

STATION RECORD FORM

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SERIAL No. : RECEIVED VIA : SUB-DIV CODE 7334/50 :
INITIAL CODES : DATE 26.12.70 : TIME :

0010E1--0411-03- 32 - W2E-- BEYOND EAST GATE TO RAF WOODBRIDGE
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ROUTINE
SEW SEW914 26120520
26/12/80/0411

SER.NO- 10E1 REC-PHONE S/D-W CODE(1)-32 0 0 CODE(2)-32 0 0

MESSAGE- WE HAVE A SIGHTING OF SOME UNUSUAL LIGHTS IN THE
SKY, HAVE SENT SOME UNARMED TROOPS TO INVESTIGATE,
WE ARE TERMING IT AS A U.F.O. AT PRESENT

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LOCATION- BEYOND EAST GATE TO RAF WOODBRIDGE

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INFORMER- A.I.C ARMOLD, LAW ENFORCEMENT DESK BENTWATERS

SECTOR- 03

ACTION(DIV)-

W2E 0417 0439 0513 E0862

ACTION(FHQ)-

E5P 0418 0436 0514 A0076

RESULT-

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL WEST DRAYTON CHECKED. NO KNOW
LEDGE OF AIRCRAFT. REPORTS RECEIVED OF AERIAL PHENO
MENAOVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT. ONLY
LIGHTS VISIBLE THIS AREA WAS FROM ORFORD LIGHT HO
USE. SEARCH MADE OF AREA- NEGATIVE. PCS 297 320

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ARRESTS- 00

SUMMONS- 00

REPORTED BY- E5P

GRID REF- 0 0

RESULTED BY- 76

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Law Enforcement Bentwaters report they
have found evidence of a craft landing
2 miles due East of the East Gate to
Woodbridge Air Base.

s.F40 Sgt. [REDACTED] to Cresswell attending.

s.F40 [REDACTED]

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ROUTINE
SEW SEW917 26121158
26/12/80/1030

SER.NO- 31A4 REC-PHONE S/D-W CODE(1)-32 0 0 CODE(2)-32 9 0

MESSAGE- WE HAVE HAD A CALL FROM THE L.E. AT BENTWATERS IN
REFERENCE TO THE U.F.O. REPORTED LAST NIGHT. WE
HAVE FOUND A PLACE WHERE A CRAFT OF SOME SORT SEEM
S TO HAVE LANDED.

LOCATION- APPROX. 2 MILES EAST OF THE EAST GATE AT BENTWATE
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s.F40 INFORMER- PC [REDACTED] WOOD S/DIV

SECTOR- 03

ACTION(DIV)- E0602

ACTION(FHQ)- A0604

W2R ATTENDING

A0604

RESULT- THERE WERE THREE MARKS IN THE AREA WHICH DID NOT
FOLLOW A SET PATTERN. THE IMPRESSIONS MADE BY THE
SE MARKS WERE OF NO DEPTH AND COULD HAVE BEEN MADE
BY AN ANIMAL. PC CRESSWELL ATTENDED

ARRESTS- 00.

SUMMONS- 00

REPORTED BY-

GRID REF- 0 0

RESULTED BY- 604

LATE ENTRY 26/12/80

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SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

Telephone No. 282178

FELIXSTOWE Police Station

32 High Road West
Felixstowe
Suffolk IP11 9JE

Our Ref: 18(2)F/88

27th October 1988

Dear Mr. [REDACTED] **s.F40**

I refer to your letter to Woodbridge Police Station dated 18th October 1988.

I can inform you that, at shortly after 4 a.m. on 26th December 1980, the police did receive a call reporting unusual lights being seen in the sky near R.A.F. Woodbridge. The police responded to this call, but there was no evidence to substantiate or indicate the presence of an unidentified flying object.

You may already be aware that three local residents also pursue your interest in U.F.O's and have written a book on this incident called 'Skycrash', namely, Brenda BUTLER, Dot STREET and Jenny RANGLES. Unfortunately, I do not know the name of the publishers, nor if it is still available for purchase.

I hope this helps you in your research.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
s.F40

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Superintendent - Felixstowe Sub Division

s.F40
[REDACTED]



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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All official correspondence should be addressed to the Chief Constable

Your Ref.

Our Ref. 25(3)3/83 DJ/SRP

23 November 1983

Dear Sir

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL LIGHTS IN THE SKY AT WOODBRIDGE ON 26 DECEMBER 80

With reference to your letter dated 3 November 83 which related to the above mentioned incident.

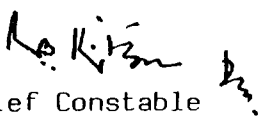
Police knowledge of this matter is limited to a telephone report of the alleged incident timed at 4.11 am on 26 December and received from a person at RAF Bentwaters together with the two subsequent visits to the location by police officers.

The first visit followed immediately the reported incident and the two officers who attended made a search of the area with a negative result. A note on the log indicates that Air Traffic Control at West Drayton were contacted and that there was no known knowledge of aircraft in that area to coincide with the time of the sighting. Mention is also made on the log of reports received of aerial phenomena over Southern England during that night. The only lights visible to the officers visiting the incident were those from Orford Light House.

A further report was received at 10.30 am on 26 December 80 from a staff member at RAF Bentwaters indicating that a place had been found where a craft of some sort could have landed. An officer attended and the area involved did bear three marks of an indeterminate pattern. The marks were apparently of no depth and the officer attending thought they could have been made by an animal.

It is considered little more would be gained by you making direct contact with the officers involved as the above information constitutes the sum of their knowledge in relation to this matter. It is hoped the information supplied will be of assistance to you in formulating your intended account of the circumstances.

Yours faithfully


Chief Constable

s.F40

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SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY



FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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MARTLESHAM HEATH
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Tel: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

DATE 18 January 2001

TO : Home Office Action Against Crime
and Disorder Unit

FAX NO. : s.F42 [REDACTED]

FOR ATTENTION OF : s.F40 [REDACTED] Public Order Section

ORIGINATOR : s.F40 [REDACTED] Executive Services Manager

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TEXT

s.F40 [REDACTED]

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As discussed please find a copy of a letter sent to [REDACTED] in July 1999 which may be of use. As also discussed due to the period elapsed since the 'incident' it has not been possible to locate any files (due to them being stored in a different location). Furthermore the situation is exacerbated by the fact that most police officers serving at that time have since retired (including the author of the attached letter!).

I trust this will suffice.

s.F40 [REDACTED]

Executive Services Manager

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P J Scott-Lee Esq. QPM
Chief Constable

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

28 July 1999

s.F40

Dear [REDACTED]

INCIDENT IN RENDLESHAM FOREST - DECEMBER 1980

I refer to your letter of 22 July 1999 in relation to a series of unusual events which allegedly occurred outside the perimeter of RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk, during the last week of December 1980.

A great deal of interest has understandably been generated in respect of this story, not least because of the apparent number and standing of witnesses. However, over the intervening years, various reports of the incident(s) seem to have taken on a life of their own to the extent that the 'sighting' details and corroborative evidence have been substantially embellished. This contrasts sharply with the views of the local police who attended at the time and did not perceive this occurrence as being anything unusual considering the festive significance of the date and expected high spirits.

Such a perception lends support to the lack of police documentary evidence and one needs to understand the minimalistic nature of rural policing in order to appreciate the answers which I will attempt to give to your questions. **s.F40**

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- (1) Both Pc [REDACTED] and Pc [REDACTED] have retired from the force but, being a long standing friend of the former, I have spoken to him recently and at great length in response to other similar journalistic enquiries. He does not recall making any official report and there is no evidence that one was made.

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- (2) [REDACTED] has confirmed that he and Pc [REDACTED] were in the Law Enforcement Office at RAF Bentwaters when they were diverted to a 'higher priority' task at Otley post office. As rural night-duty officers they would have sole responsibility for policing a huge territorial area (approx 400 square miles) and would certainly have treated a post office burglary as more important than a recurrence of an earlier incident which was seen as somewhat frivolous.

- (3) Pc Brian Cresswell's (also now retired) visit to the alleged landing site would not have generated more than a standard incident log unless he was convinced that something worth reporting had occurred.

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Pc [REDACTED] had discussed the matter with him and it appeared that all three officers were equally unimpressed with the nights events.

- (4) Civilian police officers were not employed in guarding the area surrounding the alleged landing site(s) or to deter access as there was no evidence to indicate that anything of immediate concern to the police had occurred.

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(5) There is no documentary evidence that police officers were involved in similar incidents on 27-31 December that year and Pc [REDACTED] cannot recall any further requests for police attendance.

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(6) Special Branch officers should have been aware of the incident(s) through having sight of the Incident Log(s) but would not have shown an interest unless there was evidence of a potential threat to national security. No such threat was evident.

I have tried to be as objective as possible with the answers provided and, like yourself, would undoubtedly be pleased to see a local incident such as this substantiated as an authentic 'UFO' experience. Pc [REDACTED] holds similar views to myself and returned to the forest site in daylight in case he had missed some evidence in the darkness. There was nothing to be seen and he remains unconvinced that the occurrence was genuine. The immediate area was swept by powerful light beams from a landing beacon at RAF Bentwaters and the Orfordness lighthouse. I know from personal experience that at night, in certain weather and cloud conditions, these beams were very pronounced and certainly caused strange visual effects.

If you have any other query in respect of this subject I will be pleased to discuss the issues further. My direct dial telephone number is [REDACTED] s.F42

Yours sincerely,



s.F40

Inspector - Operations (Planning)