

Case for release of information

Section 40 original request is not very clear but he has confirmed he would like a copy of the Rendlesham file.

There is no need to withhold this file subject to personal information such as names addresses telephone numbers etc

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date: **2/11/08**

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19 March 2008
Section 40
5/11/08*



From: **Section 40**

Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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020 7218 9000

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das-ufi-office@mod.uk

e-mail

Section 40

Section 40

Our Reference
03-11-2008-103053-002

Date

5 November 2008

Canterbury
Kent

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 2 November 2008 asking for details on the Rendlesham Incident. I enclose a copy of our file on the subject in paper format, in line with your e-mail of 4 November 2008.

Some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The file is a compilation file comprised of documents that were removed from their original file and placed on this file. This would account for the non sequential enclosure numbering. Although the file cover states the file was opened on 25 October 1982, it is clear that this was not the case. Sec(AS) was not in being at this time, only being formed in early 1985 and therefore no file with a reference number commencing with D/Sec(AS) could have been in existence in 1982. No record of when the file was created can be found.

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Finally, you asked if we could forward a copy to Mr Oshimi. Since he is at the postal address you provided, I do not think it appropriate to provide a second copy. However, there is nothing to stop him applying to us on his own behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 November 2008 15:51
To: Section 40
Subject: REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Thank you for answering for me. I would like to receive a paper copy, so could you send that to this address.

I feel appreciation for you honestly. Your assist could be helpful for our group and me so much. In addition, I have

to tell you about could you send the copy to Section 40 address. He is now working in Stafford

House every day .He is a one of my group's readers. He has a responsible for all our task. Moreover, he is really

looking forward to see the contents recently.

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Canterbury Section 40
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Kind regards,

Connect to the next generation of MSN Messenger [Get it now!](#)

04/11/2008

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 03 November 2008 10:27

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 2 November 2008. I assume that you are requesting a copy of the MoD file on the so called "Rendlesham Incident". If this is not the case, please let me know.

I am unable to send the file by e-mail, but if you provide me with your full address, I can provide you with a electronic copy on disk. Alternatively, we can provide you with a paper copy.

Please let me know which you prefer.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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London

SW1A 2HB

05/11/2008

Section 40

0811-2008-103053-002

From: Section 40
Sent: 02 November 2008 00:18
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980

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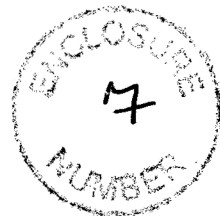
Dear British Defence Section,

I understood the this site's mean, and now I am researching about SETI project. Therefore, hereby, I would like to receive an information seriously.

Section 40

Sincerely,

Invite your mail contacts to join your friends list with Windows Live Spaces. It's easy!
http://spaces.live.com/spacesapi.aspx?wx_action=create&wx_url=/friends.aspx&mkt=en-us



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

~~26-09-2008-133559-003~~

Case Number: ~~26-10-2008-133559-003~~

Expiry: 24 Oct 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Information on Rendlesham and schematics for the bases of Woodbridge and Bentwaters

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold information other than personal details, addresses and telephone numbers etc under exemption s.40 (Personal Information)

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

Grade/Rank: B2

Name: **Section 40**

Section 40

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05...

Date: 4/4/08

NOTE: A3 copies of maps
sent - original response.
copy of file not stored
here to save space.
19 MAY 1988

Section 40

5/11/08



From: **Section 40**

**Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

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Section 40

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Section 40

Our Reference
26-09-2008-133559-003

Date

4 November 2008

Redditch
Worcestershire

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 September 2008 asking for details on the Rendlesham Incident. I enclose a copy of our file on the subject in CD format, in line with your e-mail of 15 October 2008. Additionally, you asked for base schematics for RAF Woodbridge and RAF Bentwaters.

Some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The file is a compilation file comprised of documents that were removed from their original file and placed on this file. This would account for the non sequential enclosure numbering. Although the file cover states the file was opened on 25 October 1982, it is clear that this was not the case. Sec(AS) was not in being at this time, only being formed in early 1985 and therefore no file with a reference number commencing with D/Sec(AS) could have been in existence in 1982. No record of when the file was created can be found.

Turning to your request for schematics for both sites, I am afraid there are only slim pickings but I enclose a map of each site. You will notice that a small amount of information in the key of the Bentwaters map has been withheld. Again these are names of individuals. I am informed that the MoD gave a set of photographs of the various buildings at both bases to the Duxford Imperial War Museum who can be contacted on <http://duxford.iwm.org.uk/>. It may also be worth contacting the relevant local council planning departments to see if they can assist.

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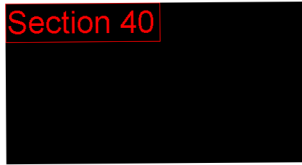
Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website,
<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>."

Whilst I have no grounds to believe the disk contains anything harmful to your computer, I suggest you virus check it before opening the file.

Finally, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. The maps proved to be harder to find than I had expected.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



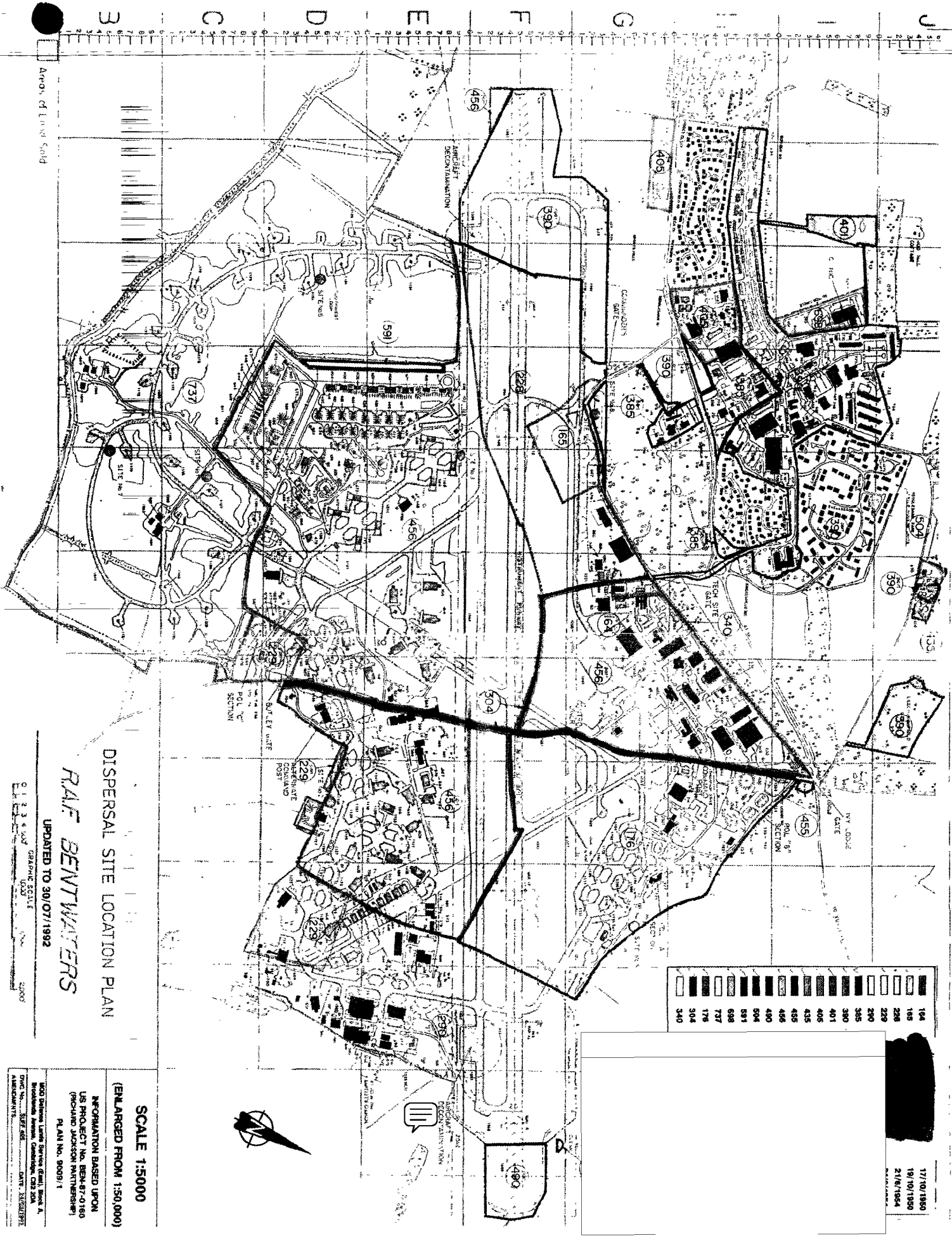
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DISPERSAL SITE LOCATION PLAN

RAF BENTWATERS

UPDATED TO 30/07/1992

GRAPHIC SCALE
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INFORMATION BASED UPON
US PROJECT NO. BEN-87-0160
(RICHARD JACKSON PARTNERSHIP)
PLAN NO. 9009.1
MOB Defense Land Service (GML) Box A
Buckingham Avenue, Cambridge CB2 2DA
DWC No. 3377 285 DATE: 30/07/1992
AMENDMENTS:



Areas of land sold

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 26 September 2008 10:53

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 26-09-2008-133559-003 **Section 40**

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: Ipsley

txttowncity: Redditch

txtstatecountry: Worcestershire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Requesting all info about the Rendlesham Forest incident and if possible base schematics of the old base RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge Please !

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 15 October 2008 15:32

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATIONREQUEST 26-09-2008-133559-003

Dear Section 40

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From: Section 40

Sent: 15 October 2008 17:09

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATIONREQUEST 26-09-2008-133559-003

Section 40

Thank you for getting back to me, it is much appreciated.

The information on a disk would be great if possible, and regards to the bases RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge, the years i am interested in are between 1980-82, i am particularly interested in the underground facilities that were there and that time but i do understand if there is still a need to keep those hidden, however someone has entered them before and took photo's and then wrote a book about the bases and the underground facilities, so any information/Schematics of the bases/underground facilities would be a great help thanks.

Again thanks for all your help so far !

best regards,

Section 40

--- On Wed, 15/10/08, Section 40 @mod.uk> wrote:

From: Section 40 @mod.uk>

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATIONREQUEST 26-09-2008-133559-003

To: Section 40

Date: Wednesday, 15 October, 2008, 3:31 PM

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From: DE Ops North-FOI [xResMbx0194@de.mod.uk]
Sent: 21 October 2008 16:45
To: DAS-FOI
Subject: FW: FREEDOM OF INFORMATIONREQUEST 26-09-2008-133559-003
Importance: High
Attachments: woodbridge base plan 94.TIF

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Please find attached a plan of RAF Woodbridge and also in the e-mail chain below information in response to the above FOI request. Please let me know if a copy of the RAF Bentwaters plan is required and I will arrange for a copy to be sent to you. Hopefully the information provided will be of some help to you.

Do not hesitate to come back to me if you require anything else

Regards

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Secretariat Manager
DE Ops North-BM3b
DE Operations North-Business Management
Tel

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From: DE Ops North-EME4b1d Section 40
Sent: 21 October 2008 16:26
To: DE Ops North-FOI
Cc: DE Ops North-EME4b1 Section 40 DE Ops North-EME4b Section 40
Subject: FW: FREEDOM OF INFORMATIONREQUEST 26-09-2008-133559-003
Importance: High

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Please see response from Section 40 to forward on to Section 40 DAS.
Hopefully this concludes our interest in this one.

Regards

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From: DE Ops North-LMS5i Section 40
Sent: 21 October 2008 16:17
To: DE Ops North-EME4b1d Section 40

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From: DE Ops North-LMS5 [Section 40]
Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 26-09-2008-133559-003
Importance: High

[Section 40]

We sold RAF Bentwaters in 1997 so information that we have is very limited. However, we have trawled around the bazaars that may have information including DE Int., RPC East (re Woodbridge) and DE LMS Waterbeach office. These have yielded information to a greater or lesser extent and the following is a synopsis of what exists that is or may be relevant to the FOE request.

Herewith a US plan of RAF Woodbridge which would appear to fit the bill, however, we should only send a hard copy to the enquirer. It is set up for A3 size paper.

We also have a similar one for RAF Bentwaters but not in electronic form. We could however physically copy it if need be and send it to the enquirer direct - please let me know if you wish me to do so. We also have miscellaneous plans and information that have been returned to us in a number of crates by a business partner. These have not been catalogued yet but may contain specific information that may be of relevance, however, the cost of trawling through them will likely exceed the FOI limit.

In addition, we gave a complete set of photographs of the various buildings at both RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge to Duxford Imperial War Museum and they may also have additional material of interest to the enquirer. Their link is: -

<http://duxford.iwm.org.uk/>

We are aware of the Rendlesham incident but DAS are the SME for this.

I trust this is helpful.

[Section 40]

[Section 40]

Senior Estates Surveyor
 DE Ops North LMS 5i

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From: DE Ops North-EME4b1d [Section 40]
Sent: 17 October 2008 10:18
To: DE Ops North-LMS5 [Section 40]; DE Ops North-LMS5 [Section 40]
Cc: DE Ops North-EME4b1 [Section 40] DE Ops North-EME4b [Section 40]
Subject: FW: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 26-09-2008-133559-003
Importance: High

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Original FOI request

Regards

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From: DE Ops North-BM3b **Section 40**
Sent: 17 October 2008 09:51
To: DE Ops North-EME4b1d **Section 40**; DE Ops North-EME4b1 **Section 40** DE Ops North-EME4b **Section 40**
Subject: FW:

Please find attached original FOI request as requested by **Section 40**

Regards

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Secretariat Manager
DE Ops North-BM3b
DE Operations North-Business Management
Tel **Section 40**

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From: DAS-FOI
Sent: 17 October 2008 09:31
To: DE Ops North-BM3b **Section 40**
Subject: FW:

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As requested please find attached a copy of the original FOI. Can you forward it on as the DE-Ops North-FOI mailbox doesn't seem to register with outlook at this end.

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From: **Section 40**
Sent: 17 October 2008 09:25
To: **Section 40**
Subject:

22/10/2008



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 04-11-2008-071212-003

Expiry: 3 Dec 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Information held on UFOs 1950-2007.

Case for release of information

Information up to 1992 is now in The National Archives and is therefore readily available. Files for the remaining period are due for publication.

Information should be withheld under s.22.

A PIT is included in the letter of response.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date: **4/11/08**



From: Section 40

Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information

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Our Reference

04-11-2008-071212-003

Date

4 November 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your freedom of Information request of 3 November 2008. I will deal with your request for information on UFOs for the period 1950-2007. The non UFO related material will be dealt with by colleagues in another branch who will write to you separately.

You may be interested to know that the MoD has commenced a programme to release some 160 UFO and UFO related files to the National Archive. The files from the Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff will cover the period from the late 1970s to 2007. The files themselves will be released in accordance with the same principles that the MoD applies when it releases information for Freedom of Information requests such as yours. The files will be released in chronological order and the programme is likely to take some three years to complete. To date some 24 files have been released. Therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the MOD is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

This is not the end of the matter, of course; section 22 is a qualified exemption, meaning that the MOD must assess the balance of public interest in release of the information.

Whilst there is undoubtedly public interest in this information being released to the public as it will enable them to have a more informed view of the MoD's role in the UFO phenomena, there is no overriding reason why the public should have the information immediately. It is part of effective administration of government that the publication of information is planned and managed within the department responsible. Copies of UFO photographs will be of great interest to researchers and writers and, by placing the information requested in The National Archives, all interested parties will have access to the same information at the same time, which ensures no one has any particular advantage over their competitors.

That having been said, you may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. The Ministry of Defence

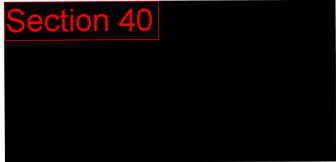
Freedom of Information website also contains details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 which can be accessed the internet at: www.mod.uk, by searching under "UFO reports".

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40

Sent: 04 November 2008 07:28

To: Section 40

Cc:

Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 04-11-2008-071124-002 & 04-11-2008-071212-003

NOTE: JAS will

ANSWER on VFO?

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EXP 3 DEC 08

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

Dear Focal Point(s)

The Freedom of Information (FOI) request for information (RFI) below has been placed with you, but not confirmed on the Access to Information Toolkit (AIT). *[insert details here, of which area should answer which part of the RFI, if it has been broken into different sections]*

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Please acknowledge within two working days that you are the appropriate area to respond, or lead, and we will transfer this to you on AIT. You should **respond to the requester within twenty working days** of the date the request was made. If you consider that another area is more appropriate to respond or lead, then please approach them, also within two working days. Please engage with the FOI Helpdesk at all times when you are looking to place a request elsewhere. The FOI Helpdesk will be pleased to assist during this process.

This request will be automatically allocated to your area, on AIT, after three working days, if the FOI Helpdesk receives no acknowledgement of receipt or evidence of action to place the request elsewhere.

If you are copied into this email, you may be a relevant contributor to the response and you should liaise with the lead respondent.

This process is set out to maximise the amount of time to find information and respond, when this request has been placed with the appropriate subject matter expert.

Lastly, please see further headline guidance on FOI correspondence at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Library/CivilianAndJointService/> or detailed guidance (including model answers) at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForIr>. If you have any concerns, or require any assistance with FOI, please contact Info-Access Operations, we are here to help.

Best regards

MOD Info Access**Freedom of Information Helpdesk**

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Email: info-access-office@mod.ukAIT: <http://aitportal/default.aspx>

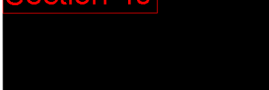
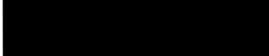
¹The 'clock starts ticking' at the beginning of the next working day from when you received the request.

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 03 November 2008 22:23
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 04-11-2008-071124-002 & 04-11-2008-071212-003

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: Section 40
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txtlastname: 
txtaddress1: 
txtaddress2: 
txttowncity: Mablethorpe
txtstatecountry: Lincolnshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: I would like to request the following documents concerning
Britains involvement in:
-TPAJAX (operation AJAX)
-Operation PAPERCLIP (intelligence involvement in smuggling nazi SS doctors out
of germany at the end of world war 2)
-Operation GLADIO (NATO's stay behind secret armies)
-Information concerning unidentified flying objects from 1950-2007 i.e sightings,
descriptions of craft, detections on radar etc.

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The two working day 'clock starts ticking' at the beginning of the next working day from when the request was placed with you..

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 03 November 2008 11:46

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 24-10-2008-135147-002



Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mails of 1st and 2nd November 2008. You raised a number of questions and I will try to answer them.

Firstly, you asked why the MoD would not send you the information you requested. As I explained in my response of 31 October 2008, providing you with the information you asked for would exceed £600. The Freedom of Information Act allows government departments to make an estimate of how much work it will take to answer a Freedom of Information request and, if it exceeds three working days, which equates to £600, it is not required to provide the information requested. I apologise for not making this clear.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 03 November 2008 11:43
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: UFO FILES

Section 40

Thank you. Content with proposed response.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 03 November 2008 11:32
To: Section 40
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Section 40

Section 40 has responded to my reply to his FOI stating amongst other things that he does not understand why his request was refused. Although his e-mails are somewhat difficult to absorb, I have treated his 2nd Nov e-mail as a request for formal review.

Can you confirm you are content with my draft response below?

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COMMENTS ON DAS DISC D/Sec(AS)/12/3 Part N (28 May 93 to 23 Dec 93)

1. All pages scanned black on white with good readability.
2. No additional redactions required.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 02 November 2008 00:09
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

dear Section 40 i would like to appolgise about my other email it was slightly garbled i would like to ask you why the goverment decided why some files should be destroyed also why am i not allowed the files i requested bassically you have admited in not so many words that you and your peers have lied to us for 40 years since 1967 i would like to no the truth and why we have bin lied to for so long. also we are being told and reminded every day of the so called credit crunch would telling the truth not bring so trust in to our country and back into our goverment now after so many years of what we have got to no as UFOS invading our air space and jets being scrambled onto them we have just found out this is unacceptable if and i do mean if there is a threat from whatever this maybe and i belive you no what this is to let us no what is happening before it is to late or is that what you the goverment the mod want for the sake of my children your children the entire human race i urge you no i beg of you it is our right as human beings to no the truth

regards s

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From: Section 40
Sent: 01 November 2008 18:02
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

dear Section 40 could u please tell e why the goverment decided some files from 1967 i elive from the manner of your email that you are hiding something from me and the publis it is our right as the public to be made aware of a upcoming threat if there is one. I would like tosay we should be in the no about this in stead of being lied to bassicaly you have admited you have lied becouse now after 40 years the files are being relesed and only the files you want us to no about witch is wrong as i think you can understand and appreciate the manner of this email and my general fears and concerns on this matter but if you want our econemy to get better you could you could start by tellin the truth

regards

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 24-10-2008-135147-002

Expiry: 21 Nov 08

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Case for release of information

This will far exceed £600. It is impossible to state with certainty how much it will cost but it will take two years to complete.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.. **Section 40** ...

Date: **31/10/08**

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 31 October 2008 14:44

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 October 2008 asking for all information the Ministry of Defence (MoD) holds on UFOs including recent landing and sightings.

The MoD has some 160 files on the subject of UFOs. The costs in providing you with the information you require would far exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

You may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

You may also wish to know that the MoD is engaged in a three year programme to transfer UFO files covering the period 1979-2007 to The National Archives. Files will be transferred in chronological order with those covering 1979-92 being released in 2008, 1992-2000 in 2009 and 2001 onwards in 2010.

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 can be found by searching under "UFO Reports" on the MoD website www.mod.uk. Details of sightings for 2008 will be placed on the site in early 2009.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

31/10/2008

Section 40

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If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 23 October 2008 20:44

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request ps 24-10-2008-135147-002 **Section 40**

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

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txttowncity: bradford

txtstatecountry: westyorkshire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like all information on unidentified flying objects also now nown as ufos also any data you have on resent landings and sightings i would like all the info dating as long as your records go back as i am compiling my own book



From: Section 40

Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information

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020 7218 2140

(Switchboard)

020 7218 9000

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Section 40

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das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

Our Reference
20-10-2008-141354-010

Cramlington
Northumberland

Date

31 October 2008

Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 20 October 2008 asking for details of UFO sightings, including Heathrow. You also asked whether there are no such things as UFOs and whether the MoD believes in them.

Firstly, I think it would be helpful if I gave you some background about the MoD role in UFO matters. Despite what many people think, the MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

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

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 can be found on our website www.mod.uk by searching under the term *UFO Reports*. Sightings for 2008 will be placed on the website in early 2009.

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 20 October 2008 11:48

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 20-10-2008-141354-010 **Section 40**

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txtoccupation: Owner

txtorganisation: **Section 40**

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Cramlington

txtstatecountry: northumberland

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Can i please have some details on UFO sightings please,
mainly at heathrow.

can i also be assured that there is no such thing?

Do you belive?

From X-Files

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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 14-10-2008-091146-003

Expiry:

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Could you please send me info regarding dramatic UFOs sightings in the UK and other places you have on file that will be published in the short term.

Case for withholding information

We are withholding the information, as we directed Section 40 [redacted] to The National Archives.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

Exemption 21 was used. (information accessible by the applicant by other means).

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

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

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 22/10/08

Section 40

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 22 October 2008 15:46
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI Request.

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for information regarding dramatic UFO sightings in the UK and other places that we have on file. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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

With regards to your question of asking for information regarding dramatic UFO sightings in the UK and other places, you may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU, telephone 0208 876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk>. Therefore, as provided by s.21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The MOD is not obliged to comply with this request.

Finally, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has a database which contains information on UFO sighting reports from the year 1997 up to 2007. This can be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme>, by searching under 'UFO' Reports. Reports for 2008 will be placed on the website in early 2009.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

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 London
 SW1A 2HB

E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

22/10/2008

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From: Section 40
Sent: 15 October 2008 09:15
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 14-10-2008-091146-003 Section 40

Can you write back and direct him to the MoD website and the national Archive.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 14 October 2008 09:13
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 14-10-2008-091146-003 Section 40

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Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk
Section 40

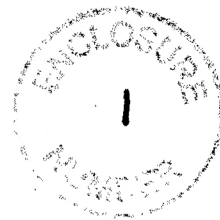
-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 13 October 2008 19:17
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 14-10-2008-091146-003 Section 40

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: Writing a book
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Asuncion
txtstatecountry: Central
txtzipcodepostcode: 1849
txtcountry: Paraguay
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: Dear Sirs,

could you PLS send me info regarding dramatic UFOs sightings in the UK and other places you have on file that will be published in a short term.
I am writing a book, regarding the universe, and one of the chapters regards to the alien life and their visits to our planet

Section 40



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 10-10-2008-072213-002

Expiry: 7 Nov 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

UFO files covering UK for Jan79-Jan80, Jan 79-Jan 81 and Jan 80-Jan 82

Requester has written 3 times with 3 differing requirements.

Files are now held at The National Archives and exemption s.21 applies.

It is proposed a single response is sent.

Case for release of information

Information now at National Archives

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date: **21/10/08**

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 October 2008 10:33

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 10-10-20008-072213-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information requests of 9 October and 13 October 2008. You asked for UFO files covering the UK for the periods 1 January 1979 to 1 January 1980 and from the year 1979 to January 1981. I also note in your e-mail of 20 October 2008 that you wish to see files for the period January 1980-82. These requests will be answered under the above single reference

MoD files covering all these periods are now available for public viewing at The National Archives on their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk and in accordance with exemption s.21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) the Ministry of Defence is not required to provide you with the information you requested.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 20 October 2008 14:20
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI/MOD - Complaints see 10-10-2008-072213-002 Section 40
Importance: High

Section 40

As discussed.

Regards

Section 40

FOI Helpdesk

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 20 October 2008 13:51
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI/MOD - Complaints see 10-10-2008-072213-002 Section 40
Importance: High

Dear MOD / FOI,

I am contacting you in relation to requesting freedom of information files relating to unidentified flying objects from the MOD.

I requested this twice and not received any reply – I sent across my email and address.

I requested files from January 1980 through to January 1982 covering the entire UK.

Could someone contact me and state what is the likely hood of me receiving these files – and what the update is.

Email: Section 40

Address: Section 40 Reading, Berkshire. Section 40

Best Wishes

Section 40

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 09 October 2008 18:04

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 10-10-2008-072213-002 **Section 40**

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txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Reading

txtstatecountry: Berkshire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtinforequest: Through the freedom of information act, I wish to obtain files entire UK area - Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) from the Year JANUARY 1st 1979 till JANUARY 1st 1980.

Kind Regards

Section 40

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 13 October 2008 10:09

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: Section 40

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txtaddress1

txtaddress2

txttowncity: Reading

txtstatecountry: Berkshire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: I am requesting under the freedom of act, to seek all files covering entire UK, Unidentified Flying Objects from the year January 1979 till january 1981.

Best Wishes

Section 40