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SUBJECT UFO

PARLIAMENTARY

FOI / 2009

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RECORD OF KEYWORDS:

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Part: 1

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Date closed: 07/08/09

PART 1. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION
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Forward to INFO(EXP)-R after _____ years	☐
No recommendation	☐

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Date of 1st review	Date of 2nd review	Forward Destruction Date

Reviewer's

Reviewer's Signature: _____

PART 2. BRANCH REVIEW
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a. Of no further administrative value and not worthy of permanent preservation. DESTROY IMMEDIATELY (Remember that TOP SECRET and Codeword material cannot be destroyed locally and must be forwarded to INFO(EXP)-R. ☐ ✔

b. (i) To be retained until the end of the year _____ for the following reason(s): For permanent retention

	✔		✔	
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CONTRACTUAL	☐	ORIGINAL COMMITTEE PAPERS	☐	
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Destroyed	✔
Considered by DR for permanent preservation	

c. Of no further administrative value but worthy of consideration by INFO(EXP)-R for permanent preservation. ✔

PART 3. BRANCH REVIEWING OFFICER (not below C2/equivalent)

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Name: [redacted]

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Grade/Rank: C1 Date: 25 NOV 2010

Branch Title and Full Address:

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PART 4 DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is certified that the specified file has been destroyed.

Signature: _____

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Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____

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AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted] Expiry 7 May 2009

Case Number: 07-04-2009-144242-005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I would be most grateful for a PDF copy of the [Rendlesham] file

Background

A Redacted version of the Rendlesham file was placed on the MoD website for public viewing before being removed in late 2007/early 2008 for copyright reasons. The applicant is referring to this.

The Rendlesham file was released on 4 occasions to date in 2009 and is one of the next batch of files due to be released to The National Archives later this year.

The information on the Rendlesham file is non contentious. However, such is the fame of this incident and public interest in the case, that a great many names of indivduals involved are now already in the public domain and it makes little sense to withhold them unnecessarily. It would also open the MoD up to possible censure and ridicule. Therefore, a number of names and addresses have not been withheld. This is consistent with previous releases of the file and that intended for publication. Redactions have already been agreed with DG Info.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

Information not disclosed (detail)	**FOIA exemption Specify section**	**Reason for application of exemption**	**PIT carried out? (Y/N)[1]**
Personal details, including names, telephone numbers, room numbers etc	40	Personal data	No. Absolute Exemption

The following comments will be made to the applicant

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 7 April 2009 asking for a copy of the Rendlesham file.

In accordance with your e-mail of the same date, please find enclosed a disk containing a copy of the Rendlesham File. 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. As this exemption is

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an absolute exemption an assessment of the public interest for and against disclosure is not required under the terms of the Act.

You may wish to note that 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.

The original the enclosed file is one of 160 due for transfer to The National Archives as part of an ongoing three year programme that was featured quite heavily in the UK media over 2008, to make our UFO files from 1979 to 2007 available to the general public,

The MOD has taken steps to keep this disk and any attachments free from viruses. However it accepts no liability for any loss or damage howsoever caused as a result of any virus being passed on. It is the responsibility of the recipient to perform all necessary checks.

I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: T M KENNEDY

Date: 30 Apr 09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 April 2009 15:27

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: 20090406-FOI ResponseSection 40 5-03-2009-092341-004-U

Dear Section 40

I would be most grateful for a PDF version of the file.

My postal address is as follows:

Section 40

Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Warmest regards,

Section 40

On Apr 6, 2009, at 6:54 AM, Section 40 wrote:

> Dear Section 40
>
> Thank you for your e-mail of 24 March 2009 asking how you can obtain the Ministry of Defence (MoD) documents on the Rendlesham Forest Incident of 1980. Your e-mail is being treated as a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
>
> Providing you with all documentation the MoD holds on the Rendlesham incident would involve manually checking, as a minimum, some 100 UFO 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.
>
> 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 some 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 prefer a PDF copy on disk (our preferred option as it saves on paper and postage costs) or a hard 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, SurreyTW9 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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AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted] Expiry Date: 7 May 2009

Case Number: 14-04-2009-115257-004

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Section 40 has asked for all MoD files on the Cosford incident which occurred in March 1993.

Background

The MoD has a single file on the Cosford incident which is due for transfer to The National Archives later this year as part of the UFO File release programme.

A PIT examining the case for withholding the file on the grounds it is due for future publication is outlined below and will be included in the response.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

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MoD File on Cosford incident	22	Information intended for future publication	Y

The following comments will be made to the applicant:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 12 April 2009 asking for all files relating to the Cosford UFO Incident.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has a single file (D/Sec(AS)/12/7 Part A) covering this topic which is due for transfer to The National Archives later this year, where it will be available for public viewing.

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.

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It is part of effective administration of government that the publication of information is planned and managed within the department responsible. The release of this file will undermine this release process, and delay the release of other files (which other members of the public may be waiting for) as work on them would necessarily have to be put off.

Finally, the release programme itself is complicated and the release of files out of sequence will result in unnecessary confusion for the MoD, The National Archives and, indeed, the public when they are attempting to track files once they are transferred.

It is for these reasons that we do not believe it would be in the public interest to release these files at this moment

I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

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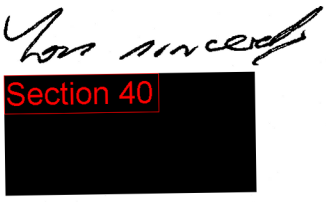

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Sent: 12 April 2009 11:05
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 14-04-2009-115257-004 Section 40

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

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: admin
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: shrewsbury
txtstatecountry: shropshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
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txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: i would like all files on the cosford ufo incident and all files relating to this event over the uk on march 30th 1993.
im a wittness of this incident but never reported it to the authoritys including the MOD due to the what i saw and how close this craft was to me at the time.
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Section 40

Peterborough
Section 40

Our Ref:
29-04-2009-115943-005

29 April 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 9 April 2009 asking for details of UFO sightings for 2008.

Firstly, 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.

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 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.

Details of UFO sightings for 2008 are on the MoD website, however, as you do not have a computer, I have printed off the details for you and have included details of sightings logged on our database for 2009 to date.

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08-Jan-08	22:24	Chorley	Lancashire	A triangular shaped object. Was an orange colour. The object was moving across the sky quite fast.
30-Jan-08	19:15	Darley Moor	Derbyshire	Two strange beams of light. They were very bright. They were hovering above some trees. The lights then moved towards the borders of Staffordshire.
08-Feb-08	21:00	Burntwood	Staffordshire	A dull, red object was travelling at high speed and stayed on route.
09-Feb-08	18:00	Abertillery	Gwent	There was an object in the sky that looked like a glowing red ball. A strange substance like molten metal burst from it as it went overhead. It moved without sound.
09-Feb-08	22:40	Ashton Keynes	Wiltshire	There were ten to twenty, bright orange lights, that were manoeuvring across the sky. They were moving quite slowly.
10-Feb-08	04:00	Windermere	Cumbria	The object was triangular in shape, with a yellow light in each corner and a red light in the centre. The yellow lights were pulsating quickly.
11-Feb-08	19:00	Walthamstow	London	Eight, faint orange lights were flying in the sky. They suddenly disappeared when a plane was in it's view.
11-Feb-08	20:56	Huntingdon	Cambridgeshire	A long, thick, red streak shot across the sky. There was a silver ball of light attached to the front of it. It was rather large. The ball then got bigger and burst.
12-Feb-08	Not stated	Opposite House of Parliament	London	There was a craft that had green, red and white lights. It was still and static in the sky. It was seen for about an hour and a half.
12-Feb-08	Not stated	Buxton	Derbyshire	Something "very strange".
12-Feb-08	18:30	Calverton	Nottinghamshire	Five times more red lights that were spread out, and then disappeared one by one.
23-Feb-08	19:30	Derby	Derbyshire	A light/object was hovering from left to right. The light was still hovering seven hours later. The light was moving quickly and then started zig-zagging across the sky.
25-Feb-08	10:10	Euston	Leicestershire	Two strange black discs in the sky, with orange lights on the side of them. They were hovering, and then started spinning around quite quickly.
27-Feb-08	Not stated	Portsmouth	Hampshire	A bright orange light appeared. Bigger than a helicopter or a plane. It zig-zagged and then flashed red and blue and moved in a circular motion. It then disappeared.
27-Feb-08	22:50	Leeds	West Yorkshire	A jumbo jet sized object. The object was flat and round, with a blue rippled underside. It made no sound and then disappeared.
28-Feb-08	Not stated	Bingley	West Yorkshire	Thirty UFOs were seen.
02-Mar-08	23:00	Northop Hall	Flintshire	A bright circle shape was seen. It moved quickly and was quite erratic in the sky. It shot to the left over some houses and then disappeared.
03-Mar-08	01:00	Slough	Berkshire	A triangle with lights on each corner of the craft. The craft hovered at aircraft height.
12-Mar-08	19:00	Portsmouth	Hampshire	Bright orange lights were seen, that were glowing bright, above trees in the distance. They were disappearing and reappearing erratically.
17-Mar-08	18:30	Dundee	Tayside	There was a very bright orange sphere in the sky. It was acting strange and appearing and disappearing.
18-Mar-08	19:30	Dundee	Tayside	There was a very bright orange sphere in the sky. It was acting strange and appearing and disappearing.
23-Mar-08	00:15 & 01:20	Leeds	West Yorkshire	Circular objects seen over Leeds.
28-Mar-08	20:20	Rainham	Kent	A huge disc shaped object. Approximately twenty times the size of an aeroplane. It had five or six flashing lights on the underneath in a circular shape.
06-Apr-08	22:15	Delabole	Cornwall	A bright orange light was seen. It started to move backwards, up and down and then started to wobble to and fro, very fast. It faded away, as though it was moving into the distance.
13-Apr-08	21:30	Newington	Edinburgh	Ten to fifteen lights in groups of twos and threes, moving across the sky very slowly in an Easterly direction.
15-Apr-08	Not stated	Bisley	Gloucestershire	A UFO.

16-Apr-08	20:30	Haslemere	Surrey	Two cylindrical objects, each with a red light. They were silent and one was moving in front of the other. They were moving at helicopter speed.
29-Apr-08	01:05	Exeter	Devon	A UFO was flying around and looked like it was having trouble keeping in control. It looked like it was going at about 250 miles per hour.
04-May-08	Not stated	Delabole	Cornwall	Lights were seen in the sky, that were flying up in a straight line. They were completely silent.
04-May-08	23:10	Not stated	Not stated	A UFO.
05-May-08	00:02	M6 Motorway	West Midlands	The witness saw a fast moving green object, whilst driving on the M6 Motorway.
11-May-08	14:00	West Wycombe/H Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	There was a black object in the sky. It then turned on it's end, and disappeared.
19-May-08	02:30	Rhydwyn/Caergybi	Isle of Anglesey	A round, bright white object. It was moving from SW to NE, and moved slowly and quietly.
19-May-08	22:45	Delabole	Cornwall	Three objects were seen travelling from South East to North West.
19-May-08	22:45	Delabole	Cornwall	A very bright orange light, brighter than a star, three objects were sighted together. They accelerated over the sea.
31-May-08	22:00	Leeds	West Yorkshire	Two bright lights were moving fast from West to East. They were at typical jet height. They then went behind trees and just disappeared.
31-May-08	23:09	Stranraer	Dumfries & Galloway	A bright orange object. It was heading in a South Easterly direction.
31-May-08	23:20	Millbrook/Torpoint	Cornwall	A very bright light zig zagged across the sky southwards, until it vanished.
01-Jun-08	22:30	Worthing	West Sussex	At first, there was one light like a star, which was white with a tint of orange, and then another moving light appeared. They were travelling in a slightly Westerly, slightly Southerly direction. They travelled in a perfect straight line.
02-Jun-08	20:30	Stroud	Gloucestershire	A sighting of something.
05-Jun-08	00:55	Tonbridge	Kent	An object was flying around in circles at aeroplane level and sounded like an industrial train. There was a strange flashing on the object.
06-Jun-08	22:59	Godrer Aran/Llanuwchllyn	Gwynedd	Two orange lights were seen. They were fast moving. One moved to the East to Bala and the other one climbed vertically.
07-Jun-08	00:30	Heathrow	Middlesex	Twenty five amber lights were seen leaving the Heathrow area. They were travelling West at 45 degrees, 200-300 knots.
07-Jun-08	23:00	Croydon	London	A strange object was seen in the sky. It was around for several minutes, and then flew off.
07-Jun-08	23:00	Westbury/Shrewsbury	Shropshire	A UFO was seen.
07-Jun-08	23:00	Tern Hill Barracks	Shropshire	Thirteen craft were zig-zagging in the sky.
08-Jun-08	00:25	Middleton/Ilkley	West Yorkshire	There were five orange objects and then one orange 'blob' came into view.
09-Jun-08	01:30	Norton/Stourbridge	West Midlands	An object that had a flat top and a rounded bottom. It was roughly the width of a combined semi detached house. There was a dim humming sound.
10-Jun-08	23:30	Shortstown/Bedford	Bedfordshire	A big orange, saucer shaped floating thing was in the sky. There were four flashing lights on it. It was like a light show. They then suddenly stopped flashing. This went on for over two hours.
15-Jun-08	22:45	Waverton/Chester	Cheshire	A formation of eighteen lights. They appeared like a 'flock of helicopters' with lights on. They gave off no sound, but there was a slight rattle.
17-Jun-08	Not stated	New Forest	Hampshire	A UFO.
20-Jun-08	19:30	Thorne/Doncaster	South Yorkshire	A metallic, capsule shaped object. There was no sound. The object was moving from South East to North West, and was going quite fast and didn't slow down at any point.
20-Jun-08	23:00	Kendal	Cumbria	There was a quite low, red and an orange light. A bright, phosphorus white light fell from the orange light towards the ground, before disappearing. The red light was static throughout the sighting.
22-Jun-08	01:00	Stanley/Wakefield	West Yorkshire	Five, bright, oval shaped orange lights. Three of the lights were in a group, and the other two were also in a group, travelling behind. They were flying from East to West.
23-Jun-08	17:50	Welton/Lincoln	Lincolnshire	A diamond/orb shaped object. Was white and bright. It never moved. It was a few thousand feet up in the sky.
23-Jun-08	23:10	Barry	Vale of Glamorgan	Eleven objects in the sky.

27-Jun-08	23:45	Inverness	Inverness-shire	One brilliant orange light. Then five orange lights moved slowly overhead. The orange lights moved from East to West.
27-Jun-08	23:55	Inverness	Inverness-shire	Five orange, circular lights were seen in the sky, and a beam of light was also going up into the sky.
28-Jun-08	Not stated	Not stated	Kent	A UFO.
28-Jun-08	Not stated	Cobham	Surrey	Something interesting.
28-Jun-08	23:40	Bedford/Arledsey	Bedfordshire	There was a total of seven strange lights moving from North to South.
29-Jun-08	Not stated	Yeovil	Somerset	An orange ball up in the sky.
01-Jul-08	22:30	Not stated	Devon	UFO activity.
02-Jul-08	21:30	Littlemore	Oxfordshire	Sixteen square shaped objects appeared as silhouettes. They were travelling across the sky from South to North.
03-Jul-08	23:30	Coventry	West Midlands	There were two orange balls hovering a foot in front of the witness. They hovered from left to right.
04-Jul-08	Not stated	Barnet	London	A UFO.
04-Jul-08	04:00	Wroughton	Wiltshire	One white light in the shape of a triangle. Was very bright. Estimated about 1,000 ft up.
11-Jul-08	23:30	Scarborough	North Yorkshire	A cork shaped object that glowed like an angel, flew up and over some trees.
12-Jul-08	09:35	Midhurst	West Sussex	There were seven red glowing objects. They were moving from West to East.
12-Jul-08	22:00	Davidstow	Cornwall	Two lights were briefly seen, before they disappeared into a huge cloud. They looked like bright orange stars.
12-Jul-08	22:50	Horncastle	Lincolnshire	Eight circular large yellow, bright solid lights moving East, South East. They were moving at high speed, low level.
12-Jul-08	23:00	Amberley	Gloucestershire	A UFO. It was moving to the West.
12-Jul-08	23:30	Oxted	Surrey	Ninety orange lights were in a V or S shaped pattern. They were the size of footballs. They passed over the witness's house.
12-Jul-08	23:52	Scarborough	North Yorkshire	A white pea pod shaped object, flew through a blue part of the sky and then through a cloud.
13-Jul-08	22:00	Davidstow	Cornwall	Six lights were seen. They looked like bright orange stars, rising up into the air one after the other.
14-Jul-08	02:14	Scarborough	North Yorkshire	A UFO that was shaped like a fiery star. It flew through the sky and then disappeared.
15-Jul-08	Not stated	Lowestoft	Suffolk	A UFO.
20-Jul-08	00:50	Chavey Down/Ascot	Berkshire	It resembled a white light, and was travelling at low speed. Was about two or three times bigger than Venus. Sometimes it looked like a spotlight, but there was no silhouette or shadow of an aircraft. There was no noise.
20-Jul-08	03:30	Redruth	Cornwall	An object moved from North to West, then disappeared after moving towards the East.
21-Jul-08	22:30	A6 near Buxton	Derbyshire	There was a distant bright light, like a huge star. A wide shaped object too, with white and coloured lights across it. It then disappeared overhead.
23-Jul-08	21:00	Sutton-In-Craven/Keighley	West Yorkshire	Two bright balls of light. One of the balls looked like it was chasing and trying to overtake an aircraft. The other ball just burst as it was moving and disappeared.
24-Jul-08	22:15	Wellington	Shropshire	A really bright, burning orange light. The object was going at the speed of a helicopter.
25-Jul-08	Not stated	Telford	Shropshire	A UFO.
26-Jul-08	Not stated	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Eight strange lights.
26-Jul-08	Not stated	Bristol	Avon	A group of lights in a cluster. More lights gradually joined them. Several lights were moving across the sky. More lights joined them and both sets then disappeared.
26-Jul-08	Not stated	Farnham	Surrey	Two, red round lights. The objects were moving across the sky in different directions and then just disappeared.
26-Jul-08	22:00	Gosport	Hampshire	A silent aircraft passed overhead. It was clearly visible like a shooting star, but with a smooth curving course.
27-Jul-08	Not stated	Scunthorpe	Lincolnshire	Oval shaped, weird light in the sky. The object moved from right to left and was moving in a Westerly direction.
27-Jul-08	Not stated	Helston	Cornwall	A mysterious sight in the night sky.

27-Jul-08	Not stated	Shirley	West Midlands	A triangle shaped object, which had three white lights and one red light. There was no noise.
27-Jul-08	02:00	No area given	Not stated	An object moved slowly at about 2,000 ft, raised vertically, then moved slowly away.
27-Jul-08	16:30	Pontypridd	Mid Glamorgan	An object was travelling at high speed. It appeared to be round like a football. It was travelling from South East to North East. It then disappeared.
27-Jul-08	23:25	Leeds	West Yorkshire	There was one lit up circle and then 24 appeared all spaced. They were all in the same line of path and moving at the same speed.
28-Jul-08	23:05	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Two spheres passed rapidly by, moving Northwards.
29-Jul-08	00:00	South Croydon	Surrey	A UFO.
30-Jul-08	Not stated	A1/North of Darlington	Cleveland	Ten orange/amber orb shaped ships. Some were in clusters and some were scattered.
30-Jul-08	Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	A perfect triangular shaped, stone looking object was hovering about twenty foot in the sky. It had three lights on each point and the front nose cone was a blue light.
31-Jul-08	Not stated	Godalming	Surrey	A UFO.
31-Jul-08	01:15	Bodmin Moor	Cornwall	A UFO.
01-Aug-08	22:30	Loughborough	Leicestershire	Twenty to twenty five lights were moving across the sky. They were in a uniformed lighting formation.
02-Aug-08	22:30	Winchmore Hill	London	Lights in the sky.
02-Aug-08	23:45	Bridgewater	Somerset	A strange sighting.
03-Aug-08	22:00	Barry	Glamorgan	Three UFOs or something.
07-Aug-08	22:25	Not stated	Buckinghamshire	A bright red object.
07-Aug-08	22:30	Brill/Aylesbury	Buckinghamshire	A red light slow moving in the sky. The object was not terribly high up.
11-Aug-08	22:05	Larkhall	Lanarkshire	One single round light. It was orange/red in colour. It was moving South East. There was no sound at all.
15-Aug-08	Not stated	Burbage/Hinckley	Leicestershire	Two bright lights. It looked like a spectrum of light shone through the car.
15-Aug-08	21:10	Argoed	West Glamorgan	Three bright orange lights/objects in the sky, about a mile away. One of the objects was black and disc shaped. It moved quick and was silent.
23-Aug-08	21:56	Darlington	County Durham	Two objects that both had two lights on them. Each object was moving independently from the other. There was no sound.
24-Aug-08	21:00	Emsworth	Hampshire	There was a bright yellow light in the sky. The object was approximately 12,000 ft up.
24-Aug-08	21:30	South Malling/Lewes	East Sussex	Fifty nine lights in the sky that formed a 'V' shape. There were a few lights on their own. They were bright red and very big. They were silent.
29-Aug-08	11:55	Westborough/Scarborough	North Yorkshire	A black rectangular object that was wobbling in the sky. It then moved out of sight.
29-Aug-08	22:41	Oakworth/Keighley	West Yorkshire	A UFO. Was quite far away and too high to be a plane.
30-Aug-08	17:40	Stroud	Gloucestershire	Six orb shaped objects that were red and orange in colour. They initially formed a 'V' shape. They were floating around and then the central one zoomed off like the Captain Kirk Enterprise.
30-Aug-08	21:41	Scholes/Holmfirth	West Yorkshire	There was a sighting of lights in the sky.
30-Aug-08	22:20	Whitburn/South Tyneside	Tyne and Wear	Sodium coloured lights were travelling North West. Initially, four circular bright lights were travelling in convoy. Two of the lights made a vertical change of direction. One looked like a bright orange orb.
30-Aug-08	23:00	Westborough/Scarborough	North Yorkshire	An orange circular shaped object.
31-Aug-08	21:35	Littlebourne	Kent	Three very low, very bright lights were travelling in formation, then breaking off and doing acrobatics. Then a large globe-like object appeared and was changing colours in a pulsating way.
01-Sep-08	20:44	Rothwell/Leeds	West Yorkshire	An orb shaped object, with a disc shape underneath, was in the sky for about ten to fifteen minutes.
03-Sep-08	20:20	Mannamead/Plymouth	Devon	A large, bright pink light. Was about a kilometre away. It was floating towards the left and then accelerated and disappeared. Looked like two small pieces came away from it.
03-Sep-08	21:45	Urmston/Manchester	Greater Manchester	There were four separate lights. One of the lights was huge, and it had different lights on it.
04-Sep-08	22:30	Guildford	Surrey	A big, red diamond shaped object. There was no sound.

04-Sep-08	22:40	Middlesbrough	Middlesborough	The craft had bright green lights and a blue light that was moving quickly through the trees. It was very large and was moving extremely fast. It was silent.
06-Sep-08	20:03	Laindon	Essex	Two large orange lights in the sky, were flying East rather quickly. One light flew around the other one, then they both moved away North, at a higher speed.
08-Sep-08	00:10	Near Blackpool	Lancashire	An object, the shape of a chewing gum pack, black in colour and had three circles of lights underneath it, emitting a dull orange light. Was about 150 feet long and 50 feet wide.
13-Sep-08	04:53	Not stated	Not stated	There was quite a large flashing object, just hanging in the air, quite high up. Underneath the object was an orange/red luminating light.
14-Sep-08	01:07	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	A UFO.
19-Sep-08	20:44	Stoke on Trent	Staffordshire	An orange ball which looked like it came up from the ground. It then shot up vertically into the sky and disappeared.
20-Sep-08	20:00	Chatteris	Cambridgeshire	Multiple bright glowing objects, between 5-10,000 ft heading from South to North.
20-Sep-08	22:00	Calne	Wiltshire	Five super bright, glowing orange/pink orbs at low altitude. They had unusual flying characteristics and were totally silent in flight.
20-Sep-08	22:55	Malton	North Yorkshire	There were circles of white lights with a set of fire coming from inside each of them. They were like hang gliders, totally quiet. The last circle had a red light. They were in a formation.
21-Sep-08	22:15	Iver	Buckinghamshire	A stream of forty over-roundish lights. They were in separate formations, all in straight lines. They were a funny orange colour and were bright.
22-Sep-08	Not stated	Glasgow	Glasgow	A UFO.
27-Sep-08	19:45	Southgate	London	A large silent squadron of red/orange coloured flying craft. There must have been in excess of thirty. Maybe more. They were flying from West to East.
27-Sep-08	Not stated	Bletchley	Buckinghamshire	Something definitely odd.
28-Sep-08	Not stated	Budleigh Salterton	Devon	There was a stationary object, too low to be a star. It was orange in colour. It moved once, and then twice in a straight line in a NE - SW direction.
01-Oct-08	23:00	Felixstowe	Suffolk	Very fast, intense flashes. Then one of the flashes formed into a ball.
05-Oct-08	19:50	Wolverhampton	West Midlands	A number of mysterious lights moving silently overhead. There were three and then another three appeared.
06-Oct-08	20:55	Not stated	Lincolnshire	A very large inverted V shape of seven dull lights - greyish almost. There was no shell outline. It rotated slightly and then seemed to bounce. The lights then shot off individually at high speed.
08-Oct-08	23:17	Newcastle upon Tyne	Tyne and Wear	A large, bright white object moving silently at fast speed in the sky at a very high altitude, heading from North East to South West. The colour then changed from white to red and then it stopped. It jumped to different parts of the sky.
10-Oct-08	20:45	Cheltenham	Gloucestershire	There were five, what looked like strange orange fire balls. They were silent.
11-Oct-08	00:35	A12/Colchester	Essex	Two bright lights were flying Northbound, in line about 500 yards apart. As they got nearer, they could only be described as two balls of fire.
11-Oct-08	19:20	Portsmouth	Hampshire	A large, bright orange tube shaped craft. It was flying slowly across the sky in a North Westerly direction. It was stationary for a minute. It made 3-4 circles in the sky and then zoomed off to the East.
11-Oct-08	23:00	Stafford	Staffordshire	There was a craft that seemed unusual. It was a shining bright orange and was moving slowly.
13-Oct-08	21:00	Buxton	Derbyshire	Seven orange orbs. They were in a formation of three and then two sets of two. They moved generally in a straight line, but with some 'dancing' in the sky.
13-Oct-08	22:50	Balham	London	A UFO.
14-Oct-08	Not stated	Swansea	West Glamorgan	There was a continual orange, strange shape in the sky. There was a very odd light too.
15-Oct-08	Not stated	Slough	Berkshire	There was a triangular object hovering a mile above the witness's house. It had a sort of pattern under it, like a sign. It also had three circular type of lights. There was a weird hovering sound. It then shot up in the sky and disappeared.

18-Oct-08	20:05	A259/Brighton	East Sussex	A bright spherical light was hovering above a house. The object slowly departed to the East and it spun and shifted at a rapid speed upwards in a Northerly direction, before disappearing.
24-Oct-08	00:10	Aylesbury	Buckinghamshire	A UFO was seen moving across the sky.
27-Oct-08	00:01	Snetterton	Norfolk	A very high object came from out of space, travelling ten times the speed of sound. It was followed by a loud whooshing sound. The object was declining and was travelling far faster than any jet can go.
29-Oct-08	Not stated	Erbistock/Wrexham	Clwyd	An unusual sighting.
30-Oct-08	18:30	Wakefield	West Yorkshire	There was an orange object in the sky and it was the size of an aircraft. The object was about twenty miles away. It climbed into the sky very fast, and then disappeared.
30-Oct-08	20:35	Dumfries	Dumfriesshire	There were two lights moving towards each other. They then merged, disappeared and re-appeared, but were apart. The lights were seen to the South West.
04-Nov-08	17:40	Somerton	Somerset	The object was cigar shaped, was 80ft long and 30ft tall. Was orange in colour and looked illuminated. It had a rear, bright white light. It made a sharp right turn then disappeared.
06-Nov-08	20:10	Rainham	Kent	A UFO, that looked like a yellowy light. The object was quite near and fairly low down in the sky. There was no sound.
07-Nov-08	19:30	Twyford train station	Berkshire	A flicker of light that seemed to jump a considerable distance around the night sky. It had lights that seemed to scroll from one side to another.
12-Nov-08	17:23	Carlton nr Rothwell/Leeds	West Yorkshire	The objects looked like Chinese lanterns. They were orange in colour and very bright. The objects moved very fast and were extremely manoeuvrable.
14-Nov-08	16:50	Kirton nr Boston	Lincolnshire	There were twelve lights in the sky. The lights started to fade and then two more brighter lights came towards the first twelve. They were not in any formation.
15-Nov-08	21:20	East Grinstead	West Sussex	Two very bright orange lights were travelling from West to East. The lights were vertically spaced. Then another bright orange light came over. There was no noise.
16-Nov-08	18:55	Keighley	West Yorkshire	Two objects.
21-Nov-08	23:30	Stickford/Boston	Lincolnshire	A cloud type dull light with no noise. 100ft-200ft from the witness's house. Was moving in an arc continuously at speed, from left to right.
22-Nov-08	Not stated	Jersey	Channel Islands	A UFO.
25-Nov-08	17:10	Shrewsbury	Shropshire	A strange triangular shape in the sky, with the apex to the right. Metallic grey in colour, but the flat base end seemed to glow orange. Must have been at least fifteen feet long and ten feet wide.
26-Nov-08	Not stated	Cheadle/Stoke on Trent	Staffordshire	A UFO was flying through the sky.
01-Dec-08	18:50	Wettenhall/Winsford	Cheshire	A crest shaped object moving to the South East at the rear of the witness's property.
01-Dec-08	21:30	Village of Llangwm	Pembrokeshire	A very bright light, which had a long white tail. It then shot across the sky and the whole field was lit up. The light then began to break up.
06-Dec-08	23:45	Stratford upon Avon	Warwickshire	An orange ball. The object was stationary for about five minutes and then shot up into the sky, and out of view. There was no sound.
10-Dec-08	15:49	Devizes	Wiltshire	A small, bright golden coloured orb. It flew past and was very rapid and then it disappeared.
18-Dec-08	Not stated	Halesowen	West Midlands	A string of fifty to sixty lights were seen in the sky.
21-Dec-08	17:30	Scunthorpe	Lincolnshire	A bright flashing "star" in South West sky. Too bright for a star. Like a little fireball. It repeatedly got bright and then died down. Looked big but pretty far aware.
24-Dec-08	19:50	Rottingdean	East Sussex	There were fifteen UFOs/bright lights coming down from the Downs. They were travelling at very fast speeds.
24-Dec-08	20:00	Felixstowe	Suffolk	An orange/red ball shot into the sky from a North Easterly direction. It travelled at terrific speed climbing all the time, then faded and disappeared. There was no noise.
24-Dec-08	21:40	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	There were fifteen lights moving across the sky about half a mile away. They were red and flickering. Then three lights formed a triangle shape. They were moving horizontally from left to right.
25-Dec-08	Not stated	Perth	Perthshire	A UFO.

25-Dec-08	20:20	Glasgow	Strathclyde	Six objects in two lines of three, one line above the other. Emitted a very strong yellow orange light before disappearing in the distance to the west.
25-Dec-08	22:40	Carlisle	Cumbria	Four or five bright lights moving across sky north of Carlisle. Orange in colour. Retained a constant altitude then dissappeared from view heading westwards.
26-Dec-08	02:30	Old Colwyn	North wales	Bigger than a helicopter, 250 metres up, silent, with something like a bar coming off it. 30 seconds later flew off over the sea followed closely by a helicopter
26-Dec-08	18:30	Southgate	London	There was a whole procession of lights in the sky. Big eight orange balls with a red, flaming triangle in the centre of all of them. There was no noise.
26-Dec-08	19:00	Kennington/Ashford	Kent	Orange shape travelling NW to SW at fair pace, 2000ft plus. Bright orange. Similar shape to inverted light bulb. There was no sound
26-Dec-08	Not stated	Ilkley	West Yorkshire	Two parallel UFOs were seen.
26-Dec-08	Not stated	Wymondham	Norfolk	Seven strange orange lights. Moving at great speed. Appeared one by one and remained stationary for 30 minutes before disappearing.
27-Dec-08	22:10	Morecambe	Lancashire	Unidentified objects in the sky.
27-Dec-08	Not stated	Kensington	London	Two orbs, that were quite big, were seen dropping through the sky and disappearing behind some trees.
29-Dec-08	19:00	Loughton/Adbridge	Essex	Lights in groups of 3 or 4 but not in a line. They weere an orange/yellow colour. Watched for 30 minutes. They made no sound
29-Dec-08	Not stated	Kettering	Northamptonshire	There were some large objects in the sky. There was also a constant red light heading West. The objects were bigger than a plane.
29-Dec-08	Not stated	Farnworth	Lancashire	There was a large, bright orange light. There was no sound. It moved slowly initially and then there was rapid movement and it disappeared out of sight.
31-Dec-08	21:00	No area given	No area given	Ball of fire sitting in the sky. Changed colour from red to orange. Diamond shaped. Moved up & down and backwards in circles and then shot up and disappeared
31-Dec-08	Not Stated	Brightlingsea	Essex	Bright orange/yellow light in the sky. Quite large, 1500-2000 ft up. Moved very slowly in a half circle then stopped over the water between Brightlingsea & East Mersea. Shot straight up and dissappeared very fast.
No Firm Date	07:00	Beccles	Suffolk	A bright light was seen. While moving in a Westerly direction, it started to change shape. The light was on a constant course. (Message taken 16 January 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Cardiff	West Glamorgan	A UFO. (Message taken 10 January 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Watchet	Somerset	An object moving across the sky. (Message taken 21 January 2008).
No Firm Date	21:00	Burgess Hill	West Sussex	Fourteen orange lights came through the sky in twos and then disappeared. (Message taken 28 January 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Chester	Cheshire	It was an unusual sighting of an object. (Message taken 31 January 2008).
No Firm Date	18:00	Keynsham/Bristol	Avon and Somerset	An object hovering in the sky. In one spot, there was a light running through the centre which appeared to be going around the object. (Seen in February 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Little Hampton	West Sussex	It looked like a strange light. It was quite far in the distance. (Message taken 4 February 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Thorney Island/Emsworth	West Sussex	There were twenty to thirty, bright orange lights, moving quite slowly from North to South at a 45 degree angle. They seemed to fan out as they moved. (Message taken 11 February 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Helston	Cornwall	A UFO. (Message taken 13 February 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Custom House	London	A UFO. (Message taken 11 March 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Slough	Berkshire	A UFO. (Message taken 19 March 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	New Romney	Kent	A UFO. (Message taken 20 March 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Worksop	Nottinghamshire	Some strange slow, low flying lights, not separate, but all together, as if on a craft. The lights were red, green and yellow. (Message - 7 April 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	East Ham	London	A UFO. (Message taken 14 April 2008).

No Firm Date	Not stated	Bristol	Avon and Somerset	Fleets of orange lights were moving across the sky. They had been seen for the past three weeks. (Message taken 21 April 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Stanford le Hope	Essex	A strange light in the sky. At one point, it looked like a cloud that was flying around making jerking movements. (Message taken 28 April 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Not stated	County Down	A UFO. (Message taken 6 May 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Newtownards	County Down	A UFO. (Message taken 6 May 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Yarm	Cleveland	A UFO was moving across the sky. (Message taken 6 May 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Needham Market/Ipswich	Suffolk	A uniform of lights travelling across the sky. (Message taken 12 May 2008).
No Firm Date	21:05	Caerleon/Newport	Gwent	Two balls of fire were hovering in the sky. They then elevated up and shot off into the distance. (Message taken 12 May 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Rugby	Warwickshire	A UFO. (Message taken 12 May 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	No area given	Not stated	A UFO. (Message taken 28 May 2008).
No Firm Date	01:45	Heaton/Newcastle upon Tyne	Tyne and Wear	A UFO. (Message taken 28 May 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Woodford Green	Essex	Four, bright orange lights were floating across the sky. Then what looked like a black blob appeared. (Message taken 3 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Bristol	Avon and Somerset	A big alien craft landed on the top of the witness's house. The craft then flew off over Bristol. (Message taken 11 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Not stated	London	A metallic blue UFO. It was quite big. It was climbing in the sky. (Message taken 16 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	St Leonards-on-Sea	East Sussex	A UFO. (Message taken 16 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Radstock/Bath	Somerset	A navy, circular, slightly off centre UFO flew Eastwards across the sky. (Message taken 16 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Linton/Swadlincote	Derbyshire	Triangular lights on strange objects. (Message taken 24 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Carlisle	Cumbria	A UFO was seen and there was an alien in the witness's house. (Message taken 24 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	New Malden	Surrey	A UFO, stationary up in the sky for the last few days. (Message taken 30 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Shirley/Solihull	West Midlands	A UFO shot past the witness's house. It then stopped and started to hover in a South Easterly direction. (Message taken 30 June 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Turnhill/Shrewsbury	Shropshire	A UFO. (Message taken 4 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Locks Heath/Southampton	Hampshire	An orange ball. It hovered over the witness's car, and then shot off and disappeared. (Message taken 2 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Newtownards	County Down	A UFO. (Message taken 2 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Lambeth	London	A stationary bright, white light in the sky, lower than the stars with a multi coloured pulsating light. Then three smaller, dark objects entered into the white light. (Message on e-mail - 10 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Christchurch	Dorset	A large, silver metallic disc. (Message taken 16 July 2008). The UFO was seen over two weeks ago.
No Firm Date	Not stated	Bury St Edmonds	Suffolk	Two white lights were spotted through low cloud. The lights went backwards and forwards for about forty minutes. (Message taken 16 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Duns	Borders	A UFO. (Message taken 17 July 2008).
No Firm Date	23:10	Not stated	Cambridgeshire	Flashing lights. It looked like there were three hundred planes going across the sky. (Message taken 21 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Bedford	Bedfordshire	Balls of light, beaming red lights out of the sky. (Message taken 22 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Aberdeen	Aberdeenshire	Strange lights in the sky. (Message taken 23 July 2008).
No Firm Date	00:20	Ipswich	Suffolk	A silent orange light. The light was moving faster than a helicopter from North East to South West. (Message taken 24 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Luton Airport/Luton	Bedfordshire	A UFO was observed for 57 minutes. It seemed to be monitoring Luton Airport air traffic. (Message taken 24 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Oxford	Oxfordshire	A constant light was moving slowly from West to East. It was moving slowly across the sky. (Message taken 28 July 2008).

No Firm Date	22:25	Godalming	Surrey	A light similar to a street lamp. It was yellow and the size of a football. It was flying through the sky at varying speed. (Message taken 28 July 2008).
No Firm Date	21:21	Thorndon/Eye	Suffolk	Two UFOs. They were quite far away, high up and moving quite fast. They looked like they were tracking a passenger jet. (Message taken 28 July 2008).
No Firm Date	01:45	Newport	Gwent	A single object. (Message taken 28 July 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Gravesend	Kent	A light was hovering for ten minutes, showing off a very bright white light. Another object then joined it. They both went dim and disappeared. (Message taken 30 July 2008).
No Firm Date	23:00	Northampton	Northamptonshire	An unusual sighting. (Message taken 4 August 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Chard	Somerset	A sighting. (Message taken 4 August 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Morley	West Yorkshire	Lights were seen. (Message taken 4 August 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Brill/Aylesbury	Buckinghamshire	A UFO. (Message taken 8 August 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Swansea	Glamorgan	A UFO. (Message taken 11 August 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Not stated	Highlands	Three UFOs. They looked like red, light orb things. The UFOs were coming from the East. (Message taken 18 August 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Cheshunt	Hertfordshire	Thirty orange lights were moving slowly across the sky. The lights were a few hundred feet up. They were moving in a straight line, going slow. (Message taken - 28 Aug 2008).
No Firm Date	23:00	Southport	Merseyside	Flying objects. They looked like bright lights. The objects were hovering. There were a big group of lights and they were in a half circle formation. (Message taken - 1 Sep 2008).
No Firm Date	22:10	Woodhatch/Reigate	Surrey	Four UFOs in the sky. They were quite near, as they flew above the witness's house. (Message taken - 1 Sep 2008).
No Firm Date	22:30	Little Steeping/Spilsby	Lincolnshire	Exceedingly large light. It was moving back and forth across the sky. Then a group of lights appeared. They were high up above the clouds. (Message taken 5 Sep 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Ramsbottom/Bury	Greater Manchester	A UFO. (Message taken 5 September 2008).
No Firm Date	23:00	Haverfordwest	Pembrokeshire	A UFO. (Message taken 8 September 2008).
No Firm Date	17:30	Rickmansworth	Hertfordshire	Objects flying across the sky. (Message taken 17 September 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Enfield	Greater London	Five orange balls in the sky. (Message taken 15 September 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Stoke on Trent	Staffordshire	Something strange in the sky. (Message taken 17 September 2008).
No Firm Date	21:30	Isle of Dogs	London	A load of orange lights in formation. (Message taken 22 September 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Middlesbrough	Middlesborough	A UFO. (Message taken 29 September 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	St Peter	Jersey	A UFO. (Message taken 17 September 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Belfast	County Antrim	The ships/UFOs were over the witness's house, various times this year. He also saw the greys. (Message taken 2 October 2008).
No Firm Date	19:55	Sopley/Christchurch	Dorset	One hundred possible UFOs in the sky. (Message taken 8 October 2008).
No Firm Date	20:00	Buckhurst Hill	Essex	Four very strange orange glow lights. They were flying above the witness's house. (Message taken 8 October 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	New Malden	London	Two strange objects in the sky. They were together and then they followed each other. (Message taken 10 October 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Neath	Neath & Port Talbot	Three glowing objects. The objects were moving towards the witness and then moved straight up into the sky. (Message taken 14 October 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Mumbles/Swansea	Glamorgan	A UFO. (Message taken 14 October 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Frogmore/St Albans	Hertfordshire	A UFO. (Message taken 20 October 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Redruth	Cornwall	They looked like flares or lights. They were quite far in the distance and going quite fast. (Message taken 28 October 2008).
No Firm Date	00:00	Bedstone/Bucknell	Shropshire	There was an orange light coming over the hills. Another two approached. Then there were eight orange lights in formation. They were moving at the speed of a helicopter. There was no noise at all. (Message taken 4 November 2008).

No Firm Date	21:20	Brandiston/Norwich	Norfolk	Three bright single lights. They hovered for a short while. There was no sound. (Message taken 4 November 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Burnham on Sea	Somerset	A UFO. (Message taken 7 November 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Folkestone	Kent	There were lights in the sky that were circling in front of the witness's house. They were in a half moon shape. (Message taken 13 November 2008).
No Firm Date	19:15	Dover	Kent	There were half a dozen glowing lights. They were an orange fire colour and were globular. They were silent. Were moving across the sky at the speed of a helicopter. (Message taken 13 November 2008).
No Firm Date	20:18	East Stoke/Wareham	Dorset	A pretty unusual sighting. (Message taken 20 November 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	A UFO. (Message taken 20 November 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Redditch	Worcestershire	Something that looked like a helicopter spotlight was 500/600ft high in the sky. Looked like there was a fire beneath the craft. There was no engine noise at all. It was moving about 60-80 miles per hour. (Message taken 20 November 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Poole	Dorset	A UFO flew across the sky. (Message taken 25 November 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Ladbroke Grove	London	Eight UFOs shaped like arrow heads in the sky. They were orange/reddish in colour. There was no sound. They were quite high up in the sky. (Message taken 26 November 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Todmorden	West Yorkshire	One very round, yellowy light moving across the sky. It seemed to be moving vertically from the valley floor. It then moved across the sky. Was totally silent. (E-mail - November 2008).
No Firm Date	23:20	Middlewich	Cheshire	An object was travelling through the sky, inside the atmosphere. (Message taken 8 December 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Not stated	Buckinghamshire	Ten unidentified flying objects in the sky. (Message taken 8 December 2008).
No Firm Date	21:00	Coulsdon	Surrey	Two very strong, clear white lights. (Message taken 15 December 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Chesterfield	Derbyshire	A UFO. (Message taken 15 December 2008).
No Firm Date	Not stated	Kettering	Northamptonshire	A UFO. (Message taken 15 December 2008).
No Firm Date	19:00	Hainault	Essex	Groups of 3 lights like an orange street light colour. 30 or more in total. Came from the direction of Loughton/Adbridge. Last group of 5 came over house and disappeared at 19:30 (Message taken 5 January 2009)
No Firm Date	Not stated	Littlehampton	West Sussex	An orange globe/light was coming along the coast line. It was very vivid. It moved along at five hundred to a thousand ft in height. (Message taken 5 January 2009). Witness said the object was seen over Christmas time.
No Firm Date	Not stated	Newtownhamilton	County Down	One circle of bright light. It was as high up as a telegraph pole. It was seen for thirty minutes. The object was moving towards and away from the vehicle.
No Firm Date	18:20	Redruth	Cornwall	An object was seen. (Message taken 5 January 2009). The witness said the object was seen over Christmas.

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING	DESCRIPTION
9 Jul 08	Not Stated	Outon	County Durham	Four or five blue flashing lights, one after the other. One flew between two houses across the road. Then a blue object two ft long with flashing lights slowly flew into the garden opposite
11 Jul 08	14:35	Ellesmere	Shropshire	Eleven planes. They were square, with long box shaped fuselage, open at the rear with narrow swept back wings
1 Sep 08	11:05	N/A	M23/M25	A flash and a bright light which stopped. An oval object accelerated at colossal speed
17 Oct 08	13:30	Harlow	Essex	An object seen whilst photographing the clouds
Nov 08	Not Stated	Herne Bay	Kent	UFO Report
29 Nov 08	18:01	Southgate	London	A huge glowing orange ball. It hovered over Bloomfield park in a strange way, suspended in air. It moved up and down and then glided diagonally into the sky.
24 Dec 08	17:45	Derby	Derbyshire	A beaming sunburst ball that soared low over houses. The object slowed down then hovered in the sky. It stopped still, then shrank in size and sped off
27 Dec 08	20:22	Exmouth	Devon	A bright orange light that travelled erratically across the sky.
Jan 09	Not Stated	Sawtry	Cambridgeshire	A UFO
Jan 09	Not Stated	N/A	North Yorkshire	Very curious. A very bright light, 4 times that of a star.
Jan 09	01:30	N/A	N/A	Over my house. It was massive. Unbelievable. The noise was incredible. I thought we were under nuclear attack.
Jan 09	Not Stated	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	A cloud coloured, opal shaped, object shooting across the sky. Had been outside the individuals house for some nights and then one night. (Message received 21 Jan 09)
Jan 09	Not Stated	Porthcawl	Mid Glamorgan	Witness in back garden. A diamond shaped red light came towards him from the sea. Rear end of diamond was a blue light. It was incredibly hot as it passed overhead. No sound
Jan 09	Not Stated	Halifax	West Yorkshire	A silver disc shaped light seen for two minutes. Witness was in his lounge
Jan 09	Not Stated	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	A bright object travelling very fast overhead. Not a plane.
Jan 09	Not Stated	Colington	Edinburgh	Lights in the sky.
Jan 09	Not Stated	Carterton	Oxfordshire	A very bright constant red light.
Jan 09	Not Stated	Warwick	Warwickshire	An orange glowing object with a red light on the right-hand side.
Jan 09	Not Stated	Llundudno	Clwyd	A bright orange light.
Jan 09	Not Stated	St Albans	Hertfordshire	Something lit up the sky. There was smoke in the sky afterwards
1 Jan 09	Not Stated	Streatham Hill	London	Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky
1 Jan 09	00:10	Blairgowrie	Perthshire	Four bright orange lights in a group.
1 Jan 09	Not Stated	Chippenham	Wiltshire	A UFO
1 Jan 09	Not Stated	Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	2 round, bright, orange lights/objects. Hovered and glided soundlessly. One flashed and disappeared a minute later. Same happened to 2nd one.
2 Jan 09	17:00	Nuneaton	Warwickshire	5 yellow/orange objects in formation. Moving east to west. Slow but straight flight.
4 Jan 09	Not Stated	Haslingdale/Rossendale	Lancashire	4 or more moving bright solid orange lights. Followed by a further 8 identical objects. Rose vertically over the side on the valley. Made no sound.
3-4 Jan 09	Not Stated	Sandbach	Cheshire	A UFO. An orange/yellow light
5 Jan 09	19:00	Malvern	Worcestershire	A V shaped formation similar to how birds fly of 7 lights. Moved rapidly across the sky rotated slightly then the lights split up and vanished. Lights were size and brightness of stars. No noise and no visible trails in sky.
6 Jan 09	21:00	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Strange lights. Eleven in total.
6 Jan 09	Not Stated	Cardigan	Cardiganshire	Five rather big orange things flew over the witness. He was terrified.
8 Jan 09	04:40	Blackpool	Lancashire	A green light with a white light on the outer rim. Flew over the hills and disappeared once it passed the motorway.
9 Jan 09	Not Stated	Exeter	Devon	An object in the sky over Exeter
12 Jan 09	Not Stated	Old Coulson	Surrey	Saw a large shape in the sky. It didn't look like a helicopter but sounded like one and was very loud. It hovered for an hour. Then headed towards caterham where a friend saw it
13 Jan 09	20:15	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	Strange burning objects in the sky
13 Jan 09	Not Stated	Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)
14 Jan 09	Not Stated	Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)
18 Jan 09	19:44	Lichfield	Staffordshire	A bright yellow light. It vanished for a few seconds then reappeared.
18 Jan 09	Not Stated	Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)
19 Jan 09	Not Stated	Tarland	Aberdeenshire	A bright steady light in the sky. It then just moved and disappeared
23 Jan 09	21:40	West Cross	Swansea	Large ball of light. Light did not diminish. Very strange. Made no sound. Very strange.
23 Jan 09	20:58	Undy	Newport	Object had a large light on the front & a smaller red and green light on either side, as if on the ends of a planes wings. Base was a perfect square and black in colour. It made a quiet humming sound.
23 Jan 09	20:40	Anlaby	Hull	A very large ball (looked like a fireball). The object was small, but rather far away
24 Jan 09	23:05	Henleaze	Bristol	Large spherical object, bright orange in colour. Much bigger than any plane or helicopter. Glowed brightly all over. Was completely soundless.
25 Jan 09	23:25	Sittingbourne	Kent	A strange ball of bright orange light. Light faded out.
25 Jan 09	19:00	Livingston	West Lothian	An extremely bright blue circular light. After diving down at steep angle, rising then diving again, it vanished.
25 Jan 09	18:00	Perton	West Midlands	Star shaped and very bright, brilliant white. Changing shape. No noise.

26 Jan 09	17:15	Northholt	Middlesex	A bright oval orange in the sky. Thought at first it was an aircraft on fire. After five minutes the bright glow petered out and then became totally black. Lived in the area all her life but had never seen anything like it before.
26 Jan 09	18:15	Bromley	Kent	Three orange lights in horizontal line above the opposite side of the hill. Stopped car but saw only four lights, two separate at the top & two close together at the bottom. Top two rose and disappeared. 2nd two moved higher then also vanished
26 Jan 09	21:45	Tarring	West Sussex	Four orange lights. At first mistook them for stars. Faded one by one
28 Jan 09	22:10	Grimsby	Lincolnshire	Light in the sky. Other lights falling or dripping from it to the ground. At first thought it was fireworks. Made no noise and was the size of a helicopter.
29 Jan 09	Not Stated	Colchester	Essex	We keep getting flown over by aliens galore. They are dropping germs and we keep getting colds. Please send the RAF to USAF to stop them.
Feb 09	Not Stated	Swadlincote	Derbyshire	15 fireballs in the sky. Not aircraft.
Feb 09	Not Stated	East Kilbride	Lanarkshire	Five orange lights high in the sky over the house. Disappeared into the atmosphere
3 Feb 09	01:00	N/A	Thames Estuary	Same as the UFO seen over the House of Commons in Feb. 08. matches description The Sun gave.
3 Feb 09	10:10	West Row	Suffolk	Bright clear light shooting across sky. There were blue lights almost in line with the clear light. They were evenly spaced.
4 Feb 09	18:32	Chesterton	Newcastle Under Lyme	A dullish orange light low in the sky. Circular in shape with no defined edge. Surface had texture of the Sun's surface but not as bright.It reduced in size as it backed away from the witnes An aircraft flew in its direction whilst giving it a wide berth.
5 Feb 09		Portslade	Sussex	Sic red or orange lights in a large oval shape moving slowly towards Brighton. They made no noise
5 Feb 09	06:30	Cropwell Bishop	Nottinghamshire	Series of UFO Sightings. Three orange lights arranged vertically in the sky. No way they could be aircraft. Four sets of them
6 Feb 09	Not Stated	Rossendale	Lancashire	A blue and purple flashing light over the moors for 30 minutes
6 Feb 09	17:30	Mealrigg	Cumbria	A clearly defined, shiny silvery metallic cylinder with rounded ends. Estimated 50ft in length. Small protrusion on upper rear body. Object made no sound nor visible emissions. Between Mealrigg and Langrigg
6 Feb 09	20:10	Near Edinburgh Airport	Edinburgh	White on outer edges. 7-800ft long. Moving very fast from North to South.
7 Feb 09	20:05	N/A	N/A	Six lights, some red, some orange and some white all travelling in the same direction. It was either one big object or six single objects. All travelling in the same direction.
7 Feb. 09	22:05	Fowey	Cornwall	Strange object in the sky. Bright orange in colour with intensity of fire. Like a huge hanglider.
7 Feb 09	Not Stated	Gorseinon	Swansea	Strange object seen when he developed photographs he had taken
7 Feb 09	23:10	Basingstoke	Hampshire	A bright orange light travelling very fast from North to South east. Too large and bright to be a plane. In view for one minute then disappeared behind a cloud. Noticed no noise or tail.
7 Feb 09	19:30	Between Norwich and Lenwade	Norfolk	10 orange orbs. Orbs had slightly pulsating orange lights. Not like navigation lights. Made no noised.
8 Feb 09	21:00	Sutton	Surrey	5 UFOs. Bright round orange lights. Made no noise. Disappeared in direction on London.
8 Feb 09	20:00	Ashingdon	Essex	Lights in the sky. Definitely not a plane. Very strange.
9 Feb 09	Not Stated	Romsley	Shropshire	A peculiar bright light. The object was spherical shaped like a satellite. It moved West to East very quickly. Definitely not a satellite, helicopter of light aircraft
10 Feb 09	21:00	N/A	Somerset	Bright orange lights continuously going up and down on the horizon. Heading East in the direction of Froome or Wiltshire
10 Feb 09	22:45	Western-super-Mare	Somerset	An orange/yellow object moving NW to SE. Followed by 3 more. No navigation lights and they made no sound. Not that high up. Disappeared into the distance quicker than they arrived.
13 Feb 09	23:12	Bradford-on-Avon	Wiltshire	An brightly glowing orange ball. It seemed to be a controlled craft. It hovered for a couple of minutes then the light seemed to deliberately fade. It was a few hundred feet up and a quarter of a mile from the house.
14 Feb 09	20:10	Roxwell	Essex	A bright orange object. The top was rounded like the top of a balloon and was a brighter orange towards the bottom. It appeared to be stationary.
15 Feb 09	06:30	Bennech	Anglesey	Strange lights seen over the bay.
15 Feb 09	00:15	Winwick	Warrington	Two orange lights in the sky that hovered over the old hospital site. The lights were not together but were stationary. They made no noise. They then moved off in a southerly direction.
15 Feb 09	Not Stated	Aberford	Leeds	Witness saw a long light flashing like a laser. Sometimes there were two lights crossing over. This is the third time they have been seen over six weeks.
16 Feb 09	19:19	Leigh	Greater Manchester	A dome shaped orange ball of light. It suddenly took off from a field. It was organic like a jellyfish. Transparent, and you could see its internal workings. It departed swaying left to right and made a droning noise. 150-200ft in the air
16 Feb 09	19:00	Colchester	Essex	A bright light that went straight up in the sky above the A12 near Colchester.
19 Feb 09	19:50	Gravesend	Kent	A ball of light with a few lights inside. It hovered over Gravesend for some 30 minutes. Too static for a helicopter. It made
20 Feb 09	21:45	Bradford	West Yorkshire	Two strange lights behind the clouds that appeared to be playing with each other, pretending to crash into each other. Then they were joined by a third light that hovered underneath them, going back and forth.
21 Feb 09	22:45	Arundel	West Sussex	Five bright orange lights in the sky. One was in the lead the other four in a loose rectangular formation. Disappeared behind trees then were seen in a line with long gaps between them. Heard no engine noise. Headed south for two miles before vanishing.
22 Feb 09	19:30	Bedford	Bedfordshire	A sizeable, silent, flickering orange light. Difficult to judge height and speed but much slower than any meteorite and much faster than the prevailing wind which was negligible.
22 Feb 09	19:30	Swindon	Wiltshire	80 bright lights over the top of Queen's Hill in Swindon
22 Feb 09	19:00	Oxted	Surrey	Object came in trajectory into back garden. It was like the upper part of an egg, glowing bright orange like hot steel. On bottom it had something like a root structure. It looked like it was having some trouble but righted itself, and gently flew off.

22 Feb 09		South East London	London	An object with a white and alternating red lights at an angle. Came from South East London towards Canary Wharf. It stopped in mid air and an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at 180 degrees. Lights switched side instantly.
22 Feb 09	01:10	Chepstow	Gwent	A single object the size of a large car. Silver with flames flickering from the underside. Then moved up and away
23 Feb 09	19:17	New Ash Green	Kent	A ball of light in the clouds, moving slowly and falling apart. Had other white lights coming off it. Made no sound.
23 Feb 09	22:52	South East London	London	It was the flashing of a huge object with one normal and two green lights. It was flying low. Only saw it for 4 seconds than it vanished from site.
24 Feb 09	18:45	Hartlepool	Cleveland	Saw 4 spaceships that flew over the house into the sky. They had a bright light that fade and was then gone. They returned to the same spot they had come from.
25 Feb 09	18:30	Oldham	Manchester	A very bright object that glows red and bright.
26 Feb 09	19:15	Malmesbury	Wiltshire	Two lights above the cloud with beams of light coming out from them horizontally. Dotting about like two fireflies. The beams are coming from the lights, not the ground. Seen to the north. The lights are very round and flying in a small area.
27 Feb 09	18:15	Central London	London	One white light to the south east that flashes red, green and an off yellow at about 8-10000ft. Another across central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London City.
27 Feb 09	23:00	Newquay	Cornwall	Bright orange object travelling west to east across the sky.
27 Feb 09	21:00	Lelant	Cornwall	Two orange lights over Hayle Estuary moving at the speed of a helicopter but had no aircraft navigation lights.
28 Feb 09	21:50	Mary Tavy near Dartmoor	Devon	Orange lights in the sky. Like fairy lights. Made no sound
28 Feb 09	04:30	Portlethen	Aberdeenshire	A big yellow glow in the sky to the south of Aberdeen. About 2500ft high but not aircraft landing lights.
1 Mar 09	18:45	Bishopsmill	Morayshire	Lights like little stars in a half moon shape. A bright light at the centre was moving very slightly.
1 Mar 09	19:00	Warlingham	Surrey	Three very bright orange lights in triangular formation. They were circular with no tails. Travelling at speed towards the east. Made no sound. Could not tell height. Visible for 4-5 minutes before fading away one by one.
1 Mar 09	20:15	West Bridgford	Nottingham	A swarm of about 100 flashing white lights, high in the sky moving from the NE to SE. Very quick and keeping equidistant and of equal speed. Disappeared about 45 degrees above the horizon. The swarm moved in an arc of 40 degrees in about 10 seconds.
4 Mar 09	22:50	Swindon	Wiltshire	Various different lights in a star shape.
5 Mar 09	Not Stated	Selby	North Yorkshire	Two sphere like objects orange/red in colour. The first object ran parallel to the witness , dropped then disappeared. The second object moved straight across the sky line then disappeared.
7 Mar 09	05:00	Cottingham	Humberside	An object in the sky changing colour
8 Mar 09	01:30	Bolton	Lancashire	A large fireball but with an oblong shape. Thought it was a crashing airliner but it stopped and hovered. It then came towards Dascar, stopped and headed in a SE direction towards Bury. It hovered in the distance for a minute before disappearing.
9 Mar 09	23:10	Holland on Sea	Essex	An emerald green object that was like a torchlight or a large grapefruit. It flitted up, down and around outside the landing window. The beam of light narrowed and it came back as a ball shape. It was still for 90 seconds then vanished.
9 Mar 09	21:15	Hayes	Middlesex	An object hovering in the sky. The object had bright lights.
10 Mar 09	22:10	Spalding	Lincolnshire	Strange orange lights in the sky
10 Mar 09	18:50	Barrow-in-Furness	Cumbria	The whole object was glowing like hot metal and there was no sound. It was travelling at the speed of a fighter or a satellite, from NW to SE. It looked to be flying quite low.
10 Mar 09	18:15	A3 South of M25	A3 South of M25	A long cylinder of gold light. It looked like a very bright shooting star. Observed it for 3 seconds.
14 Mar 09	18:50	Bugbrooke	Northamptonshire	A big bright red ball of fire travelling at a terrific speed.
14 Mar 09	20:15	Flitwick	Bedfordshire	Two UFOs. Orange globes that moved near together then separated and very gradually disappeared
14 Mar 09	20:30	Harlyn Bay	Cornwall	Five strange orange lights in formation, moving very quickly
14 Mar 09	20:40	King's Lynn	Norfolk	Object was travelling east/southeast. An extremely bright, constant red/orange light shining down. The shape of the object was obscured by the light. It made no sound. Cannot determine speed, but was visible for two minutes. May have speeded up.
17 Mar 09	00:35	N/A	N/A	The shape of a rectangle. It had a dull green glow with no other lights showing.
17 Mar 09	Not Stated	Croydon	London	A bright orange light, the size of a helicopter. It looked like a flame or a flare but made no sound. It was moving very slowly.
17 Mar 09	05:35	Portsmouth	Hampshire	A wide pear drop shaped translucent green light with a small tail of light. Moved in NW direction. Made no noise and vanished after a few seconds.
17 Mar 09	20:30	Heywood	Lancashire	Three orange lights, evenly spaced and moving at the same speed. Gradually disappeared after five minutes. Heading from SE to NW
17 Mar 09	21:02	Bromsgrove	Worcestershire	A red fire ball travelling at extreme speed. It made no sound. Heading from Coventry to Leominster
18 Mar 09	22:00	Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire	Two very bright glowing orange lights moving at very high speed.
19 Mar 09		N/A	West Sussex	A constant light travelling West to East. Very erratic, wobbling off course then just disappeared.
20 Mar 09	18:50	Exton	Rutland	Large bright light seen to the east of Exton, moving south to north at high speed- at first mistaken for a planet
22 Mar 09	20:00	Adfa	Powys	Looked like a satellite crashing or a star. It was fairly pacy and then slowed to a halt. It moved off after 20 seconds and gathered speed. It became a dot and vanished.
22 Mar 09	19:55	Newtimber	West Sussex	A bright diamond shaped light. Definitely not an aircraft. Faster than an aircraft. Headed east for one minute before moving upwards and disappearing.
24 Mar 09	05:17	Bridgend	Glamorgan	Four UFOs flying beneath two aircraft. They moved much faster than the aircraft. Greyish in colour with a dome on top and bottom. Flew over the Waterton Industrial Estate.
25 Mar 09	20:25	Godlming	Surrey	A very bright spherical object. Size of a full moon. Yellow/orange in colour. Object seemed wrapped in a bright glowing cloud of light. It made no noise. It moved towards Hascombe. Performed a series of erratic moves.

27 Mar 09	16:10	Walthamstow	London	three objects in the sky. They were circling and dipping in and out of the clouds. They could have been light sources or just reflecting light. A possible tail of light at a slight angle away from the direction of travel on each of the objects
28 Mar 09	08:45	Torquay	Devon	A group of very bright orange objects heading NW to SE at a consistent speed and low altitude. There was a group of 15 followed by groups of 2-3 and 3-4 over a 5 minute period. They made no noise.
29 Mar 09	20:45	Preston	Lancashire	Three bright lights heading in the same direction some 2 minutes apart. The 3rd light disintegrated and spilt up.
4 Apr 09	10:30	Harrogate	North Yorkshire	It was square with orange lights
4 Apr 09		Swindon	Wiltshire	A massive orange thing. Going so fast it passed a plane going towards RAF Lyneham.
4 Apr 09	23:15	Leyland	Lancashire	Object seen for 6-7 minutes
4 Apr 09	21:02	Abergavenny	Gwent	Two UFOs
4 Apr 09	00:30	Saddleworth	Lancashire	A bright orange ball of fire. It was quite high up in the sky over the house. It was changing colour and disappeared straight into the sky.
6 Apr 09		Hessel	Humberside	Very bright white light. Its trail followed it for half an hour heading towards Brough
5 Apr 09	09:00	Swindon	Wiltshire	Something peculiar
8 Apr 09	Not Stated	Leeds	West Yorkshire	A ball of fire
8 Apr 09	01:00	Brighton	Sussex	Looked like a squashed balloon and had no wings. Rounder at the front and pointed at the back. It had no lights at the front but 2-3 at the back, 1 red, 1 red and flashing and 1 white/green. Witness heard the noise first which grew louder.
9Apr 09	21:26	N/A	Liverpool	Two parallel lights . Red or orange lights in the sky.
11 Apr 09	21:40	Goole	Humberside	A Light. Moved past very slowly then shot off at phenomenal speed. It was round but twice it changed into a cone shape. 300-400ft up.
11 Apr 09	21:35	Ellon	Aberdeenshire	A very bright orange glow. Moved about the speed of an airliner, heading south to north
11 April 09	21:05	Harrow	London	A big ball of fire, like a star. It deceased in size over two minutes.
11 Apr 09	20:30	Bromley	Kent	A UFO
11 Apr 09	21:20	Chesterfield	Derbyshire	Several orange lights, sae colour and brightness of street lights. Three were close together and the others were in a horizontal line
12 Apr 09	Not Stated	Swindon	Wiltshire	Four glowing objects coming from southwest and then turned north. They were glowing duller and brighter, then disappeared.
12 Apr 09	23:10	Linlithgow	West Lothian	A UFO
13 Apr 09	21:30	Derby	Derbyshire	Two orangy lights in the sky moving towards each other. Then a ball of light approached the other lights. All three were stationary for a while before disappearing into the distance. Another light then hovered where the others had been
13 Apr 09		Farnborough	Hampshire	A ball of glowing red light. After 30 seconds the light dimmed slightly and then just disappeared.
13 Apr 09	21:00	Moelfre	Angelsey	Looked like a Chinese lantern
14 Apr 09	22:00	Smalley	Derbyshire	A round yellow ball. It looked like it had a parachute on top, the shape of a helmet
15 Apr 09	20:30	Dover	Kent	Two objects, five minutes apart heading East to West. They looked like orange fiery balls but made no sound. They travelled at the speed of a plane. They had no tail.
18 Apr 09	22:22	Brandon	Suffolk	Two yellow objects like giant sparklers heading North to South
19 Apr 09	10:00	Maghull	Merseyside	A orange ball in the sky, travelling very quickly then stopped and faded away.
19 Apr 09	20:40	Snodlands	Kent	An oival shaped glowing red object, in two dimensions. It spun in one direction then reversed and swung in the other.
19 Apr 09	21:23	N/A	Liverpool	A UFO Southwest of Liverpool
21 Apr 09	22:03	Pendleton	Manchester	A bright orange object moving at a steady pace
21 Apr 09	21:34	Maidstone	Kent	Lights risiung from the ground into the sky, much like debris from a fire. However lights were too intense to be a fire. Seen in the direction of the North Downs from Maidstone
21 Apr 09	22:55	Brighton	Sussex	A bright flaming object, about a quarter of the size of the moon. It was like a special effect. It was silent and went from horizon to horizon, starting in the North.
22 Apr 09	15:10	Basingstoke	Hampshire	Like a large black parachute with nothing suspended from it. It changed shape and gradually pot smaller as it went into the distance. Observed for 10-20 minutes.
26 Apr 09	22:05	Grimsby	Lincolnshire	looked like a star or satellite. Saw 3 within 20 minutes. Came from the south. Its speed increased and then slowed down. Finally headed East bover the North Sea

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PeterBorough

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re Freedom of Information act.

Dear Sir,

I got your letter "Thank you" What I want are the latest sightings Well 208 ones I have the 207 sightings papers of them sent by the MoD. I dont have computers or E mail I am a pensioner now my case from nov 206 is down on the sightings of UFO's on the papers I have been sent the only one from PeterBorough formation of 10 or more shell like objects pink tint in middle no sound fairly fast they flew in the Back garden here Previous sighting in 1990, when I lived in Village of Eye 5 miles away was not on the forms I recond that was more dramatic Big White globe drifted Towards us e stopped about 200 FT up in the air, no not a Baloon my Husband "now sadly passed on" saw windows in it, I just saw that as 4 Balls of light which were enclosed in the Huge one Brilliantly lit from within, our dog sadly also now deceased never noticed anything it was dusk e cars were now passing on the Road none of them either seemed to notice anything. I have been a Believer in flying saucers since about 1965 when I read the Betty e Barney Hill case from America "1961" it was I think that case of ABduction". My dad was in the RAF Bomber command he has now "gone" he passed away 3 months after mum sadly 15 years ago, he was a "Radio operator" mate was

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e flew in Halifax III planes'.

he never saw anything in the war like Foo fighters so called, But had a sighting in Back garden many many years ago of what he assumed was a Balloon he went & got his Binoculars & when he looked for it again it was gone, he said it would not have disappeared that fast. you do get Ridiculed when Talking about UFOs & your sightings or one did in the Recent past, not so much these days However, I have got some stick I Believe from P/Borough City Council for Talking about them to Family, Friends & Various people cant Prove it of course But m' aware it is that, got me down as a Whistle Blower I suppose. its a Taboo subject embarrasing but its the Truth as I see it. Pilots etc Policemen/women & Thousands of the public have seen them worldwide, we read many Reports, since last year I have wondered & prayed that UFOs have nothing to do with Global warming climate change? Its a Burden I carry, Who knows really whats outside our planet in the universe. Human Beings are not as Intelligent as we like to think or we wouldn't have all these Terrible wars.

PS. It took a lot of courage to write that one !.

anyway all the Best to you, & please send me recent Reports of UFOs

Yours sincerely

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Peterborough
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Our Ref:
FOI Request

31 March 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for leaving a message on our answerphone regarding UFO reports.

Unfortunately, in order to process your request under the Freedom of Information Act, I will need you to put it in writing to me at the address above.

If you can let me know exactly what you require, I will do my best to help and if you have an e-mail account, it may help to speed things up a little.

Yours sincerely,

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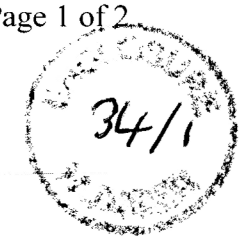

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From: Section 40

Sent: 22 April 2009 11:45

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090422-FOI ResponseSection 40FOs over Birmingham and UK 06-04-2009-151155-008

Attachments: 20090422-Attachment toSection 40-04-2009-151155-008-U.xls

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 6 April 2009 asking for information regarding UFOs in Birmingham and the rest of the country over the last year.

Firstly, 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.

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 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.
Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 can be found by searching under UFO Reports on the MoD website at www.mod.uk. I attach a spreadsheet showing details of UFO sightings recorded by the MoD to date for 2009. You will note a few reports for 2008 that were not received in time to be placed on the MoD website. Additionally, in a number of cases, no firm date was given for the sighting and only the month is given.
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Our Ref:
06-04-2009-151155-008

22 April 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 6 April 2009 asking about UFO's over Birmingham and the UK.

I had intended to e-mail a response to you together with an excel spreadsheet, but my e-mail to you has been returned stating the address is incorrect.

You could you confirm you e-mail address or alternatively state whether you are prepared to accept a paper copy of the information you requested.

Thank you.

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txttowncity: birmingham
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txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]
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42014 Italy

Our Ref:
24-04-2009-120639-003

29 April 2009

Dear Section 40

(original only)

Further to your e-mail of 24 April 2009, please find enclosed a disk containing the Cosford related documents that had previously been on the Ministry of Defence (MoD) website.

Some personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers etc has been withheld from the Cosford documents as they are not directly relevant to your request. 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 be aware that the full MoD file on the subject is due for transfer to The National Archives later this year.

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Yours sincerely

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Doyle, Tina Mrs

From: Section 40
Sent: 24 April 2009 10:58
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Report Cosford, Mar 1993

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Details of Mr Matteo's address for the toolkit

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From: Section 40
Sent: 24 April 2009 10:54
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: Report Cosford, Mar 1993

Dear Section 40

my post address is:

Section 40 Castellarano (RE), 42014 - Italy.

Thank you very much!

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2009/4/24 Section 40

Dear Section 40

We are happy to provide you with the documents, but they are too big to send by e-mail.

If you let me have your post address I can send you a disk.

Please do not apologise about your English. It is 100 times better than my Italian!

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 22 April 2009 14:16
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: Report Cosford, Mar 1993

From: Section 40 [redacted] Italy, RE

I would like to know if it's possible to receive, by e-mail, the documents about the UFO incident at Cosford in Mar 1993, only for personal use.

Thanks very much, sorry for my bad english.

Best regards,

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 24 April 2009 13:39
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised:20090424-FOI ResponseSection 40 -03-2009-072355-001-U

DearSection 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 March 2009 asking how many UFO sightings had there been in Scotland and Edinburgh, how much the government spends on replying or dealing with UFO sightings and what is the procedure for a reported sighting?

You have not given a timeframe for the number of sightings in Edinburgh and Scotland, but details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the Ministry of Defence (MoD) website www.mod.uk by searching under the phrase "*UFO Reports*". To date this year, there have been two sightings near Edinburgh and nine in the rest of Scotland.

The MoD, which has the lead across government in dealing with UFO matters, employs one full time civil servant (myself) dedicated to dealing with the subject of UFOs. The post is at D Grade, which is the most junior management level within the Ministry. Whilst it would be inappropriate to provide individual salary details, the pay range for D grade posts is £20,815-£27,159 per year.

In addition to my post, I receive some administrative support from an E1 Grade civil servant and my civil service line manager at C1 grade has oversight of my work. Approximately 20% of the E1's and C1's time is spent on UFO related matters. The annual pay range for an E1 is £15,847-£20,074 and for the C1 it is £32,623-£41,325. All three posts attract a standard local recruitment and retention allowance for RAF High Wycombe of £2000 per year. As a rough guide therefore, based on the highest annual salary, total costs are in the order of £40,000 per year.

In the majority of cases, the procedure for dealing with UFO reports is to record the details of the sighting and to write to the individual concerned, explaining the limited involvement of the MoD in UFO matters. At the beginning of each year we place details of the preceding year's sightings on the MoD website.

On occasion we do investigate reports. This usually involves liaising with air defence experts (such as radar specialists) on, perhaps, half a dozen reports per year. These will generally be sightings made by aircrew, members of the armed forces or the police. However, to date, the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.
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txtlastname:
txtoccupation: Student
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: How many reported UFO sightings have been there been in Scotland and precisely Edinburgh?

How much does the government spend on replying to or dealing with UFO sightings?

What is the procedure for a reported sighting?

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22 April 2009

Your Ref: 30-01-2009-105433-003

Dear Sirs

You wrote to me on 7 April asking for clarification to my FOI request.

My request is no longer needed, therefore I apologise for my inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

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Our Ref:
30-01-2009-105433-003

7 April 2009

Dear Section 40

I wrote to you on 11 February 2009 asking for clarification of your Freedom of Information request of 26 January 2009.

As I stated, it was not entirely clear whether you were seeking information specifically limited to sightings of UFOs made in 2008 or reports received by the MoD during the course of 2008, which could include reports from 2007 or even earlier.

I would be grateful if you would clarify this matter so I can provide you with a response to your initial query.

Yours sincerely

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Our Ref:
30-01-2009-105433-003

11 February 2009

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 January 2009 asking for a list of all UFO reports received in 2008.

It was not completely clear from your request whether you were interested in reports of UFOs seen in 2008 or in reports received in 2008, which could cover previous years as we occasionally receive reports dating back some months.

If you would clarify this matter I will try to answer your request.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2009 10:56
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 30-01-2009-105433-003 Section 40

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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.

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Best regards

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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: 26 January 2009 11:21
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 30-01-2009-105433-003 Section 40

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

txttitle: Section 40 [redacted]
txtfirstname: Section 40 [redacted]
txtlastname: [redacted]
txtaddress1: [redacted]

txtaddress2: Section 40 [redacted]
txtt[redacted]city: Warwick
txts[redacted]ecountry: Warwickshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtinforequest: Please send me a list of all reported sightings of unidentified flying objects(UFO's) reported in 2008. No specific details needs be sent just locations and dates.

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 08 April 2009 09:10
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090408-FOI Response Section 40 UFOs 12-03-2009-145828-003

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 12 March 2009 asking for any details of UFOs.

Firstly, 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.

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Turning to your request, the MoD has over 170 UFO files and the costs of preparing them for release would far exceed 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.

However, 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. They 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 www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.
The MoD currently has a programme to transfer some 160 UFO files for the period up to 2007 to The National Archives by the close of 2010. It is hoped that files for the period 1992-2000 will be transferred by the end of this year and they will be made available for public viewing on the internet. Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". UFO sightings for 2009 will also be placed on the website in January 2010.
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To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PS 12-03-2009-145828-003 Section 40

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txtfirstname: Section 40
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txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Maesteg
txtstatecountry: Bridgend
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: Please could you send me any details you have of UFOs.

File Note Costings for 12-03-2009-145828-003

1 file = 2 days
2 days = 14 hours
1 hour = £25
170 files = 14x25x170
£59,500

Based on it taking 2-3 days to prepare files for transfer to The National Archives

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Section 40

From: CIO-XD (De Bourcier, Katie Miss)
Sent: 06 April 2009 15:37
To: Section 40
Subject: release-authorised: 20090406 - UFO Files - U
Attachments: 20070809-FOI Request 03-08-2007-110116-004-u.pdf

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Katie de Bourcier

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From: Section 40

Sent: 09 August 2007 13:37

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-110116-004

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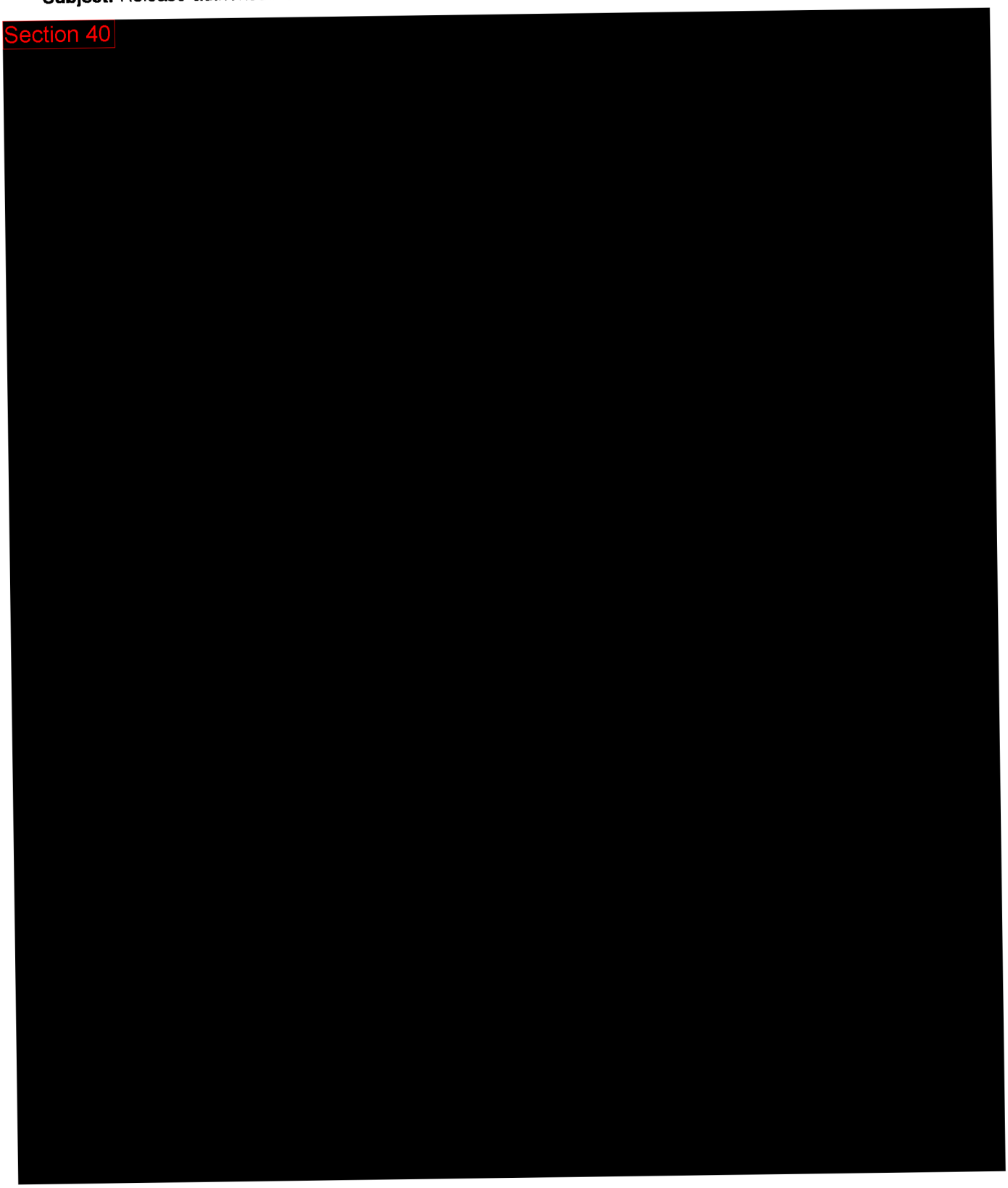

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 30 March 2009 10:46
To: Wray, David Mr
Cc: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: UFO Files - FOI

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 06 April 2009 14:41
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090406-FOI ResponseSection 40UFO Sightings In England 25-03-2009-154714-015-U
Attachments: UFO Reports Livesey.xls

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 25 March 2009 asking for a list of all unexplained UFO sightings in England, reported in England and recorded since 1999. You also state that you would like details such as location, date and a brief description of each sighting.

Firstly, 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.

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Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the periodc 1997-2008 can be found by searching under UFO Reports on the MoD website at www.mod.uk. I attach a spreadsheet showing details of UFO sightings recorded by the MoD to date for 2009. You will note a few reports for 2008 that were not received in time to be placed on the MoD website. Additionally, in a number of cases, no firm date was given for the sighting and only the month is given.
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To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 25-03-2009-154714-015 Section 40

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txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: Reporter
txtorganisation: Lancashire Telegraph
txtaddress1: Lancashire Telegraph
txtaddress2: Newspaper House, 1 High street
txttowncity: Blackburn
txtstatecountry: Lancashire
txtzipcodepostcode: BB1 1HT
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: I would like to receive a list of all unexplained UFO sightings in England, reported to the MoD and recorded since 1999. I would like to know the date of each sighting as well as the location and a brief description of what was seen.

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 06 April 2009 12:55
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090406-FOI Response Section 40 25-03-2009-092341-004-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 March 2009 asking how you can obtain the Ministry of Defence (MoD) documents on the Rendlesham Forest Incident of 1980. Your e-mail is being treated as a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Providing you with all documentation the MoD holds on the Rendlesham incident would involve manually checking, as a minimum, some 100 UFO 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.

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 some 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 prefer a PDF copy on disk (our preferred option as it saves on paper and postage costs) or a hard 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 25 March 2009 07:24
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FW: Rendelsham Forest Incident 1980

Please log as FOI request

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-----Section 40 [redacted]
From:
Sent: 24 March 2009 23:55
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: Rendelsham Forest Incident 1980

I am interested in obtaining the MOD documents regarding the Rendelsham Forest Incident of 1980.

Could you please send me the pertinent information as to how to obtain them?

Thank you,

Section 40 [redacted]

25-03-2009-092341-004

due 23/4/09

Costs for 25-03-2009-092341-004

100 files
1 file = 1 day to check and redact relevant documents
1 day = 7 hours
1 hour = £25
100 files = 100x7x25
£17,500

Since we do not know how much documentation we will find, it is extremely difficult to cost this task

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Section 40

Walsall
West Midlands
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Our Ref:
16-03-2009-080223-005

6 April 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 13 March 2009 asking for details of all UFOs reported in the West Midlands and the conclusions of what the "craft" were.

Firstly, 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.

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Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". UFO sightings for 2009 will also be placed on the website in January 2010.

I hope this is helpful.

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Sent: 13 March 2009 18:12
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PS 16-03-2009-080223-005 Section 40

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: walsall
txtstatecountry: west midlands
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtinforequest: Hi, Can I have all the reports of undentified flying craft that have been spotted over the west midlands and the conclusion of what these craft were.

thanks

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 27 March 2009 10:59
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised:20090327-FOI Response Section 40 UFO Reports and General Info 25-03-2009-073806-002
Attachments: 20090327-Attachment Section 40 25-03-2009-073806-002-U.xls

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 24 March 2009 asking how many UFO reports the Ministry of Defence received for 2007-2009 and for any other information on UFOs.

Firstly, 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.

Despite a great many rumours, 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 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.

Details of sightings received by the MoD for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". I attach details of UFO sightings for 2009 to date. You will note that in a number of instances we do not have an exact date for the sighting. Also we received a handful of sightings for 2008 after we had placed the figures for that year on our website.

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 www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

The National Archives makes a small charge for people to view these files, but they placed seven new files on their website this week and for a short period of time they are available for viewing at no charge. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website also contains some released information on UFOs. This can be accessed the internet at www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO*".
I hope this is helpful and good luck with your project.

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Sent: 27 March 2009 11:10
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090327-Response to Section 40 follow up 25-03-2009-073806-002-U

Dear Section 40

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 24 March 2009 18:39
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PS 25-03-2009-073806-002 Section 40

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

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: secondary school
txtorganisation: ysgol brynrefail llanrug
txtaddress1: Section 40 gwynedd north wales u.k
txtaddress2: not got one
txttowncity: Section 40
txtstatecountry: gwynedd
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: hi my name is Section 40
i go to ysgol brynrefail in llanrug in gwynedd north wales and i am doing a project on paranormal. so i was wondering if it would be possible to send me some information about UFO'S like how many reports of UFO'S you have recieved in 2007 2008 and 2009 . And also if possiblle any other information you can give.
thank you
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AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 Expiry 31 March 2009

Case Number: 03-03-2009-105321-005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

A copy of the official case file for the Cosford Incident. I understand t
documents were withdrawn from the MoD website for copyright reasc

Background

Alongside the Rendlesham Incident, the Cosford Incident is probably the most famous UFO incident in the UK. A number of redacted documents relating to the Cosford incident were placed on the MoD website for public viewing before being removed in late 2007/early 2008 for copyright reasons. These documents comprised the bulk of the documents on the MoD file but the file itself was not released. Whilst confusing the two, the applicant has clearly asked for the file. There is no reason why the applicant cannot be provided with the documents that previously appeared on the website. However, the residual documents, which together with those published already form the Cosford file, should be withheld under exemption s.22 as it is one of the batch of files due for transfer to The National Archives later this year.

The Cosford file itself was withheld on 2 occasions in 2008 under exemption s.22 but the documentation previously on the website was released 7 times in 2008.

The information on the Cosford file is largely non contentious but two documents, already in the public domain following earlier FOI requests, can be misinterpreted as an admission that the MoD believed an alien craft penetrated UK airspace. In fact, the MoD concern was centred on the alleged Aurora aircraft. All redactions on the file and those on the documents previously placed on the website are made under exemption s.40 and have already been agreed with CMem.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

Information not disclosed (detail)	**FOIA exemption Specify section**	**Reason for application of exemption**	**PIT carried out? (Y/N)[1]**
Personal details, including names, telephone numbers, room numbers etc	40	Personal data	No. Absolute Exemption
Cosford File	22	Information intended for future publication	Y

The following comments will be made to the applicant

[1] If Yes, please attach details of PIT.

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I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: T M KENNEDY

Date: 19 Mar 09

Signature: [redacted] Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 19 March 2009 12:57
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090319-FOI Response Section 40 Cosford 03-03-2009-105321-005-U

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Exp 31 MAR 09

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 03 March 2009 03:42
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: Cosford Incident

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am wishing to access a copy of the official case file for the incident at Cosford in March 1993.

I understand they have been withdrawn from the website for copyright reasons. If possible, please email it to me or send via my postal address.

Thank you.

Kind regards

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Our Ref:
03-03-2009-105321-005

6 April 2009

Dear Section 40

Further to your e-mail of 19 March 2009, please find enclosed a disk containing the Cosford related documents that had previously been on the Ministry of Defence website.

Some personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers etc has been withheld from the Cosford documents as they are not directly relevant to your request. 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.

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Yours sincerely

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 19 March 2009 11:14
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: 20090319-FOI Response Section 40 Cosford 03-03-2009-105321-005-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your response. I will be happy to receive the documents on disk, sent to my home address which is printed at the bottom of this email.

Kind regards

Section 40 [redacted]

On 19/03/2009, at 11:57 PM, Section 40 [redacted] wrote:

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From: Section 40

Sent: 19 March 2009 09:41

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090319-FOI Response Section 40 UFO Reports Feb 09 22-01-2009-114231-001

Attachments: 20090318-Attachment Section 40 s

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 March 2009 asking for details of UFO sightings for February 2009, which I attach.* You also wanted to know if UFO sightings are placed on the MoD website annually.

I can confirm the Ministry of Defence places details of UFO sightings on its website on an annual basis and that sightings for 2009 will be placed on the MoD website for public viewing in January 2010.

I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 17 March 2009 12:32
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: RE: 20090202-FOI ResponseSection 40 UFO Reports 2007 onwards 22-01-2009-114231-001

Thanks for this.
Do you now have the sightings for February?
they don't appear to have gone on the website.
do you only put up "full year" figures?

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 13 February 2009 09:33
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: 20090202-FOI ResponseSection 40 FO Reports 2007 onwards 22-01-2009-114231-001

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 22 January 2009 asking for details of all UFOs reported to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) since 1 January 2007. You also requested copies of the MoD response to in each case including any correspondence between the MoD and the individual making the response.

Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". I attach details of UFO sightings for January 2009.

The cost of providing you with copies of MoD responses to these sightings would require us to prepare in the region of 400 documents for release to you by removing any personal data which would exceed 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. That having been said, the overwhelming majority of responses would be very similar and I attach a sample copy for your information. The names and contact details of individuals have been removed from this document as they are not a substantive part of the information you requested.
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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 19 March 2009 08:06
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090319-FOI Response Section 40 Rendlsham Documents 25-02-2009-072625-003-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 February 2009 asking for copies of any and all documentation regarding the alleged UFO incident at Rendlesham Forrest in 1980. The other aspects of your request will be dealt with by another branch.

Answering your request would involve manually checking, as a minimum, some 100 UFO 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 some 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 prefer a PDF copy on disk (our preferred option as it saves on paper and postage costs) or a hard 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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Costs for 25-02-2009-072625-003

100 files
1 file = 1 day to check and redact relevant documents
1 day = 7 hours
1 hour = £25
100 files = £17500

Since we don't know how much documentation we will find on each file, this is extremely difficult to cost

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 23 February 2009 22:46
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request

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

txttitle: [redacted] Section 40
txtfirstname [redacted] Section 40
txtlastname: [redacted]
txtaddress1: [redacted]
txtaddress2: [redacted]
txttowncity: bradford
txtstatecountry: w yorkshire
txtzipcodepostcode: [redacted] Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: [redacted] Section 40
txtinforequest: i would like any documentation regarding contact between the uk and usa form the years 1946-1960,specifically contact between the office of president truman/eisenhower and the uk leaders.also any and all documentation regarding the rendlesham forest ufo incident.thank you kindly

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AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted] Expiry 27 March 2009

Case Number: 02-03-2009-115117-004-U

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I would be grateful for a copy of the Rendlesham documents removed from the MoD website

Background

A Redacted version of the Rendlesham file was placed on the MoD website for public viewing before being removed in late 2007/early 2008 for copyright reasons. The applicant is referring to this.

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I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: T M KENNEDY

Date: 11 Mar 09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

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02-03-2009-115117-004

11 March 2009

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 03 March 2009 00:14

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: 20090302-FOI CLARIFICATION Section 40 02-03-2009-115117-004-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you very much for your quick replay. If you send me a CD it's ok. This is my postal adress:

Section 40

Madrid; Spain

Thank you for all

Section 40

Section 40

www.zonaocultaradio.com

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: zonaoculta@zonaocultaradio.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:51 PM
Subject: 20090302-FOI CLARIFICATION Section 40 02-03-2009-115117-004-U

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.557 / Virus Database: 270.11.5/1979 - Release Date: 01/03/2009 17:46

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 28 February 2009 11:45
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Cc: Bego radio Iniesta Díaz
Subject: Request

Hello,

To Whom It May Concern:

We are Spanish Journalist and we´ve been looking for Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980 information. We´ve found that due to copyright reasons informtion is not available in the Mod Uk site.

We would be very thankful if you could send to us.

Thank you,

Section 40 [redacted]

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02-03-2009-115117-004

Due 24/03

AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

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Applicant: Section 40 [redacted] Expiry Date: 27 Mar 09

Case Number: 02-03-2009-114644-006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

The documents on the Rendlesham document. Clarified to mean the Rendlesham file.

Background

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Grade/Rank: SCS Name: TM KENNEDY

Date: 11 Mar 09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

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02-03-2009-114644-006

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From: Section 40

Sent: 03 March 2009 09:52

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: 20090302-FOI ClarificationSection 402-03-2009-114644-006-U

Hi Section 40

Thank you for the reply, I would be grateful if you can send me a paper copy to the following address, which was on the original email request.

Section 40

Blisworth
Northampton
Section 40

Once again many thanks for your help.

Section 40
---- Original Message -----

From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:56 PM
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AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted] Expiry 20 March 2009

Case Number: 24-02-2009-120844-006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I would be grateful for a copy of the [Rendlesham] document

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11 March 2009

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 23 February 2009 07:41
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FW: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Section 40 [redacted]

Can you log this as a FOI request.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]
From:
Sent: 22 February 2009 11:16
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980

I would be grateful if a copy of the above document could be sent to me at the following address:

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Suffolk
Section 40 [redacted]

24-02-2009-120844-006

Due: 20 Mar 09

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 23 February 2009 07:56
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: RE: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 February 2009.

I assume that you are asking for a copy of the MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident. This file is quite large and I am unable to e-mail it to you. Therefore, I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you would prefer a paper copy of the file or an electronic version on disk. Although the choice is yours, we would prefer to send an electronic version since it saves on paper.

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From: Section 40

Sent: 23 February 2009 20:30

To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk

Subject: RE: Re File on Rendlesham Incident

Dear Section 40

A disk copy would be fine, Please send to Kyson school as previously advised.

Many thanks

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 08 March 2009 07:12

To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk

Subject: URGENTRE - Rendlesham files

FAO Section 40

I am rather concerned as I have not received the copy of the Rendlesham files as specified in your email of the 23.2.09. I particularly needed this information for use on this coming Friday 13th March. As previously mentioned an electronic version is fine to reduce the cost of postage. Please send for my attention as follows:

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Many thanks
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From: Section 40
Sent: 10 March 2009 10:20
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised:20090310-FOI ResponseSection 40FO Reports 12-02-2009-121150-002
Attachments: 20090310-AttachmentSection 40OI 12-02-2009121150-002.xls

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 11 February 2009 asking for details of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence.

Details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 are now available for public viewing on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under *UFO reports*. Details of sightings for 2009 will be added in January 2010. I attach details of UFO sightings for 2009 to date. In a number of cases we do not have the actual date of the sighting. You will also note a small number of reports covering 2008. These were received after the bulk of the 2008 reports were placed on the website.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 12 February 2009 10:48
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: 20090211-Section 40 vestigation of UFOs-U
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Blue

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Can you log this as a FOI request for details of UFOs.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 11 February 2009 11:46
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: 20090211-Section 40 vestigation of UFOs-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your reply dated February 11, 2009 (as shown below).

With respect to what you said 'it is not the function of the MoD to provide this kind of aerial identification service', would it be possible to have all unidentified reports forwarded to me?

I have several years experience in computer imaging and a dedication to solving UFO reports.

Thank you,

Section 40

Subject: 20090211 Section 40 nvestigation of UFOs-U
Date: Wed, 11 Feb 2009 11:15:27 +0000
From: Section 40
To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 January 2009 asking how the MoD investigates UFO reports and whether the MoD has to investigate over extended periods of time.

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

[redacted]enomena, 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.

That having been said, we do occasionally investigate sightings reported to the MoD. This usually involves liaising with air defence specialists (e.g. radar experts) on perhaps half a dozen sightings per year. These will generally be sightings made by aircrew, members of the armed forces or the police. Each case is viewed on an individual basis and it is not possible to predict how long an investigation would take or what course it would follow. However, I can say that investigations are limited in their nature and likely to be concluded within weeks, rather than months. I am not aware of any investigation in recent years lasting for more than a few weeks.
I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40

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Our Ref:
11-02-2009-114532-001

9 March 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 3 February 2009 asking what Nick Pope's actual role was within the UFO Desk scenario.

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Yours sincerely,

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3rd February 2009

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Yours faithfully

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From: CIO-Access Rev3 Section 40
Sent: 09 March 2009 10:13
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FOI REQUEST REGASRDING NICK POPE

Paul,

This looks fine to me provided we are absolutely clear that the Nick Pope DAS (Sec) era job spec is not 'held' by MOD (i.e. no longer exists). That is what is in scope of the request and the issue that would be the subject of the internal review by DG Info if it goes to appeal.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 05 March 2009 07:38
To: CIO-Access Rev3 Section 40
Subject: FOI REQUEST REGASRDING NICK POPE

Section 40

I have adapted your advice on a response regarding Mr Pope below. I have not offered an up to date job description since only 20% of Pope's time was spent on UFOs, whilst I spend all my time on that subject. I can't see any elephant traps – can you?

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From: CIO-Access Rev3 Section 40
Sent: 11 February 2009 16:05
To: Section 40
Subject: DG Info advice on Section 40 FOI request (AIT 11-02-2009-114532-001)

Section 40
My advice is to keep your reply simple. This is a job description request. Do not create an explanation for Section 40
Section 40 establish whether MOD holds a generic job description for Mr Pope's former post. (By generic I mean free of personal name data and appropriate for whoever occupied the C2 role in Sec AS).

Write back to Section 40 and say that his request is being treated as a request for recorded information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 1(1)(a) of the Act , subject to certain exclusions, gives any person making a request for information to a public authority the entitlement to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request and that section 1(1)(b), subject to certain exemptions, creates an entitlement to receive the information held by the public authority.

If we hold information relevant to the request you say:

> **Please find a generic job description for the type of post Mr Pope occupied.**

If we do not hold information relevant to the request you say:

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+ in both scenarios end your letter with the standard appeals paragraph.

There is nothing on the files that I reviewed in relation to Section 40 request that is relevant to Section 40 request (i.e. there is not a copy of Nick Pope's job description).

Regards,

Section 40

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From: Section 40
Sent: 11 February 2009 13:58
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Subject: MR POPE AND SECTION 40

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From: PPPA-INFO DATA COMP OFFR (Section 40)
Sent: 25 February 2009 11:25
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Release-authorised: MR N POPE FOI 11-02-2009-114532-001

Paul,

I have now had the opportunity to view Mr Pope's P-file and, unfortunately, cannot find any reference to 'terms of reference' or a 'job description' for the period July 91 to July 94. You may want to consider generic job descriptions for the grade.
Section 40

I hope this information helps. Please contact me if you need any further clarification, or require additional information etc.

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From: PPPA-INFO DATA COMP OFFR (Section 40)
Sent: 18 February 2009 16:45
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: Release-authorised: MR N POPE FOI 11-02-2009-114532-001

Paul,

Thanks for the email.

I think I have identified Mr Pope's SP number and requested the file this afternoon. This can take 2-3 days, so I will contact you again early next week.

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APIS Team
Ext. Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 18 February 2009 13:47
To: PPPA-INFO DATA COMP OFFR (Section 40)
Subject: Release-authorised: MR N POPE FOI 11-02-2009-114532-001

Section 40

Here is the FOI request we spoke about.

My first concern is to see whether the MoD holds anything on Mr Nick Pope's Personal File that could be described as terms of reference or a job description.

Clearly there are Data Protection issues surrounding this request, but if we can find out whether MoD actually holds any useful information, we can decide the best way forward.

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The period I am interested in covers Jul 91-Jul 94.

More than happy to discuss.

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Our Ref:
25-02-2009-070404-001

6 March 2009

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 27 February 2009 asking for any information available on the subject of UFOs.

The Ministry of Defence has over 170 UFO related files that would need to be prepared for release to you, the cost which would far exceed 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.

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14 hours x 170 files
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From: CIO-Access Ops5 Section 40
Sent: 27 February 2009 13:56
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 25-02-2009-070404-001 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

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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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: 25 February 2009 05:14
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PS 25-02-2009-070404-001 Section 40

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

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: Student
txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: Section 40
txtcity: Cardiff
txtstatecountry: Glamorgan
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtinforequest: Could I please have access to any infomation avaliable to me in connection with UFO's.

Many thanks,
Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 02 March 2009 14:12
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised:20090302-FOI ResponseSection 40 Military activity 03-02-2009-120306-017U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 1 February 2009 asking whether there was any activity taking place over the Rhiw on the Lleyn Peninsula 31 January 2009 as several witnesses saw an unexplained light.

The Ministry of Defence does not keep a central record of all military aircraft activity and in order to accurately state whether there was any military flying activity in the area, we would need to contact some thirty flying stations across the UK, the cost which would exceed 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 we do have a centralised record of aircraft entering the UK Low Flying System, this system was closed on the day in question and I would therefore very much doubt that the sightings were caused by military aircraft.

No other similar sightings were made for the areas in question over this period.
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Sent: 01 February 2009 23:20
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PF 03-02-2009-120306-017 Section 40

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txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: Self employed
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: Could you tell me if any activity was taking place at Rhiw, Lleyn Penninsula North Wales on Saturday night, at approx 10p.m as several witnessess saw an unexplained unmoving brilliant light which seemed to change colour and then suddenly disappear.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 March 2009 13:41
To: Section 40
Subject: COSTS 03-02-2009-120306-017

31 Flying Stations

1 hour per station

31 hours @£25 per hour

£775

Does not include check of army bases where a helicopter can land or RN ships.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 02 March 2009 11:07
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: 20090302-FOI Response Section 40 Lights seen at Acrise 13-02-2009-171343-007-U

Dear Section 40

I am not aware of any other reports in this area for 2009. However, details of sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 can be found on our website www.mod.uk by searching under *UFO Reports*.

I hope this is helpful.

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RAF Bus Sec 13

From: Section 40
Sent: 02 March 2009 10:37
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: 20090302-FOI Response Section 40 Lights seen at Acrise 13-02-2009-171343-007-U

Many thanks for your reply,

I was aware that the army were training the night before as their flares float across our land and are distinguishable as flares, these strange orange lights however, seem to be unidentifiable and very much fixed until one moved overhead.

Very strange..

Have you received any other reports in the locality by chance? There are many sightings it seems all, over the world, according to the internet and A LOT in the U.K. I've watched the video footage and it's apparent that we're witnessing the same strange unexplainable phenomena.

It bothers me that military can't explain this one away or isn't even aware that they were there,

I'll continue to keep skywatching,

I thank you again for help,

Best Regards,

Section 40

Folkestone
Kent

Section 40

Fax Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 02 March 2009 08:48
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: 20090302-FOI Response Section 40 Lights seen at Acrise 13-02-2009-171343-007-U

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 February 2009 relating to your earlier Freedom of Information request of 12 February 2009, in which you clarified that you saw orbs on 10 and 11 February 2009.

I can confirm that military training was taking place in the area of Pillars Wood on the night of the 9th and the morning of 10 February 2009. During the course of the training, parachute flares were used, which might be a possible explanation for the orbs that you saw on 10 February. However, we are not aware of any military activity that might explain what you saw on 11 February.

As I explained in my e-mail of 20 February 2009, the Ministry of Defence does not routinely attempt to identify the precise nature of sightings such as your's, so I am afraid I cannot help you any further. I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 23 February 2009 12:34
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: 20090220-Section 40 Orange Orbs-U

Section 40

I have established that the surveillance and reconnaissance wing from the Operational Training and Advisory Group were exercising in the area of Pillars wood approx 1300 metres SE of Acrise on the night of 9thmorning 10th of February. Flares would have been fired during this exercise. This has been confirmed by the Chief Instructor.

I think this will give you closure to this matter. The type of training is specialised but not in any way confidential.

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DSN: Section 40
MOB:
Email

From: Section 40
Sent: 23 February 2009 08:03
To: DTE Landmarc SE - SO3 G1/G2 Section 40
Subject: FW: 20090220-Section 40 Orange Orbs-U

Section 40

We spoke last week.

Here are the dates for the unusual lights that were seen at the Acrise site.

Did we have anything going on there?

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 20 February 2009 16:57
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: RE: 20090220-Section 40 Orange Orbs-U

I really appreciate your reply,

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Funnily enough – Another similar light was observed and filmed and reported on the internet on that exact date in Taunton,

Many thanks in advance,

Kind Regards,

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 20 February 2009 09:10
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: 20090220 Section 40 Orange Orbs-U

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 20 February 2009 09:07
To: DGFM-FilmLocations
Subject: Release-Authorised: ACRISE- FOI REQUEST

Section 40

I have an FOI request asking about strange orange lights seen over MoD land at Acrise, near Folkstone. For my sins I am responsible for UFO matters within the MoD.

I "googled" Acrise and came up with the film location website and your name!

I need to find out whether any military activity was taking place on that land. I am assuming the dates were earlier this month but am seeking clarification from the applicant.

If I provide you with dates, can you tell me whether any filming was taking place and secondly, which part of the MoD "owns" that land. Is it associated with a particular base? Presumably your office must have a contact point to confirm that film makers will not be run over by a Challenger tank on exercise!
Perhaps we can discuss.

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 20 February 2009 09:36
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: RELEASE-AUTHORISED:UFO AT ACRISE.

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Ref our phone conversation, please mail me the details when you have them.

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From: CIO-Access Ops4 (Section 40 [redacted])
Sent: 13 February 2009 17:23
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 13-02-2009-171343-007 Section 40 [redacted]

Air,

Can you take?

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 12 February 2009 13:54
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 13-02-2009-171343-007 Section 40

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

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AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted] Expiry date: 27 February 2009

Case Number: 04-02-2009-091026-001

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Any and all information from any sources (including civilian) on an unidentified radar target reported by a Section 40 [redacted] for the period just before Christmas 1994. Actual request is attached.

Background

Any information relating to any UFO incident or sighting made in 1994-95 will be released in due course as part of the UFO File release programme.

A PIT examining the case for withholding information relating to this incident on the grounds it is due for future publication is outlined below and will be included in the response.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

Information not disclosed (detail)	**FOIA exemption Specify section**	**Reason for application of exemption**	**PIT carried out? (Y/N)[1]**
Information relating to UFO report by Section 40 [redacted] Section 40	22	Information intended for future publication	Y

The following comments will be made to the applicant:

Any report from Section 40 [redacted] to the MoD UFO Desk should be contained in files due for transfer to The National Archives later this year.

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.

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[1] If Yes, please attach details of PIT.

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Finally, the release programme itself is complicated and the release of files out of sequence will result in unnecessary confusion for the MoD, The National Archives and, indeed, the public when they are attempting to track files once they are transferred.

It is for these reasons that we do not believe it would be in the public interest to release these files at this moment

I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: T M KENNEDY

Date: 24 Feb 09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted] .....

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 24 February 2009 13:50
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090224-FOI ResponseSection 40 [redacted]-02-2009-091026-001-U

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request asking for any information held regarding an unidentified target reported to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) by a Section 40 [redacted] just before Christmas 1994.

Any report from Section 40 [redacted] to the MoD UFO Desk should be contained in files due for transfer to The National Archives later this year, which will cover the period in question.

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Yours sincerely,

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04-02-2009-091026-001

EXP 27 FEB 09

Please reply to: Section 40 **Pontefract, West Yorkshire,** Section 40
Tele: Section 40 **Email:** Section 40

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST.

Date: 23rd January, 2009.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would respectfully like to request any and all information you have on the unidentified radar target reported to the MoD by Section 40 just before Christmas of 1994/1195 at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire either stored in paper or electronic format. Please find attached a brief statement from Section 40 describing the events in question.

According to Section 40 he first reported this incident to the MoD by telephone and later in writing. In a recent telephone interview with him Section 40 also informed me that two security personnel on duty at RAF Lyneham that night telephone the control centre and spoke to him in person. Both security guards reported seeing this phenomenon themselves. I'd therefore respectfully like to request any other information from any other sources either civilian or military that you might have regarding the incident in question.

Any information concerning this event would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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I was working in Air Traffic control at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire on a night shift. I was the approach controller and supervisor of the shift. At that time I must have had almost 20 years experience of working on radar and was very used to analysing the quirks which a radar can produce such as bird activity, anaprop (atmospheric variation) and MTI supression.

I was recovering a couple of C130's to base when I saw a large 'blob' on the radar screen about 3 miles from touchdown on the centreline. I had no idea what it was so I called it to the pilots and fed them around it. The 'blob' was stationary. I handed the aircraft over to the visual controller and then went upstairs to the visual control room, where I could see the 'blob' on the DFTI (Distance from touchdown indicator). I looked through the window but couldn't see anything so I returned to the radar room. Suddenly the 'blob' burst and fragmented shooting off in all directions at massive speed. Some discussion took place between me and the visual controller and we left it at that. Some time later I received a phone call from a very agitated airman who said ' Sir I have not been drinking, I am on guard duty and have just seen something that was very strange and I can't explain but thought that Air Traffic should be informed of'. He said he had seen a bright light to the East I remember commenting that it was nearly Christmas but doubted that we would find 3 wise men or a virgin at Lyneham. He said that the bright light had burst and that fragments had shot in all directions at speeds which he could not believe. He said he had never seen anything travel so fast and it was definitely not an aircraft. His account caused the hairs on my neck to stand up. Several minutes later another airman telephoned and gave a similar account. I logged all the details and telephoned the MOD UFO desk, gave them a verbal report backed up with a written report which hopefully they will still have on record.

This happened just before Christmas but I struggle to remember the year. I served at Lyneham in the early to mid 90's and guess it would be December 1994 or 1995. I think the visual controller was a chap called Section 40 who was a Sergeant at the time but later became commissioned. I've not really discussed the matter very much because I cannot justify or explain it any better than I have to you.

Please call me on my mobile if you would like to discuss it more. Section 40

Formerly Flight Lieutenant, RAF

Section 40

Pontefract
West Yorkshire
Section 40

Tele: Section 40

Email: Section 40

Date: 21st February 2008.

Freedom of Information Request.

Dear Sir,

I would like to request any information you have either written or electronic concerning the UFO captured on radar as outlined by Section 40 . The full details of this incident are attached. The attached is a statement from Section 40 Section 40 himself.

This is the second request for information on this incident the first of which seems to have been ignored. Any assistance with this request would be greatly appreciated.

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Section 40

10-11-2008 - 084140-001
EXP 8 DEC 08

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 November 2008 17:48

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Subject: Rendlesham incident

I am requsting the files on rendlesham forest incident please, copyright laws will not allow me to obtain them from the site. can you issue me with these files please. send to Section 40 Section 40 ellesmere port, uk FAO Section 40 TU

CLOSED 23 FEB 09
APPLICANT HAS NOT
RESPONDED TO CLARIFICATION
REQUEST.

RAF BJS Dec 13

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 10 November 2008 10:06

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 6 November 2008 asking for copies of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) files on the Rendlesham Incident.

The MoD has one file on this matter, which I am happy to provide you with. Due to the size of the file I am unable to e-mail it to you. However, I can provide you with an electronic copy on disk or a paper copy. In order to save paper our preferred option is the electronic version, but the choice is yours.

Please let me know your preference.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 08 January 2009 10:20
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 10-11-2008-084140-001

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I wrote to you on 10 November explaining that I was unable to e-mail you a copy of the Rendlesham file but that I could send you a copy on disk on paper if you let me know which you preferred.

I should be grateful if you would let me know your preference in this matter.

Please note the change of address below.

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From: Section 40

Sent: 19 February 2009 13:45

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: 20090219-FOI Response Section 40 UFO Sightings 23-02-2009-154424-015 and 23-02-2009-153908-014-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your two Freedom of Information requests of 22 January 2009 asking about a UFO sighting on the Isle of Lewis on January and near Bridgend on 3 January 2009. You wished to know if there was any military activity in these areas at the time of the sightings and whether we had received any similar reports. Please take this response to cover both requests.

The Ministry of Defence does not keep a central record of all military aircraft activity and in order to accurately state whether there was any military activity in the area, we would need to contact some thirty flying stations across the UK, the cost which would exceed 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 we do have a centralised record of aircraft entering the UK Low Flying System, this system was closed over the period in question and I would therefore very much doubt that the sightings were caused by military activity.

No other similar sightings were made for the areas in question over this period.
I am sorry I can not be more helpful.
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COSTS 23-02-2009-153908-014 and 23-01-2009-1554424-015

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1 hour per flying station

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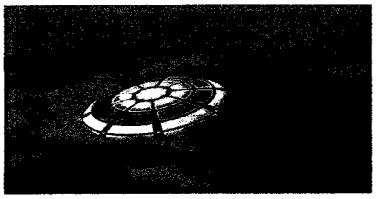
£775

Ref: . . 23-01-2009-154424-015

EAST 2 WEST UFO SOCIETY



"HERE TO INFORM"

Section 40

Livingston
West Lothian
Section 40
Tel: Section 40
Email Section 40

22/01/09

Dear Sirs,

We have received a report from a gentleman who lives on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland.

On the 1st of January 2009 at 12:30pm he saw 3 bright lights of a yellow/gold colour travelling across the sky.

Have you had any reports of a similar nature?

Also was there any military activity in the area on that date and around that time?

Thanking you in anticipation

Regards
Harry Sommerville

Section 40

Director of E2WUFOS

Received 23/01/09
due 20/02/09

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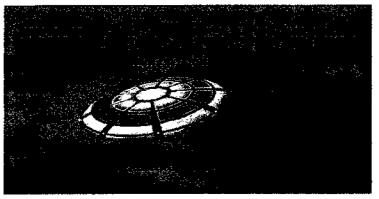

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22/01/09

Dear Sirs,

On the 3rd January a lady who lives in Uphall was driving through Bridgend, West Lothian, Scotland when she saw one multicoloured curved light in the sky.

This happened at around 12:50pm, could you please let me know if anyone reported seeing strange lights in the sky on that date over West Lothian.

Also was there any military activity in the area on that date and around that time?

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Regards
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Director of E2WUFOS

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Our Ref:
28-01-2009-121425-008
18-02-2009-093243-009

19 February 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 15 January 2009 asking for documentation regarding Flying Triangle sightings between 2006-08, UFO incidents at RAF Cosford, RAF Shawbury and Cornwall in 1993, in Belgium in 1989, over the Channel Islands in April 2007 and an incident involving an Air France flight from Nice to London in 1994.

Additionally, you wrote to Air Marshal Moran regarding the incidents at RAF Cosford, RAF Shawbury and Cornwall in 1993, Manchester in 1995 and a number of incidents in the USA. Since January 2009 this branch has lead responsibility for UFO matters within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) following a reorganisation of work and your letter has been passed to us to answer alongside your FOI request.

Details of UFO sightings for the period 2006-2008, which would include any Flying Triangles are now available for viewing on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under the phrase *UFO Reports*.

The information regarding the RAF Cosford, RAF Shawbury and Cornwall incidents is contained in a MoD file covering the sightings in late March 1993. This file was previously available on the MoD website but was removed for copyright reasons (it is possible you may already have seen it on the internet). If you will let me know whether you require a paper copy or an electronic version (our preferred option), I will arrange for it to be sent to you.

UFO files covering the period 1967-1992 have been passed to The National Archives and are available for public viewing on their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. Information relating to the Belgian incident may be found in the files available there. However, I am also aware that some later correspondence relating to this matter is also contained in files due for transfer to The National Archives later this year. These files will cover the period

1992 to 2000 and will therefore also include any information we may have on the Air France incident in 1994 and the British Airways incident near Manchester 1995.

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Turning to the incident over the Channel Islands, the limited documentation we hold on the matter can be viewed on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching in our Disclosure Log under the phrase *Channel Islands.*

I am not aware of the MoD holding any information relating to the incidents in the USA that you mention. However, since a number of them are now quite old, you might wish to look at the files in The National Archives. As explained above, our files for the year 1997 are due for transfer to The National Archives later this year. If we hold any documentation regarding the incident in March 1997 it will be held on these files, although I very much doubt we would hold such information. Again, exemption s.22 applies. We hold no information on an incident in Texas in 2008.

I hope this is helpful.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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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.

AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 28-01-2009-121425-001 & 18-02-2009-093243-009

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Section 40 [redacted] has asked for information regarding a wide range of UFO incidents. In Cornwall, RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury in 1993, Manchester in 1995, Belgium in 1989, Flying Triangle sightings for the period 2006-08, over the Channel Islands in 2007, involving an Air France airliner in 1994 together with various sightings in the USA. Actual requests are attached.

Background

Flying Triangles are a type of UFO and sightings for the period 2006-08 are available for viewing on the MoD website alongside any other UFO sightings. Documents relating to the Channel Islands sighting are available for viewing on the MoD website.

Information relating to RAF Cosford, RAF Shawbury and Cornwall in 1993 will be made available to the applicant in redacted format. The redactions, which all come under Section 40 (Personal Information) have already been agreed with DG Info and placed in the public domain in the same manner as the Rendlesham file.

Any information relating to the Belgium, Manchester and Air France sightings will be released in due course as part of the UFO File release programme. As will any information held on the US sightings, although it is doubtful there actually is any.

We have no information regarding a sighting in Texas in 2008.

A PIT examining the case for withholding information relating to the Belgium, Manchester and Air France sightings on the grounds it is due for future publication is outlined below and will be included in the response.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

Information not disclosed (detail)	**FOIA exemption Specify section**	**Reason for application of exemption**	**PIT carried out? (Y/N)[1]**
Personal details, including names, telephone numbers, room numbers etc	40	Personal data	N
UFO documentation 1992-2007	22	Information intended for future publication	Y

[1] If Yes, please attach details of PIT.

The following comments will be made to the applicant:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 15 January 2009 asking for documentation regarding Flying Triangle sightings between 2006-08, UFO incidents at RAF Cosford, RAF Shawbury and Cornwall in 1993, in Belgium in 1989, over the Channel Islands in April 2007 and an incident involving an Air France flight from Nice to London in 1994.

Additionally, you wrote to Air Marshal Moran ~~Mason~~ regarding the incidents at RAF Cosford, RAF Shawbury and Cornwall in 1993, Manchester in 1995 and a number of incidents in the USA. Since January 2009 this branch has lead responsibility for UFO matters within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) following a reorganisation of work and your letter has been passed to us to answer alongside your FOI request.

Details of UFO sightings for the period 2006-2008, which would include any Flying Triangles are now available for viewing on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under the phrase *UFO Reports*.

The information regarding the RAF Cosford, RAF Shawbury and Cornwall incidents is contained in a MoD file covering the sightings in late March 1993. This file was previously available on the MoD website but was removed for copyright reasons (it is possible you may already have seen it on the internet). If you will let me know whether you require a paper copy or an electronic version, I will arrange for it to be sent to you.

UFO files covering the period 1967-1992 have been passed to The National Archives and are available for public viewing on their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. Information relating to the Belgian incident may be found in the files available there. However, I am also aware that some later correspondence relating to this matter is also contained in files due for transfer to The National Archives later this year. These files will cover the period 1992 to 2000 and will therefore also include any information we may have on the Air France incident in 1994 and the British Airways incident near Manchester 1995.

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 file being released to the public as it will enable them to have a more informed view of the MoD's role in this incident, there is no overriding reason why the public should have the information immediately. Indeed it could be argued, that by releasing files in chronological order, the public will be able to follow the role of the MoD in a more logical and orderly fashion, and to view actions in their correct historical perspective.

It is part of effective administration of government that the publication of information is planned and managed within the department responsible. The release of this file will undermine this release process, and delay the release of other files (which other members of the public may be waiting for) as work on them would necessarily have to be put off.

Finally, the release programme itself is complicated and the release of files out of sequence will result in unnecessary confusion for the MoD, The National Archives and, indeed, the public when they are attempting to track files once they are transferred.

It is for these reasons that we do not believe it would be in the public interest to release these files at this moment

Turning to the incident over the Channel Islands, the limited documentation we hold on the matter can be viewed on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching in our Disclosure Log under the phrase *Channel Islands*.

I am not aware of the MoD holding any information relating to the incidents in the USA that you mention. However, since a number of them are now quite old, you might wish to look at the files in The National Archives. As explained above, our files for the year 1997 are due for transfer to The National Archives later this year. If we hold any documentation regarding the incident in March 1997 it will be held on these files, although I very much doubt we would hold such information. Again, exemption s.22 applies. We hold no information on an incident in Texas in 2008.

I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: T M KENNEDY

Date: 19 Feb 09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

28-01-2009-121425-008

Jan 15 2009

This is a freedom of information Act Request for any new Flying Triangle sightings reports since 2006 to 2008 Im collecting and compairing & studying them still going strong on my 10 yr Study Project I've also contacted Air Chief Marshal Christpher Moran at UFO HQ RAF High Wycombe to enquire about a few Flying Triangle sightings from 1993 RAF Cosford in the West Midlands RAF Shawbury Shropshire in 1993 I'm looking for any documentation to support these encounters really happened and sightings over the sea side town of Cornwall when a silent Flying Triangle Craft with 3 white lights one in each corner and a red flashing beacon light in the bottom Center in 1989 Upon Belguim Air Force Gen Wilfred De Braur tracked on radar a Flying Triangle on the evening of Nov 29 in a small area of eastern Belguim 140 sightings were reported Hundreds of people saw a majestic triangular Craft with a span of approximately 120 ft powerful beaming spot lights moving very slowly without any noise but in several case accelerating to high speeds SOBEPS Ufo Research 650 investigations & recorded more than 400 hrs. of audio eyewittness reports Belguim Air Force Scrambled 2 F-16 to identify registered rapid changes in speed & altitude tracked on NATO Ground based radar

X Jean Charles Duboc retired Air France Capt. during Air France Flight 3532 from Nice to London on January 28 1994 Observed with his Crew a daylight UFO near Paris 1:00pm visibility was excellent with some clouds it seemed to be a huge flying Disc at 35,000 ft we were at 39,000 ft 25 nautical miles red brown with blurred outlines 1000 ft wide it then became transparent & disappeared in about 10 to 20 seconds

X In April 2007 Ray Bowyer Captain Aurigny Airlines Observed a UFO estmated as being up to a mile long visible from about 50 miles away in the vicinity of the Channle Islands An anomalous radar return was detected and was reported to the BBC I would like to request a waiver of fees for reproduction of documents Cost Thank you for your time

Sincerley Section 40 [redacted]

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Jan 15 2009

Hello Cheif Air Marshal Chris Moran
allow me to introduce my self my name is
Section 40 [redacted] I am a Mufon field
Investigator for the Mutual Ufo Network
it has come to my attention that RAF- High
Wycombe HQ has become the depository
for ufo sightings reports I have been
collecting & compairing & studying Flying-
Triangles over the past 10 year's I also
have The MOD May 2008 & Oct 20 2008 ufo
sightings reports New release documents
as well as Dec 25-26 1980-81 Rendleshamforest
ufo documents I also have copied The
Canadian National Archives ufo sightings
& non Metiorlogical sightings reports that
I reproduced off of Micro film as well as
Nov 16 1967 Shagharbor ufo Crash document's
I also have USAF Project Sighn, Grudge, 1949
and Project Blue book 1966-69 ufo sightings
reports I use all the material for refrence
in my ufo Research I have also sent a letter
to President elect Barack Obama regaurding
Release our Goverments ufo information
to the general public I hope that our 2
Countries Can exchange information my
primary intrest is Flying Triangles sighting's
last year alone I followed up on 501
investigations and sent out over 300 FOIA's
to USAF bases from all around these
United States I write this letter to you
in hope it makes it to you by April 3 2009
in time you take Command Ufo Hq RAF High Wycombe

I look forward to dealing with you in the near future I also have contacts at the MOD & CAA for pilot ufo sightings please feel free to check out my website at www.ufovidmag.com I will be posting Nov 12 2007 National Press Clubs 14 man panle discussing Ufo Disclouser guest include Belguim Airforce Gen Wilfred De Braur 1989 Flying Triangle on radar Dr Claude Poher Gepan group of France Jean-Charles Duboc retired Air France Captain During Air France Flight 3532 from Nice to London on Jan 28 1994 observed a daylight UFO near Paris at 1:00 pm. Jean-Claude Ribes Astronomer Working for the French Cometa 1963-1998 last March Jacques Patenet current director of GEIPAN released The French UFO Files to the public 1,600 sightings spanning 5 decades. Parviz Jafari Gen. Iranian Air Force Ret. in 1976 as a major & squadron Commander he was ordered to by Air Force Command to intercept a large UFO over Tehran Rodrigo Bravo Garrido Capt & Pilot Aviation Army of Chile in 2000 was assighned to conduct an internal study titled Introduction to Anomalous Aerial Phenomenon involving UAP military plane encounters for the last several years. Comandante Oscar Alfonso Santa Maria Huertas Commander with Peruvian Air Force in 1980 while a FAP Lieutenant encountered a UFO in his SU-22 "Sukoi"

Ray Bower Captain Aurigny Airlines in April 2007 he observed a UFO estimated as being a mile long visible from about 50 miles away in the vicinity of the Channle Islands, Nick Pope Ufo Desk at the MOD from 1985-2006 1991 to 1994 he was desk officer responsible for investigating officially documented UFO Sightings, Jim Penniston Tsgt. USAF Ret. he witnessed a triangular craft landed in Rendleshamforest He conducted a 45 min. ground investigation and filed an official report, Charles Halt Col. USAF Ret. Duputy Base Commander of RAF Bentwaters in 1980 he witnessed multiple UFOs at close range with 6 other military personnel He also saw a UFO shooting beams into Weapons storage area's at the base We have had similar encounters in 1980 here Kirtland AFB Manazano Nuclear Weapons storage area Coyote Canyon SAT Team was alerted Was investigated by AFOSI Richard C Doty as well as Ufo encoursions back in 1975 Minot AFB, Malstrom AFB, Falconridge, all of our Northern tier bases 24 minuteman ICBMs were taken off line after Ufo hovering above Loring AFB launch site emitted an EMP burst 1967 Robert Jacobs photographed missle test from Vandenburg AFB, Ca a UFO circled an Atlas II in mid flight fired a green lazer beam and exits the area then the missle exploded. In ~~Aug~~ Sept 25 1974 We recovered a flying Saucer that

had collided with a plane leaving El Paso, Tx
the UFO was tracked 200,000 Mph at 97,000 ft
Aug 26 at 8:04 pm US Goverment intercepted
Mexican Military Searching for Silver UFO
just outside Coyme Mexico US Army put
together a recovery team out of Fort Bliss, Tx
3 hughes helicopters & 1 Sea Stallion located
UFO on flat bed truck Aug 27 1974 the UFO
Was 16 ft in diameter 1,500 Lbs.
1978 another UFO was shot down by Hawk missle
near Fort Bliss according to my neibor
who told me about it violating his National
Security Oath he sighned
John Callahan Ret, FAA Crash Investigator
for 6 years during 1980s he investigated
Japanese Airliner 747 flight was followed
by a ufo for 31 min worth of radar data
over Alaska The Ufo also trailed a United-
Airlines until it landed, March 13 1997
a large V shaped Boomerang UFO hovered
above Phoenix Arizona a massive craft
you could have parked 50 B-2 Stealth
bombers on each wing was witnessed
by City Councle Woman Francis Barwood
who ask the US goverment to investigate.
Jan 8 2008 Stevenville Texas had a UFO
encounted I investigated personally
by sending out several FOIA requests
I also wrote to President George W Bush jr.
because the UFO was headed towards
Crawford Ranch and Restricted Airspace
my email is Section 40 redacted .Com I look
forward to hearing from you. Section 40

I am perticularly intrested in a sighting that happened back in 1993 a Flying Triangle Shaped Craft firing a narrow beam of light on to the ground and emitting a low frequency humming sound like a high voltage transformer that was spotted flying over RAF Cosford in the West Midlands and RAF Shawbury in Shropshire in 1993 and sightings of similar triangular craft with 3 white lights one in each corner and red flashing beacon light in bottom center was witnessed flying silently over Sea side town of Cornwall by British Police officers I've already sent the MOD FOIAs about the encounter They could neither Confirm or denie such a inncident happened I also Contacted U.K. Phenomena Research Association Ufo Researcher Omar Fowler he sent me some material I also wrote to UFO Research Midlands Gary Heseltine Leeds badge 1877 with no response Iim interested in any documentation to support that these UFO encounters did happen in 1995 British Airliner had a near miss after departing Manchester with a green glowing Flying Triangle I Contacted the CAA-MOD to aquire the UFO documents to support my investigation enquiries I have up to 2006 MOD provided me material I hope you will do the same in the near future I look forward to an exchange of information

Sincerly [redacted] Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 19 February 2009 11:06
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised:20090219-FOI Response part 2 Section 40 UFO Sightings 05-01-2009-140927-001-U
Attachments: 20090218-FOI Response Section 40 Attachment 05-01-200-9-140927-001-U.pdf

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Further to my letter of 27 January 2009 regarding your Freedom of Information request of 30 December 2009, I attach copies of the information the Ministry of Defence holds on UFO incidents reported for 20th June 2008 near Kendal and 11th,12th and 14th July 2008 near Scarborough.

The names and contact details of individuals have been removed as they are not a substantive part of the information you requested.

I hope this is helpful and please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. I am afraid that I had some difficulty in retrieving the relevant files from archive.

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

ENCLOSURE 67

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 July 2008 16:15
To: [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sightings.

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your report of three 'unidentified flying objects' seen on the 11, 12 and 14 July 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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 three observations, I can confirm that for the 12 July 2008, we received four other UFO sighting reports, and they were from Surrey, Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[redacted]

From: feedback@www.mod.uk
Sent: 14 July 2008 11:50
To: webmaster@dgics.mod.uk
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 11:49:47

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firstname: [redacted]

towncity: [redacted]

statecounty: [redacted]

postzipcode: [redacted]

country: UK

e-mail: [redacted], 11th 12th 14th July 2008

informationrequest: Hi.

Am a Field Investigator #: [redacted] serious.

I'm wanting to report strange sightings in the sky of Scarborough UK what I could only describe them as other people around the United Kingdom and America are seeing them at the same time just before me. UFOs. On 11th July 2008 at about 11:30pm whilst at my Computer I saw a cork that glowed like an Angel fly up and over from Trees then on 12th July 2008 at 11:52am I saw a pea pod shaped colour white fly through a blue part of the sky then through a cloud. Then on 14th July 2008 at 2:14am whilst I was still wide awake in bed I saw yet another UFO shaped as a firey star on stary night and flied through a black sky for a few seconds and vanished.

You can check out my Video of real Aliens at www.youtube.com/[redacted] with Aliens in a white building and one Alien standing next to a Bush caught on my Webcam seeing days after the Aliens in the building behind President George Bush of USA that wasn't shown on Video.

I've got a copy of it on Dvd if you want a copy of it let me know.

Thought it's best to tell you since other people are seeing UFO Sightings at the moment and that it's not me seeing things and something is going on in England with these UFO Sightings. I don't know what thou something like that should be investigated as it could be a threat to the United Kingdom from enemy of other countries with WMD or something like that.

Someone senses something big is going to happen near the end of 2008 as there isn't much time left in 2008.

I would appreciate a reply and if not then I don't mind.

Not on anything not taking any medication and wasn't watching any Science Fiction Films Tele programmes at that time and I know a UFO in reality is real and that Films are inmitating life of UFOs. I know Films isn't real when they have a UFO concept to them cause I know their just Special & Visual Effects in UFO Films.

Thanks.

submit: Send Form

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 June 2008 15:44
To: [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear [redacted]

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 20 June 2008, the details of which you passed to the Westmorland Gazette. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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 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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a UFO sighting for the 20 June 2008, and that was from Doncaster in South Yorkshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 June 2008 13:38
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: FW: Strange lights over KENDAL, 30 MINUTE SIGHTING

To Whom It May Concern,

Below is a copy of an email I sent to a local newspaper concerning two sightings of orange lights over Kendal, Cumbria. If you'd like any questions answered don't hesitate to email.

Regards
[redacted]

20/6/08. 23:00.

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Strange lights over KENDAL, 30 MINUTE SIGHTING
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 08:53:36 +0200

[redacted]

The Sun may be interested in this. A telephone number and email address for their newsdesk is at the end of the article here:

http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1336870.ece
You can report it to the MoD via their das-ufo-office@mod.uk email address.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

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Message Received: Jun 25 2008, 07:01 PM
From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Strange lights over KENDAL, 30 MINUTE SIGHTING

Dear [redacted]

Below is the original copy of an email I sent to the Westmorland Gazette over sightings of orange objects over Kendal, Cumbria, on Friday and Monday nights. When I saw the picture of three lights in a cross formation in the Sun today, I felt compelled to email you about my sightings (see formation second from bottom)

I hope you read this. Sightings in this area have picked up at an enormous rate in the last few weeks, all documented in the local Gazette.

I also would like to email the MoD about the sightings, but can't find a contact address!

Kind Regards

[redacted]

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

From: [redacted]
To: newsdesk@kendal.newsquest.co.uk
Subject: FAO [redacted] RE: UFOs
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:42:12 +0100

Dear [redacted]

My name is [redacted] I am 19 and in Kendal. I have seen these orange lights in the sky on two occassions (see below) since Friday, and I can say with absolute certainty that these are not satellites, space debris or the ISS.

The first sighting was looking west of Kendal at around 11pm on Friday night. Quite low was a bright red/orange light which I assumed was a light of a communications antenna but then realised there aren't any in that area so I stopped and watched it. I then thought it must be a red flare, but a few seconds later a bright, phosphorus white light fell from the orange one, and drifted slowly towards the ground before disappearing. As soon as the white light disappeared the red one slowly faded out. The red light was completly static throughout the 10-15 second sighting.

This sighting was not enough to make me want to email the Gazette, as I thought there must be a logical explanation for it. However last night my girlfriend came running into the house, in Kendal, and told me and my brother to come outside (at around 11.15pm). She said she had just seen an orange star move from it's place in the sky, dart across in a straight line and then do a NINETY DEGREES TURN before stopping. How many satellites can do this? We stared at it, and realised there were 3 other dim orange lights, and they were constantly moving in a formation, as if they were trying to find the correct position. They came very close together, then very far apart, the one on the left went from the top of the triangle (the shape they had formed) to the bottom within 2 or 3 seconds. The lights finally settled in an arrow shape, ie:

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We watched for half an hour, but they weren't moving very much after that, but we noticed a new dimmer light above and to the right of the left light.

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This new dimmer one moved alot, and the bottom right one started moving more too.

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Our necks were hurting and we'd been staring for half an hour so we went outside, as they didn't seem to be moving any more. I went back out 5 minutes later to check up and they'd formed like this

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This is not an exaggeration, and I wouldn't have e-mailed if I didn't see this for such a long period last night. I hope with all the reports you are getting you can let me know if anyone else saw either of the sightings, so I don't think I'm going insane! The fact that my girlfriend saw a light do a right-angle turn proves [redacted] can't dismiss these sightings as space shuttles or satellites.

Regards

[redacted]

Get Started!

Messenger's gone Mobile! Get it now!

Get fish-slapping on Messenger! Play Now

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Section 40

Our Ref:
05-01-2009-140927-001

27 January 2009

Dear Section 40

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FILE NOTE: ELECTRONIC COPY OF REDACTION HELD ON RAF RIS SEC 13 LAPTOP NOT READILY HERE TO SAVE ON PAPER

AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 05-01-2009-140927-001

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20 June 2008	Kendal
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14 July 2008	Scarborough.

Background

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[1] If Yes, please attach details of PIT.

I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: T M KENNEDY

Date: 26/1/09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 18 January 2009 13:59
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 05-01-2009-140927-001

Hi Section 40

Many thanks. I am interested in any information you might hold on the following sigthings:

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11 July	Scarborough
12 July	Scarborough
14 July	Scarborough

Regards
Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]

To: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 10:53 AM
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 05-01-2009-140927-001

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Further to your Freedom of Information request of 30 December 2008, I have checked our records for UFO sightings in the Fylingdales and Cumbria areas for the period 1 May to 31 July 2008 and have come up with 9 sightings which might be of interest to you.

They are:

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I have nothing relevant for May.
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Section 40 [redacted]
RAF Bus Sec 13
Room 2E03
Spitfire Block
HQ Air Command
RAF High Wycombe
HP14 4UE

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 16 January 2009 10:53
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Subject: Release-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 05-01-2009-140927-001

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 05 January 2009 17:37
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 05-01-2008-140927-001

Section 40

Many thanks. A paper copy please. My address is:

Section 40
WELWYN GARDEN CITY
Herts Section 40

Regards

Section 40

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2009 3:07 PM
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 05-01-2008-140927-001

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I will deal with the second half of your request shortly.

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Sent: 05 January 2009 15:08
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Log up:

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 30 December 2008 12:58

To: Section 40

Subject: Rendlesham forest

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UFO Sub Matter Dated

05-01-2009-
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Section 40

St Neots
Cambridgeshire
Section 40

Our Ref:
22-01-2009-084619-001

16 February 2009

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AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40

Case Number: 20-01--2009-084619-001

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Grade/Rank: SCS Name: T. M. KENNEDY

Date: 16 Feb 09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted] .....

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 20 January 2009 08:50
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 20-01-2009-084619-001 Section 40

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: 19 January 2009 20:46
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 20-01-2009-084619-001 Section 40

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

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: Section 40 [redacted]
txtaddress1: [redacted]
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: St.Neots
txtstatecountry: Cambridgeshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]
txtinforequest: I would like to submit a request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for paper copies regarding information/documents pertaining to the "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980," that are for public viewing.

Yours Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 13 February 2009 09:33
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090202-FOI Response Section 40 FO Reports 2007 onwards 22-01-2009-114231-001
Attachments: 20090211-Jan sightings-U.xls; 20080701-UFO Report Letter-u.pdf

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 22 January 2009 asking for details of all UFOs reported to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) since 1 January 2007. You also requested copies of the MoD response to in each case including any correspondence between the MoD and the individual making the response.

Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". I attach details of UFO sightings for January 2009.

The cost of providing you with copies of MoD responses to these sightings would require us to prepare in the region of 400 documents for release to you by removing any personal data which would exceed 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. That having been said, the overwhelming majority of responses would be very similar and I attach a sample copy for your information. The names and contact details of individuals have been removed from this document as they are not a substantive part of the information you requested.
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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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

Telephone (Direct dial)
(Switchboard)
(Fax) [redacted]

[redacted]

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2
Date:
1 July 2008

Dear [redacted]

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in June 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat 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 reports of 'UFO' sightings for Shirley, West Midlands in June 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 22 January 2009 11:31
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 22-01-2009-114231-001 Section 40

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

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: reporter
txtorganisation: Sunday Telegraph
txtaddress1: 111 Buckingham Palace Road
txtaddress2: -
txttowncity: London
txtstatecountry: -
txtzipcodepostcode: sw1w 0dt
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: Please could you provide details of all sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) reported to the MoD since January 1, 2007.

Could you also provide the MoD response in each case.

Could you provide the correspondence between the Ministry and the individual making the report, exempting names and addresses for reasons of data protection.

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3-4 Jan 09	N/A	Sandbach	Cheshire
4 Jan 09	N/A	Haslingdale/Rossendale	Lancashire
6 Jan 09	21:00	Northampton	Northamptonshire
6 Jan 09	N/A	Cardigan	Cardiganshire
8 Jan 09	04:40	Blackpool	Lancashire
9 Jan 09	N/A	Exeter	Devon
12 Jan 09	N/A	Old Coulson	Surrey
13 Jan 09	N/A	Leyton	London
13 Jan 09	20:15	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire
14 Jan 09	N/A	Leyton	London
18 Jan 09	N/A	Leyton	London
18 Jan 09	19:44	Lichfield	Staffordshire
19 Jan 09	N/A	Tarland	Aberdeenshire
23 Jan 09	20:58	Undy	Newport
23 Jan 09	20:40	Anlaby	Hull
23 Jan 09	21:40	West Cross	Swansea
24 Jan 09	23:05	Henleaze	Bristol
25 Jan 09	19:00	Livingston	West Lothian
25 Jan 09	18:00	Perton	West Midlands
26 Dec 08	N/A	Wymondham	Norfolk
26 Jan 09	21:45	Tarring	West Sussex
26 Jan 09	18:15	Bromley	Kent
26 Jan 09	17:15	Northholt	Middlesex
28 Jan 09	22:10	Grimsby	Lincolnshire
29 Jan 09	N/A	Colchester	Essex

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Strange lights. Eleven in total.
Five rather big orange things flew over the witness. He was terrified.
A green light with a white light on the outer rim. Flew over the hills and disappeared once it passed the motorway.
An object in the sky over Exeter
Saw a large shape in the sky. It didn't look like a helicopter but sounded like one and was very loud. It hovered for an hour. Then headed towards caterham where a friend saw it
Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs covering 13,14 and 18 Jan 09
Strange burning objects in the sky
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A bright yellow light. It vanished for a few seconds then reappeared.
A bright steady light in the sky. It then just moved and disappeared
Object had a large light on the front & a smaller red and green light on either side, as if on the ends of a planes wings. Base was a perfect square and black in colour. It made a quiet humming sound.
A very large ball (looked like a fireball). The object was small, but rather far away
Large ball of light. Light did not diminish. Very strange. Made no sound. Very strange.
Large spherical object, bright orange in colour. Much bigger than any plane or helicopter. Glowed brightly all over. Was completely soundless.
An extremely bright blue circular light. After diving down at steep angle, rising then diving again, it vanished.
Star shaped and very bright, brilliant white. Changing shape. No noise
Seven strange orange lights. Moving at great speed. Appeared one by one and remained stationary for 30 minutes before disappearing.
Four orange lights. At first mistook them for stars. Faded one by one
two moved higher then also vanished
like it before.
Light in the sky. Other lights falling or dripping from it to the ground. At first thought it was fireworks. Made no noise and was the size of a helicopter.
We keep getting flown over by aliens galore. They are dropping germs and we keep getting colds. Please send the RAF to USAF to stop them.

Jan 09	N/A	St Albans	Hertfordshire
Jan 09	N/A	Porthcawl	Mid Glamorgan
Jan 09	N/A	Warwick	Warwickshire
Jan 09	N/A	Colington	Edinburgh
Jan 09	N/A	Halifax	West Yorkshire
Jan 09	N/A	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire
Jan 09	N/A	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire
Jan 09	N/A	Llundudno	Clwyd
Jan 09	01:30	N/A	N/A
Jan 09	N/A	N/A	North Yorkshire
Jan 09	N/A	Carterton	Oxfordshire
Jan 09	N/A	Sawtry	Cambridgeshire

Something lit up the sky. There was smoke in the sky afterwards

Witness in back garden. A diamond shaped red light came towards him from the sea. Rear end of diamond was a blue light. It was incredibly hot as it passed overhead. No sound

An orange glowing object with a red light on the right-hand side.

Lights in the sky.

A silver disc shaped light seen for two minutes. Witness was in his lounge

A bright object travelling very fast overhead. Not a plane.

A cloud coloured, opal shaped, object shooting across the sky. Had been outside the individuals house for some nights and then one night. (Message received 21 Jan 09)

A bright orange light.

Over my house. It was massive. Unbelievable. The noise was incredible. I thought we were under nuclear attack.

Very curious. A very bright light, 4 times that of a star.

A very bright constant red light.

A UFO

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 11 February 2009 11:35
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised:20090128-FOI Request, Section 40 UFO Sightings 16-01-2009-113637-002-U
Attachments: 20090127-UFO Report-31 Dec 08-u.pdf; 20090127-UFO Report-Blairgowrie-u.pdf; 20090127-UFO Report-Chippenham Wilts-u.pdf; 20090127-UFO Report-Melton Mowbray-u.pdf; 20090127-UFO Report-Streatham Hill-u.pdf

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 15 January 2009 asking for information regarding UFO sightings over Greatstone on 1 January 2009 between 00:00 and 01:00am. Additionally, you asked for information on any other reports across the UK around that time.
This office has responsibility for UFO matters across the Ministry of Defence. To date we have received no UFO sightings for Greatstone. However, we have received a number of sightings for 31 December 2008 to 1 January 2009, details of which I attach for your information.
I hope this is helpful.

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UFO REPORT

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31 Dec 08	21:00	N/A	

DESCRIPTION

A ball of fire sitting in the sky. Changed from red to orange. A diamond shape. Moved up and down then shot backwards. Then moved in circles and finally shot up and dissappeared. Watched it for 15 minutes

POSITION OF OBSERVER

N/A

HOW OBSERVED

Naked Eye

DIRECTION SEEN

N/A

APPROX DISTANCE

N/A

MOVEMENTS SPEED

N/A

WEATHER CONDITIONS	TO WHOM REPORTED	OCCUPATION
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A

OTHER WITNESSES

N/A

REMARKS

UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
1 Jan 09	00:10	Blairgowrie	Perthshire

DESCRIPTION
Four bright orange lights in a group.

POSITION OF OBSERVER
N/A

HOW OBSERVED
Naked Eye

DIRECTION SEEN
N/A

APPROX DISTANCE
N/A

MOVEMENTS SPEED
N/A

WEATHER CONDITIONS	TO WHOM REPORTED	OCCUPATION
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A

OTHER WITNESSES
N/A

REMARKS

UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
1 Jan 09		Chippenham	Wiltshire

DESCRIPTION
A UFO

POSITION OF OBSERVER
N/A

HOW OBSERVED
Naked Eye

DIRECTION SEEN
N/A

APPROX DISTANCE
N/A

MOVEMENTS SPEED
N/A

WEATHER CONDITIONS	TO WHOM REPORTED	OCCUPATION
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OTHER WITNESSES
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REMARKS

UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
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DESCRIPTION

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POSITION OF OBSERVER

N/A

HOW OBSERVED

Naked Eye

DIRECTION SEEN

Facing north

APPROX DISTANCE

N/A

MOVEMENTS SPEED

N/A

WEATHER CONDITIONS	TO WHOM REPORTED	OCCUPATION
N/A	MoD website	N/A

OTHER WITNESSES

5 family and friends

REMARKS

UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
1 Jan 09		Streatham Hill	London

DESCRIPTION
Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky

POSITION OF OBSERVER
N/A

HOW OBSERVED
Naked Eye

DIRECTION SEEN
N/A

APPROX DISTANCE
N/A

MOVEMENTS SPEED
N/A

WEATHER CONDITIONS	TO WHOM REPORTED	OCCUPATION
N/A	Lambeth Police	N/A

OTHER WITNESSES
N/A

REMARKS

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 16 January 2009 11:38
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: Release-Authorised: foi email request PF 16-01-2009-113637-002 Section 40

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Sent: 15 January 2009 18:47
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PF 16-01-2009-113637-002 Section 40

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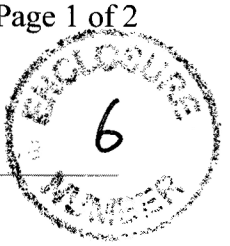
txtfirstname: Section 40 [redacted]
txtlastname: [redacted]
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]
txtinforequest: I request any information you may have about sightings of u.f.o.'s in the sky over Greatstone on the 1st of january 2009 at 12:00 am till 01:00 am.
Also any sightings reported over th U.K. around the same time.



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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 11 February 2009 10:59
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: 20090211-FOI Request Section 40 UFO Reports 06-09 14-01-2009-172448-006-U
Attachments: Jan sightings.xls

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 January 2009 asking for a full list of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence since January 2008. Additionally, you asked for details of the sighting, the location and the date of the sighting and when it was received. Also, you asked for the number of UFO sightings for the years 2006-2008.
Details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 are now available for public viewing on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under *UFO reports*. I attach details of UFO sightings for January 2009. In a number of cases we do not have the actual date of the sighting. The MoD does not keep a central catalogue of when each sighting was reported to us and in order to provide you with this information, we would need to back track through our files to create such a list. If having viewed the UFO records on the website you still require this information, please let me know.
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A UFO

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Sent: 14 January 2009 17:26
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Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 14-01-2009-172448-006 Section 40

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Subject: FOI written request PF 14-01-2009-172448-006 Section 40

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txtfirstname: Section 40
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txttowncity: London
txtstatecountry: London
txtzipcodepostcode: EC3R 6EN
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddres Section 40
txttelephone:
txtinforequest: I would like to request detailed information on the suspected UFO sightings that have been reported to the MOD has received since January 2008.

I would like a full list of the sightings, the date received and date seen where possible.

I would also like to know the town, county and a brief description of the sighting.

I would also like a figure for the total number of sightings for 2008, 2007 and 2006.

Many thanks

Section 40

Thank you,

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 09 February 2009 10:04
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: 20090209-FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 20-01-2009-084108-002 - UFO PHOTOGRAPHS Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 19 January 2009 asking for copies of photographs of UFOs that are either particularly interesting to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) or cannot be explained.
The MoD has UFO files dating back to the early 1990s. We do not hold separate files for UFO photographs, which, if retained, are filed on our standard paper files in date order. To provide you with the information you have requested, we would need to manually search over 120 files, the cost of which would far exceed the £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, if you could narrow the parameters of your request, perhaps to a couple of years, we may be able to assist you.
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. We do not therefore, routinely attempt to identify or explain objects seen in UFO photographs forwarded to us, hence the photographs are not categorised in any way. Our sole concern is to satisfy ourselves that the photographs are not of defence significance.

You may be interested to know 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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I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: foi email request PS 20-01-2009-084108-002 Section 40

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txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: could i recieve photos of UFO's that you have found to be very interesting, those which cannot be explained nor seem fake,

i have no idea what to ask for really people told me to ask here...1>.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 09 February 2009 09:33
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090203- FOI Response Section 40 UFO numbers statistics-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 January 2009 asking how many UFO sightings the MoD received in 2008 and when details of them would be posted on the MoD website.
The details (and hence numbers) are now available for public viewing on the website.
I hope this is helpful.
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23-01-2009-150533-013

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From: Section 40

Sent: 23 January 2009 12:41

To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk

Cc: Section 40

Subject: UFO Sighting Figure 2008

Can you let me know how many UFO reports the MoD received in 2008? Additionally, do you know when the .pdf summary sheet of 2008 reports will be posted on the MoD website? Many thanks.

Best wishes,

Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 03 February 2009 13:23

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090203-FOI Request Section 40 - Military aircraft over Kilmarnock 06-01-2009-102545-016-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 5 January 2009 asking whether there were any military aircraft in the area of Kilmarnock on 19 June 2008 at 2:10 am and whether anything unusual was detected by air traffic control.

The Ministry of Defence does not routinely retain radar tapes beyond 30 days and I am therefore unable to check this source to see if there were any military aircraft in the area at the time. I would say however, that whilst it is not very likely that military aircraft were operating in the area at that time of day, it cannot be completely ruled out. I am therefore pursuing your request with another branch within the MoD and am awaiting a response from them. I will write again as soon as I hear from that branch.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you fully.

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 06 January 2009 15:53
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FOI REQUEST 06-01-2009-102545-016

Section 40 [redacted]

I have received a FOI request (see below) asking whether any military aircraft were flying over Kilmarnock at 2:10am on 19th June 2008 and whether anything unusual was spotted on Scottish air traffic control. I believe we have to consider the second part of the question as asking whether the MoD detected anything unusual. As with all such requests, we run the risk of the process for answering the request turning into a mini UFO investigation!

However, can you tell whether there was anything military in the area at the time? (I assume the tapes have been wiped and I know from past experience that it will cost in excess of £600 to ask every flying station if they had aircraft flying at the time.) Secondly, did any of the radar people log anything unusual for that time and location? I am keen that we don't set too many hares running on this as I am aware that your guys have other things to do!

I have just moved in to my new office but things are not fully up and running yet and my IT has not been sorted out, so you are best off e-mailing any response to my internet address below.

Happy to discuss.

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 05 January 2009 20:02
To: INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office
Subject: Research Enquiry

Received 06 Jan 2009

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

txtname: Section 40 [redacted]
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]
txtcountry: UK
txtrequest: I was given the M.O.D. details after I made enquiries to NATS - the air traffic control service; and do not know who best to contact with this enquiry as it is relating to UFOs.
I am a certified UFO Field Investigator for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) and am currently investigating a possible UFO sighting which happened on 19th June 2008 at 2.10am BST over Kilmarnock, Scotland. The object witnessed was an orange oval shape with 5 smaller star-like objects attached and were also orange. The witness says the object hovered and remained still for 5-10 minutes before accelerating off at tremendous speed eastward and disappeared in a flash. Due to this, the witness is sure it was not a helicopter.

My enquiries to the Police, Coastguard and local helicopter tour companies have shown no helicopter was flying in the area at the time in question.
I have made enquiries to nearby Prestwick airport as to whether anything unusual was detected on their radar- but have received no response!
I then enquired to nATS and Scottish Air traffic Control with the same question, and they said because my query was to do with UFOs to contact the M.O.D.
All I wish to know is whether any military aircraft was in that area near Kilmarnock on that date & time and if anything unusual was detected on Scottish Air traffic control.
I'd be most grateful for any information or if there is someone or a dept I need to contact.

Hoping you can assist me as this would help my investigations.

Regards,
Section 40 [redacted]

06/01/2009

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 06 January 2009 13:34
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: FW: release-authorised:20090106-UFO Enquiry-U PS 06-01-2009-102545-016 Section 40

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Dear Focal Point(s)

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Best regards

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From: Section 40 [redacted] **On Behalf Of** INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office
Sent: 06 January 2009 09:08

To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: release-authorised:20090106-UFO Enquiry-U PS 06-01-2009-102545-016Section 40

Dear FOI Team, can you take this enquiry on please.

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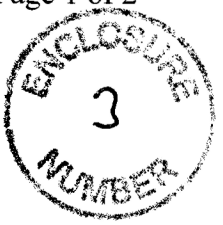

From: Section 40
Sent: 28 January 2009 11:11
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: 20090128-FOI Request Section 40 FO Carlisle 29-12-2008-133956-021

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for responding to my enquiry.

Numerous people have reported seeing these lights locally via the local press. It appears that these were Chinese lanterns which were on sale locally and released by members of the public at various times over the Festive season.

My apologies for wasting your time.
Yours sincerely
Section 40

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 10:16 AM
Subject: 20090128-FOI Request Section 40 FO Carlisle 29-12-2008-133956-021

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 28 December 2008, which reported orange lights over Carlisle on Christmas Day and asked whether they could have been caused by Meteorological Office equipment.

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I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from the Carlisle area for Christmas Day. As regards your question as to whether the lights could have been Meteorological Office equipment, I am afraid I do not hold such information. If you would like to contact them directly, their website address is www.metoffice.co.uk.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

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Sent: 28 December 2008 19:45
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PF 29-12-2008-133956-021 Section 40

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txtfirstname Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: RETIRED
txtorganisation: N/A
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: CARLISLE
txtstatecountry: CUMBRIA
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: Have you any information on a series of single bright orange lights crossing the sky north of Carlisle at 1040pm on Christmas day. Very much like aircraft nav lights, but much brighter and more orange in colour.
There were four or five in number, each roughly equally spaced some distance apart, and travelling from east to west. They appeared to retain a constant altitude and remained in view for approx 5+ minutes before disappearing from view approximately over the Solway Firth.
One of the lights appeared to split in two before falling/descending earthwards due north of Carlisle, the remainder continued westward.
Could these be Met Office items of equipment ex Spadeadam?
A reply would be appreciated.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 28 January 2009 11:22
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090128-UFO Report Section 40 Brightlingsea-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 13 January 2009 reporting an 'unidentified flying object', seen over Brightlingsea in Essex. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

Firstly, 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.

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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 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 have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Brightlingsea k this year. However, I will check whether military air defence staff are aware of any relevant unusual occurrence and will let you know accordingly.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 14 January 2009 08:14
To: Section 40
Cc:

Section 40

I have received a UFO sighting from a police officer and her ex-RAF boyfriend (See below).

As you may recall, if we receive a UFO sighting from police officers, we tend to give them slightly more attention than most as police officers are trained observers.

Did any of the radar people log any unusual occurrence for the time and place given? I am rather assuming that we did not have any major exercises taking place on New Year's Eve!

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From: Section 40
Sent: 13 January 2009 15:31
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: Strange sighting [RESTRICTED]

Classification: RESTRICTED
Dear Sir/ Madam,
Please forgive me if I have your information wrong.
I have been given advice from a colleague of mine to contact your self.
This was not reported to Police per say but I thought I ought to let you know as I saw it.
I have been a serving Police Officer for a number of years now and my Partner Karl Norman who was with me at the time is an ex serviceman in the RAF.
I was at my friends address in Brightlingsea, Essex on New Years Eve seeing in the New Year, just before midnight my self and my partner were in the back garden having a cigarette; I could hear fireworks in the distance so looked up to see if I could see them. In the sky was a bright orange/yellow light at first glance I ignored it thinking it was a trailing firework but then double took as it did not disappear. My immediate thought

w[redacted]ve are near water and perhaps that could explain the light but it still did not disappear, it moved very slowly in like a half circle around the top of us then stopped over the water between Brightlingsea and East Mersea. It was quite large and the night was extremely clear with no clouds or mist. I would hazard a guess about 1500 to 2000 feet up. It stayed perfectly still for about 3-4 minutes then appeared to shoot straight up in the air very fast, going completely out of view in less then 30 seconds, I must be honest I stood their a bit in awe and missed the start of the new year because of it. In fact I even called my friends daughter to see it!
It may be completely trivial to you and you may even press the delete button, but after a few days of wondering weather I was seeing things I saw the news about the Lincoln sightings and damage to the wind turbine I could have fallen off my seat it was very similar to what I saw New years eve. With Karl being ex RAF I asked him quite innocently what it was and he was as disturbed as I was with no answer!
I would not have bothered you with it in all honesty but having it play on my mind a few days I thought you were the best people to make the decision about weather it was worth your time or not.

If you have any questions or queries I will be happy to assist in any way possible.
My work contact details are attached to the bottom of this email, my personal Telephone numbers are as follows:
Tel: Section 40 [redacted]

Many thanks for your time,
Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Direct Dial: Section 40 [redacted]
Mobile:
Fax:
Email:
Website: www.essex.police.uk

Wivenhoe Police Station, 83 High Street, Wivenhoe, Colchester, C07 9AB
Opening hours: Fri 1pm – 3pm

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 14 January 2009 08:16
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: RE: FLYING - NEW YEARS EVE

The UK Low Flying System was closed and there would have been no low flying over the whole of the UK.

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 14 January 2009 08:03
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FLYING - NEW YEARS EVE

Section 40 [redacted]

I have a UFO report for New Years Eve over Brightlingsea in Essex. I don't have an exact time but would suggest between 11:00 pm and 1:00 am the next morning. The height has been estimated at 1500-2000, which would place it in the low flying system.

Whilst I am certain I already know the answer, can you confirm that we had nothing flying around that time and place?

Cheers.

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-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 23 January 2009 11:52
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PF 23-01-2009-175156-014 Section 40

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

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
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txttowncity: Newcastle Upon Tyne
txtstatecountry: Tyne & Wear
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtinforequest: In or around 1998/99 there was an alledged report of an UAP circulating the local press in West Germany after a German airliner was 'buzzed' by an object of unknown origin, as i understand it 2 Phantom jets were scrambled from RAF Wildenrath, further to this i have heard there was involvment by other personel from government sources as a full debrief was done after the object evaded the jets, i have also heard that at first the initial report was thought to be an IRA attack but this turned out to be false as it was found out that the load bang was a sonic boom from one of the jets.
I would be gratful if any and all reports could be forwarded to me at your earliest conveineince.

Best Regards

Section 40

ANSWERED UNDER 13-01-2009-175156-010
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Section 40

Newcastle upon Tyne
Section 40

Our Ref:
UFO Sighting Report

21 January 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 January 2009 asking any and all files regarding an alleged UFO incident over Cologne in 1988/89.

I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). The MoD UFO files for 1967 to 1992, which would cover the incident you are interested in, and any files prior to 1967 which have survived, have been passed to The National Archives at 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.

You may also be interested to know that the MoD has a programme to transfer a further 150 files covering the period up to 2007 to The National Archives by the end of 2010. The MoD has also 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*". Details for 2008 will be added shortly.

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Section 40 [redacted]

15-09-2008-100822-001

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 13 September 2008 23:04
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Rendlesham

May I request the "UFO incident at Rendlesham Forest in 1980" documents, please?

CLOSED 19 JAN 09

APPLICANT HAS NOT RESPONDED TO CLARIFICATION REQUEST

RAF Bus Sec 13

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]

Sent: 09 October 2008 09:45

To: Section 40 [redacted]

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 15-09-2008-100822-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 13 September 2008 asking for the MoD's Rendlsham incident documentation.

I can provide you with a copy of the relevant file but due to its size, I am unable to e-mail it to you. If you provide me with a postal address I can provide you with a PDF copy of the file on disk.

Section 40 [redacted]
DAS-FOI
05-H-Section 40
MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 08 January 2009 10:17
To: [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 15-09-2008-100822-001

Dear [redacted]

I wrote to you on 9 October explaining that I was unable to e-mail you a copy of the Rendlesham file but that I could send you a copy on disk on paper if you let me know which you preferred.

I should be grateful if you would let me know your preference in this matter.

Please note the change of address below.

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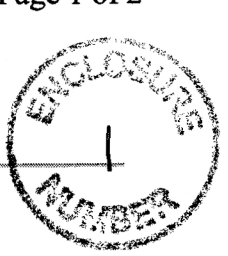

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 16 January 2009 13:30
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 12-01-2009-083541-008 SPACECRAFT OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 8 January 2009 asking for any information on "space-craft" of unknown origin investigated by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). By unknown origin, I assume that you mean extra-terrestrial. If this is not the case, please let me know.

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 extra-terrestrial 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 extra-terrestrial space-craft and therefore has not investigated any.
That having been said, the MoD receives a considerable number of reports each year concerning UFOs. Details of these reports for the period 1997-2007 can be found on our website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". Details of sightings for 2008 will be added shortly.
Additionally, the MoD has already released a great many of its files about UFOs which are now 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 files 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: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.
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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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16/01/2009

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From: Section 40
Sent: 12 January 2009 15:04
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information request - craft of unknown origin PS 12-01-2009-083541-008 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

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
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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: Section 40 [mailto:request-5641-909a9252@whatdotheyknow.com]
Sent: 08 January 2009 21:09
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: Freedom of Information request - craft of unknown origin PS 12-01-2009-083541-008 Section 40

Dear Sir or Madam,

would you please be able to send me any information you have concerning any supposed "space-craft" of unknown origin the M.o.D have investigated.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

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