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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
3 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky on July 10 have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations - such as satellites or meteorites - could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

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Date
3 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

When we met last week I promised to have a look for any papers that we might have concerning Lt Col Section 40 report of a crop circle.

I have managed to track down his original report, and I have attached a copy of this for you. I have not been able to track down the photographs (which I assume we returned) or a reply to Lt Col Section 40.

It appears that Lt Col Section 40 first became involved when a local farmer expressed a belief that the marks had been caused by Army Air Corps activity. As I explained when we met, there are two possible explanations as to why Army helicopters were subsequently seen flying over crop circles; the first reason is simply that the crews would doubtless be as fascinated as anybody else by the markings, and may well have flown routine training sorties over them in order to have a closer look; the second reason is that such markings might have been used as visual reference points in flying manoeuvres.

I hope that you, Section 40 and Section 40 found our meeting helpful; I certainly thought it was a useful session, and am sure that each of us now has a better understanding of what the others do! As I mentioned, I stand ready to assist with any queries you have, and to look at any material you send me, offering an opinion if I have one.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you the best of luck with your continuing research and investigations.

Yours sincerely,

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Our reference D/DAAC/23/GA

Date 6 Aug 85

UNUSUAL OCCURRANCE - MIDDLE WALLOP AREA

Reference:

A. Telecon Col Section 40 051730A Aug 85.

1. Enclosed are a brief report and polaroid photographs of the scene together with an extract from the HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE reporting similar occurrences.

2. Four films, 2 x 100mm Colour, 2 x 35mm Black and White, of ground and aerial photographs of the scene have been given to MOD CS(Rep S) Photography Section 40 with instructions to forward prints and negatives to you.

3. The films are the private property of Section 40 and I would therefore be grateful if the negatives could be returned to me as soon as possible so that I can give them back to him. (With some prints if possible for services rendered).

4. Purely incidentally, Section 40 was an official observer and film camera man at the BIKINI ATOL Atomic Explosion in 1952.

Section 40

Lt Col
SO2 Avn Stds HQ DAAC

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE (UFO?)

1. On Monday 5 Aug 1985 Section 40 [redacted] who farms near the AAC Centre, Middle Wallop telephoned to report some extraordinary depressions in a field of near ripe wheat, and asked, "What on earth we (THE AAC) were up to now?" I took the Aircraft Accident Investigation Officer (AIFSO) Maj [redacted] REME with me and went to inspect the scene.
Section 40

2. The site, Grid Reference 346392 was a vergin, un-weather damaged, near ripe field of wheat. We found the following:

a. An exactly circular hole in the wheat in which the wheat had been laid flat in a clockwise twist 40 ft in diameter. (As if a plank had been put with one end at the centre and then swept round in a complete circle). There were one or two stalks of wheat standing which had sprung upright again. The wheat on the edge of the circle was completely upright and undamaged.

b. Four separate, smaller circles approx twelve feet in diameter, exactly similar to the larger one. These were set in a precise square, NORTH/SOUTH and EAST/WEST, with their centres 43 paces from the centre of the large circle.

c. There were absolutely no tracks in the wheat. To have set the holes in such a precise pattern manually would have required a tape measure or string, and the users would have been bound to leave tracks in the wheat.

d. All but one of the holes touched onto the main furrows in the wheat, and could therefore be approached from the edge of the field without leaving tracks. However there was no way of moving from one to the other without leaving tracks in the wheat, except by going some 200 yards to the edge of the field, and then back down another main furrow. One of the smaller holes was completely isolated.

3. Maj Section 40 took some polaroid photographs which are included with this report. Section 40 a semi professional photographer, took some 120mm colour photographs. I subsequently took Section 40 and we photographed the scene from the air. By that time some half a dozen sight-seers were on the scene and a track, which had not been there when we were on the ground, had been made out to the isolated hole.

4. Present at the initial viewing were:

Lt Col Section 40 [redacted] AFC AAC
Maj Section 40 REME
Section 40 [redacted]
And two others

None of us could offer any reasonable explanation.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]
Lt Col
SO2 Avn Stds HQ DAAC

5 Aug 85

Abbotton Church Fete

spanding the usual fancy
s competition at Chilbolton
rch Fete, a parade with the
ne "Children of the World"
nd its way from the Green,
t Rise and through the vil-
, led by the Test Valley
ss Band. Children ranging
n pre-school to teenagers
e dressed in costumes from
ious parts of the world.
e for a mounted contingent
n the local riding school
outriders on BMX bikes,
children rode through the
age on a haywain, decorated
ctor and trailer, kindly
ed by Mr. Edward Painter.

The entries were judged by
Rev. C. Hubbard, Mr. David
rridale and Mrs. Angela
eridale, and prizewinners
re Charles Coats, Katherine
vin, Thomas Batchelor and
sica Jones.

Still on the theme of "Child-
of the World," there
s a competition to make
dwelling from another
untry, and prizewinners
re Rachel Prevett, Thomas
tchelor and Katherine Lewin.
e pre-school children were in-
ed to paint a picture on the
me theme and the winner in
is section was Andrew Lewin.

The village street was gaily
corated with bunting by vil-
ge organisations and groups,
d there was an excellent
tendance and all the stalls
ere well supported.

This year's very successful
te was held in the recently
stored threshing barn and
e lovely grounds of Bannuts
rm, with the kind permission
Mr. and Mrs. R. Yonell, and
pwards of £1800 was raised.

brought to an abrupt [illegible]
the ball burst, but the day
was saved when a new ball
was hurriedly produced from a
nearby house. The Plough
were the victors with a score of
2—1, and this obviously did not
prove popular with the Dolly
Birds who proceeded to pour
water over the referee. Vera
Woodruff captained the Plough
team of Pat Casey, Sharon
Kemnster, Sally Nicholson,
Melanie Gerrard, Debbie Welch,
Sue Ruff and Fran Piper. Dolly
Birds were Sue Rees (captain),
Kate Denehy, Georgina Wilson,
Wendy Denehy, Julie Harris, Ivy
Wright, Sue Smith and Sally
Rees.

The Children's Fancy Dress
Competition was judged by Miss
Dorothy Hunt from Alresford,
and her task was made harder
by such a variety of excellent
costumes. In the Under Five
Class the most original was
Lara Colvill as "Night and
Day," the most attractive Sarah
Kennedy as a Clown, and the
best made Liam Brozman as
a Cowboy. In the six to nine
years age group the most
attractive was Katie Kennedy
as a "Sugar Plum Fairy," and
the most original Rose Smith
as a Cat.

Strawberry teas were served
in the Village Hall, and the
final item on the programme
was a tug-of-war refereed by
Dave Bulpitt. Only four teams
entered this year, from the
Plough at Bishop's Sutton, the
H.F. at Cheriton, and two from
the Jolly Farmer at Bramdean.
The victors were the Jolly
Farmer A, with the H.F. second,
the Plough third and the Jolly
Farmer B fourth.

At the end of a very success-
ful afternoon £530 had been
raised by the Village Hall Com-
mittee, who had organised the
Fete.

Bishop's Waltham, who works for Solent Excavations, was married to Miss Carol Joy Millier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Millier, of "Fair View," Winchester-road, Bishop's Waltham, on June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham. The Rev. John Willard conducted the service.

The bride, who is a receptionist with T.N.T. Roadfreight, wore a cream three-quarter length gown, a pillbox hat and carried a bouquet of mauve and pink silk flowers when she was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by her sister (Patricia Millier), her niece (Viginia Whiting), both attired in lilac dresses with cream accessories, and her nephew, Gareth Millier.

The best man was Mr. David Grove; 146 guests attended the reception at the Jubilee Hall and when the couple left for an undisclosed destination, the bride wore a red suit with white accessories.

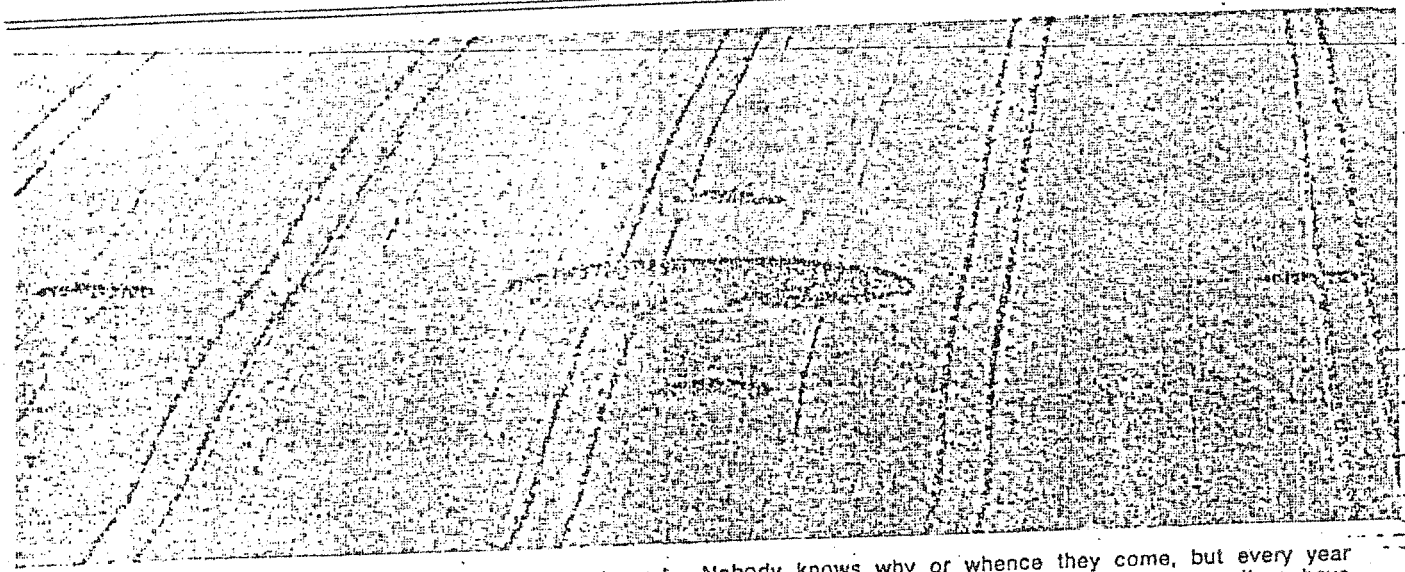
Founder's Day at Hordle House School

The parents of nearly all the local day children from Hordle House Prep. School, at Milford-on-Sea, together with many boarders' parents who had made long journeys, went to the school on June 29th, for Founder's Day, and the main event of the morning was a performance by some of the senior children of scenes from "The Merchant of Venice." At a previous performance, one of the infants from the Pre-Prep. School had been terrified by Shylock's realistic effort to get his pound of flesh from poor Antonio!

Country dancing by some of the junior children was supported by rhythmic clapping from the enthusiastic parents, and the last set piece was an exhibition of aerobics by a group of barefoot girls.

The school was open for parents to walk round, and the working models and computer displays in the Science Laboratory attracted great interest. Most of these had been made by senior children, and the exhibition in the Art Department was much admired.

Picnic lunches were eaten in the grounds, and the parents' cricket team, captained by Mr. Peter Tilby, home on leave from Nigeria, was defeated by the school 1st XI. by 16 runs. The balance of parental power was restored by the ladies' shooting team scoring 357 against the school's 296, and justice was maintained by the tennis match ending in a draw.



It's happened again! The Mystery Circles have returned. Nobody knows why or whence they come, but every year since the last war, the perfectly regular circles have appeared somewhere. For the last five or six years, they have materialised between Alresford and Winchester, first at Cheesefoot Head, this year at Matterley Farm, just off the A31. Similar phenomena have been reported in Australia, Canada, Sweden and in other parts of the British Isles including Westbury and Warminster. The largest in this group is about 40 feet across, the rest are 11 or 12 feet. In each the corn is swirled clockwise round the rings, whilst outside it is untouched. Normally — if anything about them can be called normal — they are in this configuration, the largest in the centre of a square, the smaller at each corner, although in 1982 at Cheesefoot, there were only three in a straight line. Theories abound about the cause, from vandalism to UFOs by way of micro-tornadoes. The truth is, we just don't know, but if they run true to form they will be back next year . . .

Hants Chron
12/7/85

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
2 August 1993

Dear Section 40

When we spoke on Friday I promised to let you have a note setting out the Ministry of Defence's policy and views on the UFO phenomenon.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do - and this has not been the case with any sighting to date - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Given this limited involvement with the subject, the Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor are there any staff employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive, which are usually limited to very brief details of what was seen, are passed to staff in departments concerned with the air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine them as part of their normal duties.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Some of the possible explanations include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, satellites in orbit or satellite debris re-entering the atmosphere, high altitude kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, searchlights or lasers reflecting off clouds, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. As you are also doubtless aware, some reports turn out to be hoaxes. Having said this, we accept that there will always be some sightings that appear to defy explanation, and we remain open-minded about these.

The Ministry of Defence does not release material on the subject "en bloc", because, as is the case with all government departments, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the Public Records Act, and generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Prior to 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed after five years, although a small number of files survived, and may be viewed at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DV. The reference numbers of these files are as follows:

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

The files we hold in this office go back to about 1985, so we are able to answer specific queries that people have about particular sightings which have occurred in recent years, and can let them know whether we have a report on the incident, and if so, what it contains. Most of the reports that we have are relatively unexciting, and refer to little more than a vague shape or light in the sky, as opposed to the more exotic "close encounter" reports that are sometimes written about. For whatever reason, these sorts of cases tend to be reported to the UFO groups, and not to us.

I have attached for your information a copy of the form that we use to record UFO sightings.

I hope this is helpful, and has helped explain our position.

Yours Sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
G Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	

K. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
L. Name & Address of Informant	
M. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
N. Other Witnesses	
O. Date, Time of Receipt	
P. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
Q. Remarks	

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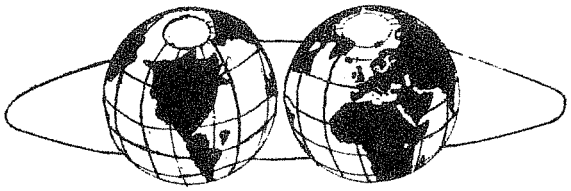

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26th July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you very much for your information regarding UFO files etc.,the matter will be looked into when the release date has been reached.

We did note that there has been a few sightings around the Section 40 Lightship, we ourselves have had to advise this to some of our enquirers.

Another popular rash of sightings is also connected with laser light shows although we find now that there is more awareness to these although distances can often be deceptive as they do travel up high and sightings can be reported many miles from the actual show.

Thank you also for your statistic report on sightings, we did actually go to a UFO conference on Sunday in Bristol and met quite a few witnesses to the South-West sightings. The interesting thing about this is that there are now video recordings to many sightings that are occurring simply because people can afford these luxuries and it does make a more credible story than just photographs.

Please keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

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Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
30 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 July.

You asked for a breakdown of numbers of UFO sightings reported to the MOD. We have had 95 sightings so far this year. We do not usually break the figures down any further, but having had a quick look through the file, I can tell you that we have had 5 sightings reported to us during May, 18 during June, and 17 so far this month. Many of these recent sightings have almost certainly been generated by people having seen the Section 40 airship, which has been operating over London and surrounding areas recently. There has also been a recent wave of sightings in the Bristol area, although I understand that lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds might explain these. The largest wave of sightings so far this year was on 30/31 March; these sightings occurred mainly over the South-West, with most of the reports being from Devon, Cornwall and South Wales. The most common feature of these reports was that people reported having seen two bright white lights. It was not clear whether these were two separate objects flying in close formation, or whether they were lights from one object. There were conflicting reports about the speed, height and heading; the upshot was that no firm conclusions could be drawn, and the sightings remain unexplained. You may wish to be aware that the largest Perseid meteorite shower for many years is expected to occur on 11/12 August, with the best time for viewing likely to be 2am on 12 August; meteorites should be visible low in the North-Eastern sky. You will also wish to be aware that on Saturday 28 August there will be a Jean Michel Jarre concert at Wembley Stadium; this will involve one of the largest displays of lasers and searchlights ever seen in this country. You might like to put these dates in your diary and bear these events in mind if you receive any sightings.

You also asked about the structure and duties of this division; broadly speaking, Sec(AS) deals with secretariat aspects of RAF operations world-wide, with Sec(AS)2a having responsibility for operations on the NATO Southern Flank and the rest of the world. There is no special reason why the post that I hold also has responsibility for UFOs.

You asked about the D notice system. A Parliamentary Question on this subject was tabled in the House of Commons recently, and I have attached the appropriate extract from Hansard which sets out the changes that have been made. You will note that reference is made to an open government document which gives a full explanation of the system; if you would like to obtain a copy of this, I suggest

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that you contact your nearest HMSO bookshop. They will also have a copy of the recent government White Paper on Open Government, which you may find useful. I do not think that any of this will have any bearing on the subject of UFOs; we will continue with our policy of being as helpful as we can, within the terms of the Public Record Act, and subject to resource constraints - we would not, for example, answer a query which would involve disproportionate effort.

As you know from previous correspondence, prior to 1967 all but a handful of UFO files were routinely destroyed after five years or so, as there was not perceived to be sufficient public interest in the subject at the time to warrant the permanent retention of this material. I have had a recent look at the situation, and have discovered that because files were not destroyed immediately, surviving papers date from about 1962. The reason these reports have not yet been released is that they are in files where the last enclosures are more recent; as you know, files can only be released when the most recent enclosure is 30 years old. The good news is that, although it is not our practice to comment in detail on material that has not yet been released, I understand that two files (Public Record Office references AIR 2/16918 and AIR 2/17318) are due for release in January 1994. I suggest that you contact the Public Record Office early next year. From then onwards there should be a steady trickle of UFO files released each year. I have already written to the UFO groups about this.

I hope this is helpful, and has answered your questions; I know that the news in the previous paragraph will be particularly welcome!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

planned reduction in the number of ships in the fleet; and, in each case, what percentage of the personnel strength of the Royal Navy will be in sea-going appointments.

Mr. Hanley: There are currently 18,240 trained RN and WRNS personnel serving in sea-going appointments. This represents some 38 per cent. of the total trained manpower. The manpower requirement beyond 1995 will be kept under review in the light of changing circumstances but it is expected that the proportion of sea-going appointments will remain broadly the same.

Collision, Irish Sea

Mr. John D. Taylor: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will make a statement on the collision between the fishing trawler Amber Rose from Portavogie harbour and the submarine HMS Oppossum in the Irish sea on 14 July; if the submarine was submerged; and if the submarine's radar system was operational on that date.

Mr. Hanley: I can confirm that a minor collision occurred between the Royal Navy submarine HMS Oppossum and the fishing vessel Amber Rose in the Irish sea on 14 July. There were no casualties. HMS Oppossum was on the surface at the time of the collision. An investigation is under way to establish the full facts of the incident.

RAF Order of Battle

Dr. Hampson: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will make a statement of the current RAF order of battle.

Mr. Hanley: I refer my hon. Friend to annex D of the 1993 Statement on the Defence Estimates, "Defending Our Future" (Cm. 2270).

Radiation Sample Analysis

Mr. Llew Smith: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to his answer of 16 July, *Official Report*, column 710, what were the criteria adopted in choosing British Nuclear Fuels for the radiation sample analysis contract in 1992; and whether the renewal of BNFL's contract followed a process of competitive tendering.

Mr. Aitken: BNFL won the sample analysis contract in 1992, following competitive tendering during which it was judged to have offered the best bid in terms of value for money and technical competence. Competitive tendering was not considered appropriate for the 1993 renewal. The need to build up a consistent and reliable database makes it advisable to continue with the same contractor for at least three years, provided the technical performance is satisfactory.

Non-departmental Bodies

Mr. Meacher: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to his answer of 6 July, *Official Report*, column *113-14*, whether a register of interests of appointees to the executive non-departmental bodies sponsored by his Ministry is maintained by *(a)* his Department and *(b)* the various bodies; and whether such registers of interests are available for public scrutiny.

Mr. Hanley: A register of interests of appointees is not maintained centrally by my Department or by any of the executive non-departmental bodies. The Services Sound and Vision Corporation (SSVC) is, however, both a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. Its directors are required under company law to disclose any other directorships they hold. These disclosures are registered at Companies house and therefore available for public scrutiny.

Depots (Rail Connections)

Mr. Grocott: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many of his Department's depots had rail connections in *(a)* 1990, *(b)* 1991 and *(c)* 1992.

Mr. Hanley: The number of Ministry of Defence depots with rail connections was 37 in 1990, 21 in 1991 and 20 in 1992.

D Notice System

Mr. Kynoch: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence pursuant to his answer to the hon. Member for South Shields (Dr. Clark) of 26 October 1992, *Official Report*, column *510*, whether the review of the D notice system has been completed.

Mr. Hanley: Responsibility for the management of the D notice system lies with the Defence, Press and Broadcasting Committee (DPBC), a joint forum of Government and media representatives chaired by the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence. The DPBC decided last year to expand its annual review of the D notices to consider the purpose, scope and operation of the system in the light of international changes and the increased emphasis of openness in Government.

I understand that the DPBC has approved a number of significant changes to the D notice system as a result of the review. The number of notices has been reduced from eight to six and their content and style has been revised to make them more relevant and user-friendly. The notices will now be known as defence advisory notices, and the DPBC has become the Defence, Press and Broadcasting Advisory Committee, better to reflect the voluntary and advisory nature of the system.

The new notices are published today for the first time, with their introduction and an explanation of how the system works, in an open government document. They will come into effect on 1 August. Their publication is intended to promote a better understanding of the system and to be a contribution to greater openness. I am placing a copy of the open government document in the Library of the House.

Military Service Defence Agency

Mr. Kynoch: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what performance targets have been set for the Military Survey Defence Agency for 1993-94.

Mr. Hanley: The Military Survey Defence Agency key targets for 1993-94 are:

1. To deliver 3,600 man-days of uniformed personnel in support of operations.
2. To deliver 26,000 man-days of uniformed personnel in support of exercises and military training.
3. To implement the military survey modernisation project by starting the installation check and test phase by 1 October 1993.
4. To meet the following targets for pre-planned production and services:

Ministry of Defence,
Section 40
Secretariat(Air Staff)2a,
Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall,
London, SW1 2HB

Section 40

Date: July 26, 1993

Dear Section 40

It has been a while since we corresponded. I hope life is treating you well. I have been away in pursuit of some of the research work for a while.

I am writing to ask your assistance pertaining the following items please;

1. Could you provide me with a break down of number of UFO sightings for the second quarter of 1993, including July, on monthly basis.

2. Could you provide me with some information concerning the organizational structure and assigned duties of your department [AS]2a.

3. I noticed that the MOD has released material on the D-Notice. I would be most grateful if you could provide me either with a copy, or could direct this section of my inquiry to relevant MOD department for appropriate response.

I should add, that I am delighted to see that at last a policy of openness is prevailing in our Government establishment.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance in this regards and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
28 JUL 1993
ROUTE

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

E85

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
28 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange cigar-shaped object that you saw yesterday have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

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Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
28 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 July, in which you asked me to forward a letter to the lady in Cheshire who had reported what might be termed a "close encounter" incident to the Ministry of Defence.

I am afraid that I am not able to pass your letter on; while we will offer any witness to a sighting details of the UFO groups, we will not take any action which might result in a witness receiving an unsolicited approach from a UFO group or researcher. Furthermore, in this specific case it is clear that the lady concerned was very upset by her experience. I do not believe it would be fair to revive memories of whatever happened, so long after an experience that she may well be trying to put out of her mind.

I know this will be a disappointing reply, but I hope you will appreciate the reasons for my decision. I am returning the papers you sent.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a
RoomSection 40
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

22 July 1993

Your Ref: D/SEC(AS)12/3

Dear Sir,

With reference to the attached photocopy of a letter sent to the Ministry of Defence from a lady in Cheshire, and the attached Ministry response.

If possible could you forward the enclosed unaddressed envelope, containing my letter, to the lady in question in order to give her the opportunity of writing to me.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Respectfully,

Section 40

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P.S. You can open the envelope containing my letter of introduction if you wish to read it. Section 40

From: Section 40, Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Section 40
CPR International
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

The following paragraphs set out the Ministry of Defence's policy and views on the UFO and crop circle phenomena.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do - and this has not been the case with any sighting to date - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Given this limited involvement with the subject, the Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor are there any staff employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive, which are usually limited to very brief details of what was seen, are passed to staff in departments concerned with the air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine them as part of their normal duties.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Some of the possible explanations include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, satellites in orbit or satellite debris re-entering the atmosphere, high altitude kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, searchlights or lasers reflecting off clouds, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. As you are also doubtless aware, some reports turn out to be hoaxes. Having said this, we accept that there will always be some sightings that appear to defy explanation, and we remain open minded about these.

The Ministry of Defence does not release material on the subject "en bloc", because, as is the case with all government departments, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the Public Records Act, and generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Prior to 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed after five years, although a small number of files survived, and may be viewed at the Public Record Office. The files we hold in this office go back to about 1985, so we are able to answer specific queries that people have about particular sightings which have occurred in recent years, and can let them know whether we have a report on the incident, and if so, what it contains. Most of the reports that we have are relatively

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unexciting, and refer to little more than a vague shape or light in the sky, as opposed to the more exotic "close encounter" reports that are sometimes written about. I have attached for your information a copy of the form that we use to record UFO reports, together with a couple of actual reports; I have deleted the names and addresses of witnesses in accordance with our rules on witness confidentiality.

You may be interested to know the numbers of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence in recent years, so I have attached some figures that you may find useful, together with some maps which give the approximate location of recent year's sightings.

A number of recent reports were almost certainly sightings of an airship - illuminated from the inside. I have seen this myself, and can understand how, when seen from a distance, this generated reports of a bright cigar-shaped UFO. I mention this as a useful example of how an explanation can often be found for an apparently quite exotic UFO report. Other recent reports have been caused by lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds; such equipment is used increasingly in advertising and entertainment, especially at outdoor music festivals.

As I have explained previously, the Ministry of Defence is not involved in any research or investigation into the crop circle phenomenon, although we occasionally get questions on this subject, because of the perceived link between crop circles and the UFO phenomenon. Although having no responsibility for this subject, we will refer anybody who asks about them to organisations such as yours, in the same way as we will refer people who report or enquire about UFOs to groups such as BUFORA or Quest International. As is the case with UFOs, we hold no fixed views on crop circles, and remain open minded about this intriguing phenomenon.

I hope this is useful, and has helped explain our position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

FAXED COMMUNICATION - From CPR-International, USA Office.

CPR REF (QUOTE): L 486

FILE: F152

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

To: Ministry Of Defence (MOD) - Attn Section 40 - Room Section 40
From: Section 40 - CPR international - US Office.
Fax #:
Our Fax/Tel # Section 40
Faxed at approx:5:52 PM
Date:July 13, 1993
Pages: 1

Dear Section 40

Thank you very much for your fax dated 13th July.

I have spoken with my colleagues and they have agreed to fly to London as previously suggested.

I am grateful to you for your time and look forward to seeing you on the 27th July. I will be arriving in UK on Friday 16th July and can be contacted on the CPR - UK number from that date until 28th August. If you would like to suggest the time and place of our meeting, keeping in mind, we will be travelling from Wiltshire to London.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40
CPR International
Section 40
USA

Your reference
L 471
Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
13 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 July.

I was interested to hear what you had to say about the meeting in Virginia, and the briefings you are setting up. I should say, however, that the Ministry of Defence has no real part to play in the crop circle debate. Our only reason for showing an interest in this subject is because of the perceived link with the UFO phenomenon. Even here, I should point out that our role is very limited; we look at sighting reports as they come in, with a view to judging whether or not there is evidence of any threat to the UK. While many sightings remain unexplained, there has been no evidence to date of any such threat.

We are always interested to see the results of serious research, and are happy to explain our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon; I would, therefore, be happy to meet you and your colleagues on 27 July, although in view of our limited role I very much doubt that it would be worth Dr Jones and Dr Greer travelling over here specially. This, of course, is entirely up to them.

Perhaps you could telephone me in due course so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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CIRCLES PHENOMENON RESEARCH
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UK - USA - CANADA - AUSTRALIA - BELGIUM

CPR REF (QUOTE): **L 471**

FILE: **F152**

To: Ministry Of Defence (MOD) Attn Section 40
From Section 40 - CPR International - US Office.
Fax #
Our Fax/Tel # Section 40
Faxed at approx:11:50 AM
Date:July 09, 1993
Pages: 1

Dear Section 40

I have just returned to Connecticut from the meeting I invited you to attend in Virginia.

As promised I will make sure you receive copies of the minutes when I return to UK late next week.

The meeting agreed to seek Council Advice on our future policy regarding recent experimental results and those that might follow. As you know, we have reported aerial phenomena during some of the experiments and procedures that CSETI and CPR are currently involved. Two detailed briefing's are being set up at senior level in the American Government and at the Pentagon via senior Naval Intelligence offices. Meetings will shortly take place at the White House and the Pentagon and will be initiated by two of the attendees at the Virginia meeting, ie Commander Will Miller (US Naval Intelligence) and Dr C.B.Scott Jones (Former US Naval Intelligence and adviser to Sen Claiborne Pell, who is head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee).

Dr Scott Jones and Dr Steven Greer have offered to fly to London to join me at your offices in London for the meeting you and I agreed, on the telephone before I left for USA two weeks ago. I believe this meeting is of importance and I and would like our US friends to join us with your permission - I would also suggest you might like to consider asking other MOD or government contacts to join us, you might think it prudent to have your own boss attend. Can I suggest we meet on Tuesday 27th July ? if this is in order, I leave the time and place to you. An early reply would be much appreciated as my US colleagues have travelling plans to make.

Hope it is somewhat cooler in good old England than here - 103 degs (shade) in New York yesterday - Humidity is 90 % - almost impossible to work in.

Section 40

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange phenomenon that you saw in the sky yesterday have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To Wg Cdr Section 40
DI55c

From Sec (AS) 2a

Date 27/7/93

Tel. Section 40

Your ref. –

Our ref. D/Sec(AS) 12/3

Subject ALLEGED METHOD OF PREDICTING UFO SIGHTINGS

I've attached details of the evaluation of a couple of recent sightings; the blanked out section reads as follows: "I'm not surprised that the MOD PR person couldn't make head or tail of my graph! It would take an astronomer to recognise anything significant about it, and even so, the details would have to be explained. If MOD want to understand it, they only need to ask me for an explanation. In the meantime, let them carry on in ignorance, I say. At least, that way, it will remain unclassified information. Now, on to the evaluation:"

I'm extremely sceptical about this, but if you think it might be useful, I'll contact Section 40. Could you let me know if you think this would be worthwhile.

Also, have you heard anything about the [redacted] Section 40 incident mentioned at the end of page 2? I've been told Preston ATC picked something up on radar.

Rank/Appointment Eo

Name in Block Letters Section 40

Signature [redacted] Section 40

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Section 40

British UFO Research Association

23/7/93

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a.
M.O.D.
Whitehall. SW1A-2HB.

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter of 20th. inst. giving comments of Section 40 093/094.

By way of reciprocation I enclose herewith Section 40 evaluation of the two cases concerned I don't see any reason for disputing the satellite explanation for the Watford case and, due to its low priority, I think I can justly conclude investigations thereof.

Section 40 094 on the other hand is intriguing although the matter is eclipsed by this confounded airship which is generating so many spurious reports. I'll see what more I can find out from Section 40 in terms of flight patterns and light configurations to see if I can obtain a match. Thanking you for your cooperation

Yours,

Section 40

To:
Section 40
[redacted]

From:
Section 40
[redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

EVALUATION OF Section 40 [redacted] Ø93 20. 7. 93

Dear Section 40

Thanks for sending me copies of the latest reports: which I have tried to evaluate.

[redacted]

: REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

1) Watford, 3rd July,1993, 23:30 hrs BST.

First point: the two satellite-like objects seen were quite low down in the sky and neither their distance from the observer nor their altitude could be determined. Had they been satellites in the same low orbit they would have probably been situated at least 200 miles away to the west of Watford. The only strange feature of the report is in the allegation by the observer that the leading light appeared momentarily to move backwards, towards the trailing light.
The wavering and dancing motions are familiar to anyone accustomed to observing satellites (or stars) and are usually caused by scarcely detectable movements of the observer's body. They are particularly in evidence when observing through unsupported high-powered binoculars; and that could be the reason for the reported retrograde movement (or slowing) of the leading light, especially if, as I suspect, only one light had been visible through the binoculars at that time.
For these reasons, this report must be given a low credibility rating as a UFO event.
2nd point: if the objects were not satellites and were attached to something moving over Watford, then the timing of the event, when assessed by numerical computation (rather than graphically) would have placed it within 20 minutes of the nearest predicted UFO event time.
Unfortunately, this result is not close enough to cast serious doubt on the satellite idea.
(NB. As Watford is out on the fringe of the Greater London area, there was no guarantee that the catch-all graph based on Central London would have applied very well to that area. As things turned out, the prediction line running closest to the event time was common to both locations.)

EVALUATION OF Section 40 094.

2) Tottenham, London, 3rd July, 1993, 22:00 hours BST

The description of the object seen at quite close quarters in this event could have been one of the Section 40 airship, which you saw (in the direction of Tottenham) during the same time period. However, there are some puzzling aspects.

The event occurred just after sunset and the witness was looking out in a westerly direction: ie. into a bright evening sky. This means that all the objects seen would have been, to some extent, silhouetted against the sky. After the flame-like flash of light from the city-horizon had attracted his attention, the witness then saw "a sprinkling of lights, yellowish and white, in an upward direction" and "a darkish grey object and possibly two much smaller ones moved upwards and sidewards". So we have to ask the question as to whether the airship's mission that night involved pyrotechnics. If not, then that series of events cannot be explained by assuming the airship to be involved.
The other question to be asked is where that witnessed event actually did occur. From the directions given by the witness, it was probably somewhere in the Haringey/Hornsey area. Did the airship give a display at Haringay Stadium that night? These questions need answering.
Next question: Did the lighting configuration on the airship match that described by the witness when the disc-shaped luminous object hovered "motionless and soundless over the roof tops"? If not, then we have a true Unidentified Object.
The witness' estimate of size (a baseball cap at arms length) is almost certainly an exaggeration, being about the equivalent of an object 100ft long at 100 yards (metres) distance, but if the airship had been that close it would have been easily recognisable.)
As a genuine UFO event, the timing could not have been better! The time given when the flash was witnessed was within 3 minutes of prediction.

Verdict: This could turn out to be a very significant sighting and warrants further investigation.

NB. The presence of reservoirs in the vicinity of Haringay Stadium and within a mile to the East of the witness' location is interesting and should be noted.

I hope all that meets your requirements, Section 40 Now I wonder if you can give me any info about an alleged report on a Radio 4 early morning news bulletin last week. I've been told that an airliner (probably Section 40), flying under Preston Airways control at the time, was paced by a UFO for a short time and that the event was witnessed by crew members and passengers. Have you heard of it? If you have it on file already (as I suspect) there's no point in my irritating all concerned by following in your tracks and asking the same questions.

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
26 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky this morning have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
26 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on Saturday night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
23 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you and other witnesses saw in the sky last Sunday have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
22 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange blue lights that you saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. In this case I am aware that some very powerful searchlights have been used in the Bristol area recently, and I wonder whether this might have been what was causing the lights in the sky. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Your letter dated 15 July concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky on 3 July has been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings.

You mentioned that the first object you saw appeared to pass very close to a conventional jet aircraft, and expressed concern that this posed a danger of collision. I have investigated this incident, and can confirm that no airmiss report was filed. As you will know, if any pilot believes that their aircraft may have been endangered by the proximity of another aircraft, they are obliged to file an airmiss report.

I hope this is helpful. The CAA will not be replying separately.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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copy to CAA.

[redacted]

DATE;15/07/93

'THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.
PARLIMENT SQUARE,
LONDON.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(AS)2
20 JUL 1993

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

RE U. F. O. SIGHTED;SATURDAY 3rd JULY 1993 TORBAY.

ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 22.32 UTC HOURS (23.32 BST).

CLEAR NIGHT NO MOON EXCELLENT VIABILITY.

A LARGE BRIGHT LIGHT FOLLOWED BY A MUCH SMALLER WHITE OR SILVER LIGHT APPROX THREE AIRCRAFT LENGTHS BEHIND,NEITHER CARRYING CONVENTIONAL NAV LIGHTS,CROSSED THROUGH AIR CORRIDOR AMBER 25 ON A HEADING OF 120 DEGREES (MAGNETIC),OVERHEAD BERRYHEAD VOR. BETWEEN 12000' & 15000' HEIGHT AGL.NO ENGINE NOISE AUDIBLE.

A CONVENTIONAL JET AIRCRAFT FLYING ALONG IN AMBER 25 PASSED BEHIND THE ABOVE ????? 15 - 20 SECONDS LATER,AT A SIMILAR HEIGHT.THIS JET HAD ONE RED LIGHT ON ONE WING TIP,GREEN ON THE OTHER & A WHITE ONE ON THE REAR.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST ONE ?.WHY WAS IT CROSSING THROUGH AN AIR TRAFFIC LANE ?.PUTTING LIVES AT RISK WITH A NEAR MISS ?.
DID THE AIRCRAFT IN AMBER 25 SEE THE OTHER ?.

THIS OCCURANCE WAS WITNESSED BY MYSELF ALSO [redacted] 19, [redacted] 16 & [redacted] 9.

I HOLD A PRIVATE PILOTS LICENCE,HAVE 20/20 VISION AND NO MENTAL PROBLEMS,EXCEPT THOSE INFLICTED BY THIS GOVERNMENT. I.E.:- POLL TAX,COUNCIL TAX,HIGH WATER CHARGES,ETC,ETC,ETC!!!

YOURS SINCERELY

[redacted]

'JAWG : Sqn Ldr [redacted] "No airmiss reported"

Thank you for your recent enquiry which has been passed to me about a "near miss" involving a USAF F-111 and two RAF jet trainer aircraft on the 15 April 1993. I apologise for the delay.

We have investigated this incident but can now confirm that no "airmiss report" has been filed for your area for that date.

It may be helpful if I explain the airmiss system. An airmiss can be reported only by the pilot who believes that his aircraft may have been endangered by the proximity of another aircraft (or, in regulated airspace, where an Air Traffic Controller believes there has been a risk of collision). The decision whether to file an airmiss report or not is exclusively the pilot's and rests entirely on his subjective assessment of the circumstances. This is because it is very difficult for someone on the ground (even for experienced observers) to estimate the absolute and relative heights and speeds of aircraft, especially when the aircraft concerned are some distance away.

Since any pilot who considered that his aircraft has been endangered would have been obliged to report an airmiss, I hope that you will be reassured by the knowledge that no such report was considered necessary by the aircrew of either the aircraft you saw.

I can assure you that the RAF takes flight safety extremely seriously. This is reflected in the RAF's aircraft accident rate which has fallen to a consistently low level in the recent years.

I hope you find this helpful.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
20 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letters dated 14 and 15 July, and for taking the trouble to explain Section 40 theory.

With regard to the sighting referenced Section 40 093, there is little I can offer. As with any "LITS" case, aircraft lights of some sort must be a prime suspect, although I appreciate that Section 40 interest in astronomy might mean that he is familiar with aircraft lights at night, and less likely than some to make this sort of mistake. One other possibility might be that lasers or searchlights were involved, although I note that there was no cloud reported.

I am reasonably certain that the sighting referenced Section 40 094 was, as you suspected, caused by the Section 40 airship. However, the case is very interesting in terms of the reactions of the witnesses; it is also interesting that the top half of Section 40 sketch closely resembles the sort of "flying saucer" commonly seen in old science fiction films.

We have a number of reports on file for 3 July, but it is virtually certain that the object described was the airship.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Air Staff 2a.
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Whitehall

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
14 JUL 1993
FILE

Dear Section 40

Here we go again with yet another report.

As it happens, I was driving past Kenwood, Hampstead at about 7.30 pm on the evening in question and saw the Section 40 airship. I saw it again about a couple of hours later from my bedroom window and noted that the gas-bag was lit from the interior, but the Section 40 logo was plainly visible.

Now whether this was what Section 40 was observing I can't really say but it is a distinct possibility.

I've sent a copy to Section 40 for evaluation.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE

Standard

Case Title: FLYING SAUCER OVER TOTTENHAM.

Case summary to be completed by investigator only

BUFORA reference:

Investigator reference: Section 40 094

Investigation complete: YES | NO | (ON-GOING) — circle

Investigator(s): Section 40 [redacted]

Classification — State system used: FBI - 30

Observational date(s): SAT. 3/7/93

Location(s) using OS Grid Reference if possible: TOTTENHAM N. LONDON

Observational time [GMT/BST/LOCAL] using 24 hour system: 22.00 BST.

Evaluator: Section 40 [redacted]

Evaluation:

SECTION A Biographical Summary — START HERE ↓

To be completed by the witness

Full name *Mr/~~Mrs~~/~~Miss~~/~~Ms~~*: Section 40 [redacted]

Address: [redacted]

Date of birth: Section 40 [redacted]

Telephone number: Section 40 [redacted]

Even if you have already publicised your name, anonymity (please) regarding this report is automatically guaranteed by BUFORA Ltd.

Recent occupation: Section 40 [redacted]

Professional, technical or academic qualifications (if any): Section 40 [redacted]

Special interests/hobbies: CHESS, FOOTBALL.

Witness' signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 9/7/93

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SECTION B Written Account

Please write an account of what happened to you

I was sitting in my room reading for my exam's, I had opened the window and drawn the curtain's fully because it was rather hot, when out of the corner of my eye's, through the window, I saw a yellowish flash of light, like a cigarette lighter, as if rising from the ground. With the recent spate of IRA attacks in London I thought it might yet be another attack but there was no sound and as I looked for signs of fire and smoke there was a sprinkling of lights, yellowish and white, in an upward direction following the flash and a darkish grey object and possibly 2 much smaller ones moved upwards and sidewards.

On closer inspection I realised they were not smoke puffs and went to sit down but to my utter most surprise when I looked out again for smoke or fire from the "blast" the grey object had not only moved closer but was also growing really. It was disc shaped, luminous from all parts with two flashing lights on top and one below. The whole structure which was quite large, was about as long in diameter as a boeing commercial jet and hovered motionless and soundless over the roof tops. I phoned a friend off Westgreen road to ask if he could see it but his landlady said he wasn't in. I tried calling 150 for advice but they were not helpful. I then went over to my neighbours flat in the same building and started knocking. When he opened, he was entertaining two visitors. I told him to have a look outside to see if he could see what I was seeing! He did and started shouting it's a U.F.O, it's a U.F.O, his visitors also came to look and stared in awed silence. I asked him for a camera but he didn't have one. I ran downstairs and onto Section 40 I asked someone the time it was 10.20pm? After I heard watched it move out of sight to my left. I couldn't see it from the street and things looked normal so I went back home.

Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if required

SECTION C Object Characteristics

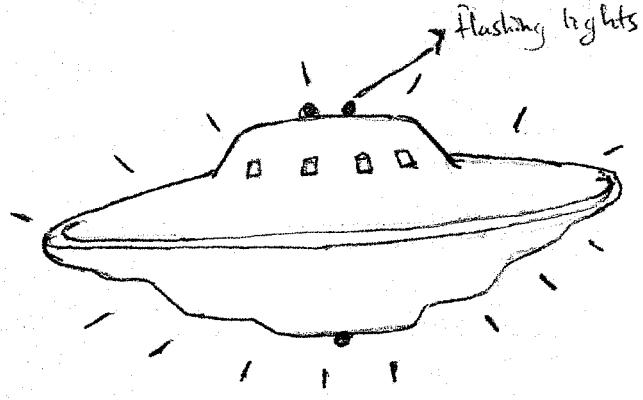
1) Please complete the following

Number of object(s) seen	One
Colour(s) of object(s) seen	Silvery, luminous.
Sound of object(s) seen	None
Smell of object(s) seen	None
Shape ($) of object(s) seen	Disc.
Clarity (&) of object(s) seen	Very clear
Brightness (+) of object(s) seen	Bright, luminous like a full moon.

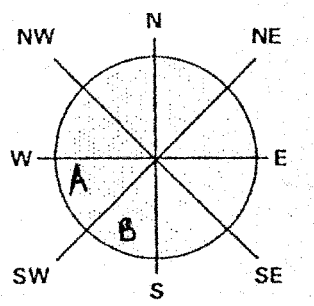
$ If other than a point source of light
& sharpness of the object's outline
+ (If any) compared to: star, moon, torch, arc lamp or sun etc.

SECTION C Object Characteristics (continued)

Please use this space to make a sketch of your observation



Position of object



Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write an 'A' on the dial where you first saw the object and a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D The Physical Characteristics of the Observation

2) Time when the object(s) was first seen.

About 10 | AM | PM (circle one option.)

3) Duration of observation. About 10 mins. estimate if unsure.

Duration more than _____ Mins./Secs.

But less than _____ Mins./Secs.

4) Where were you at the time of the incident?
Nearest street, district and main town. At home, see my address, Section 40 [redacted].

5) What first brought your attention to the object(s) seen and where was it/~~they~~ located?

The flash of yellow light through my window.

6) How did the object(s) disappear from view?

It moved slowly to my left until it disappeared from view

7) If estimates are given in questions 2, 3 and 5 above, how did you guage the time?
(watch, clock tower or radio etc). Watch and radio.

8) By holding one of these familiar items at arm's length, which one, in your estimation, would just cover the object(s) you saw.

Pin head	Pea	1p Piece	2p Piece	Golf-ball	Tennis-ball	Other Base ball cap

Circle one option.

9) Was the object(s) photographed, filmed or video recorded?
If yes, give details. NO

10) Were there any other witnesses to the object(s) you saw?
If yes, give names, addresses and telephone numbers where possible.

(1) My neighbour and his two visitors.
(2) An acquintance at park near St. Ann's hospital with 3 Turkish friends coming back from a fair in Tottenham.

SECTION E Other Characteristics Relating to the Observation

11) Did you, or the surrounding environment, suffer any physical effects which you consider to be attributable to the object(s) seen?
If yes, give details I felt deeply shocked and disturbed.

12) Did you experience any lack of awareness of the passage of time around the time of the observation?
If yes, describe.
No

13) If you have had any other 'unusual' experiences in your life please describe them
You may feel unable to describe such events here; if so please indicate that there are matters you wish to discuss in a meeting with the investigator.
Would like to discuss with investigator

14) Did anything 'odd' or 'out of place' occur around the time of the observation?
If yes, describe.
Nothing I remember.

15) Did any other witnesses experience anything in relation to questions 10, 11, 12 and 13?
If yes, describe. Witness at Perth was scared.

Section F Prevailing Weather During Observation

i) Clarity of Atmosphere	(Clear)	Hazy	Foggy		
ii) Cloud Cover	(None)	Quarter	Three Quarter	Total	
iii) Atmospheric Temperature	Freezing	Cold	Cool	Mild	(Warm)
iv) Precipitation	(Dry)	Rain	Snow	Lightning	Other
v) Wind Strength	(Still)	Breeze	Strong Wind	Gale-force	
v) Visible Astronomical Objects	(Stars)	Moon	Sun	Aurora Borealis	Shooting stars

Circle all appropriate responses

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Now please return it to your local investigator.
If you require guidance in answering any of the questions contained in this questionnaire please contact your investigator.

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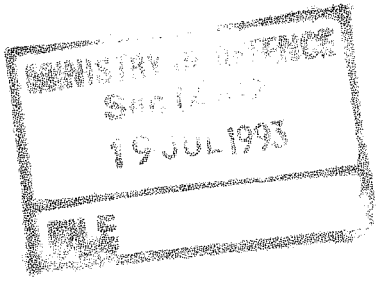
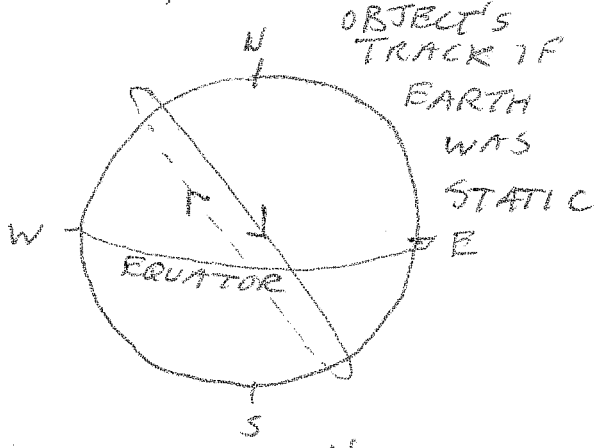
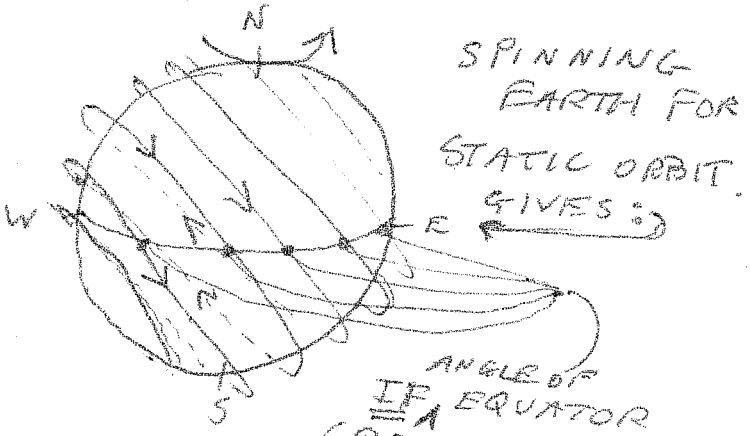
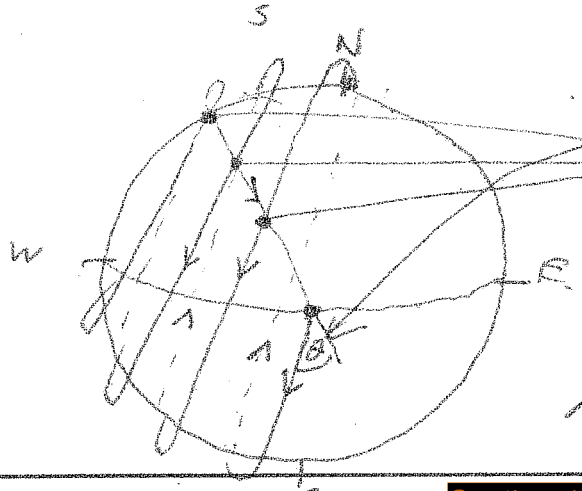


Dear Section 40

Not a very interesting report here but it does match one of Section 40 global tracks. I'll try to explain, but I really can't do the system justice in a letter such as this :—







THEN NODAL OR CROSS-OVER POINTS FORMED.

SNOWFLAKE IN ARIZONA IS ONE SUCH NODE, MT. SINAI IS ANOTHER

P.T.O.

such is [redacted] testable Hypothesis but it is only a predictive model when, and only when, there is an international effort in monitoring reports quickly (hardly likely in today's world!)

I hope this helps you in understanding [redacted] idea in spite of my poor explanation. For a better explanation, I would urge you to write to him :—

[redacted]

[redacted] worked for many years at [redacted]

[redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]

SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE

Standard

Case Title: LITS OVER WATFORD

Case summary to be completed by investigator only

BUFORA reference:

Investigator reference: Section 40 093

Investigation complete: YES | NO | ON-GOING (circle)

Investigator(s): Section 40

Classification
State system used: MAI - 30

Observational date(s): SAT. 3/7/93

Location(s)
using OS Grid Reference if possible: WATFORD
HERTS

Observational time
[GMT/BST/LOCAL] using 24 hour system
23.30 BST

Evaluator: Section 40

Evaluation:

SECTION A Biographical Summary: START HERE ↓

To be completed by the witness

Full name: Section 40

Address:

Date of birth: Section 40

Telephone number:

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Recent occupation: none

Professional, technical or academic qualifications (if any): none

Special interests/hobbies: Photography, Astronomy, History

Witness' signature: Section 40

Date: 10 July 1993

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Please write an account of what happened to you

Was observing Jupiter with Astro telescope with low power eyepiece x35 moved away & looked away & noticed a moving light coming from West I thought at first sight it looked like a earth satellite but the motion seemed to waver from a steady course & then I saw a star like point of light behind about 3 full moon diam. apart,

I decided I needed a closer look so rushed in House & grabbed binocs. On using 10x50 glasses I saw a very bright yellow object moving South about @ 20° dec. then it started to dance around in glasses & made a sudden move backwards towards the other object following it. I could hardly believe my eyes what was taking place here, well both lights carried on moving together on same course Southerly & went out of sight behind rooftops.

Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if required

SECTION C Object Characteristics

1) Please complete the following

Number of object(s) seen	two
Colour(s) of object(s) seen	yellow – white
Sound of object(s) seen	none
Smell of object(s) seen	none
Shape ($) of object(s) seen	yellow – small disc
Clarity (&) of object(s) seen	" "
Brightness (+) of object(s) seen	1st Mag. & 3rd Mag.

$ If other than a point source of light
& sharpness of the object's outline
+ (If any) compared to: star, moon, torch, arc lamp or sun etc.

SECTION C Object Characteristics (continued)

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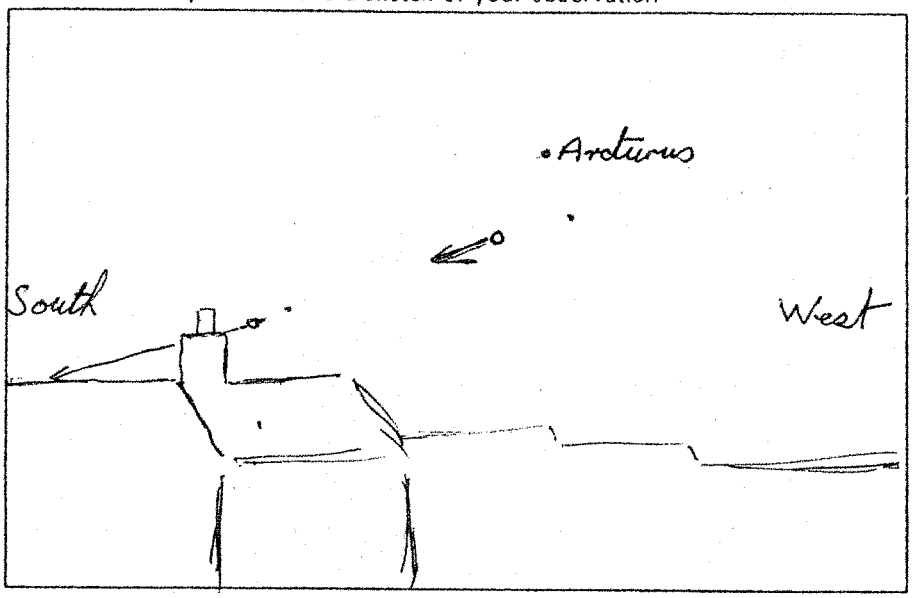

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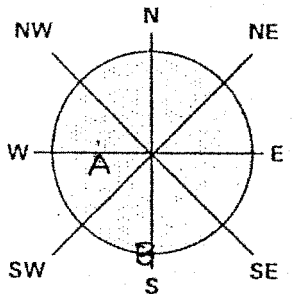

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SECTION D The Physical Characteristics of the Observation

2) Time when the object(s) was first seen.

11.30 AM (PM)

circle one option.

3) Duration of observation.
estimate if unsure.

Duration more than 20 ~~Mins./~~Secs.

But less than 1 Mins./~~Secs.~~

4) Where were you at the time of the incident?
Nearest street, district and main town.

back garden of [redacted]

5) What first brought your attention to the object(s) seen and where was it/they located?

rapid movement

6) How did the object(s) disappear from view?

went behind rooftops

7) If estimates are given in questions 2, 3 and 5 above, how did you guage the time?
(watch, clock tower or radio etc).

8) By holding one of these familiar items at arm's length, which one, in your estimation, would just cover the object(s) you saw.

Pin head	(Pea)	1p Piece	2p Piece	Golf-ball	Tennis-ball	Other

Circle one option.

9) Was the object(s) photographed, filmed or video recorded?
If yes, give details.

no

10) Were there any other witnesses to the object(s) you saw?
If yes, give names, addresses and telephone numbers where possible.

no.

SECTION E Other Characteristics Relating to the Observation

11) Did you, or the surrounding environment, suffer any physical effects which you consider to be attributable to the object(s) seen?
If yes, give details

12) Did you experience any lack of awareness of the passage of time around the time of the observation?
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You may feel unable to describe such events here; if so please indicate that there are matters you wish to discuss in a meeting with the investigator.

One other sighting around 1984 observed with 10×50 binocs contacted a UFO agent at Piddington Northampton

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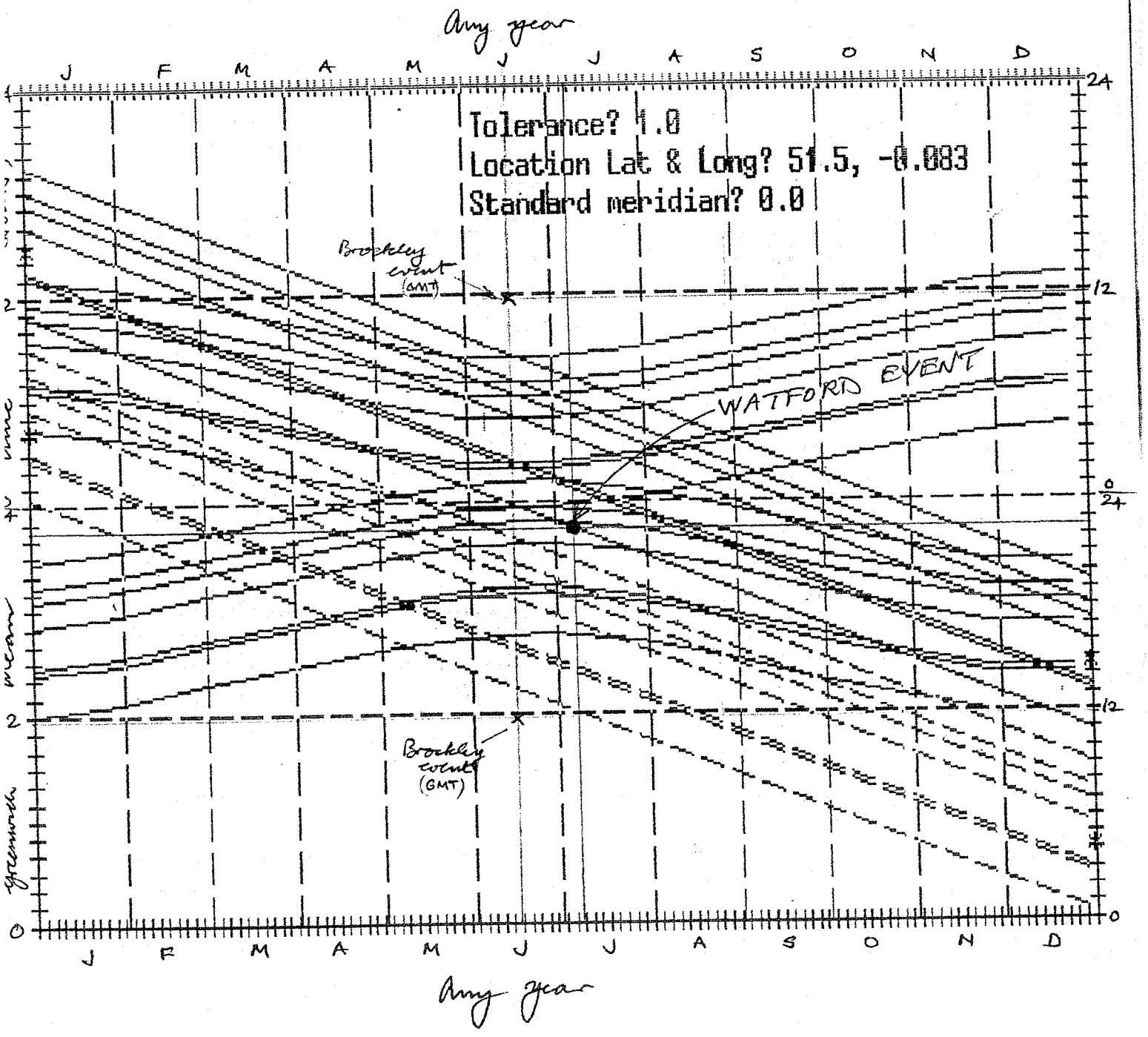

'Catch-all' predictions graph for LONDON, U.K.

[redacted] 1993.

NB. 1 hour adjustments must be made during British Summer Time periods.

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
20 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 July.

You said that the UFO sightings you had previously asked about occurred on 29/30 March. I am reasonably sure that this does in fact tie in with the wave of sightings that I mentioned in my previous letter, although our dates were 30/31 March. As I mentioned, these sightings occurred mainly over the South-West, with most of the reports being from Devon, Cornwall and South Wales. The most common feature of these reports was that people reported having seen two bright white lights. It was not clear whether these were two separate objects flying in close formation, or whether they were lights from one object. There were conflicting reports about the speed, height and heading; the upshot was that no firm conclusions could be drawn, and the incident remains unexplained. The UFO groups may have further information - I know that BUFORA have been looking at these sightings.

You also asked about a UFO sighted over Cleveland on 23/24/25 March. I was contacted by two other researchers about this, but had not received any reports myself. It was alleged that aircraft from RAF Leeming were diverted to the area of the sighting, but this was not true; what happened was that two aircraft were returning to RAF Leeming from a routine training flight. Their course took them through the area where the UFO was supposed to have been, but neither aircraft reported having seen anything unusual. I was subsequently able to find out that nothing unusual had been picked up on radar, either at RAF Leeming or at Teeside airport. There was some speculation that the UFO sightings had been caused by an inversion layer - where an area of warm air meets an area of cooler air, producing a hazy mist; if car headlights were to reflect off this mist, this could produce UFO sightings, in much the same way as searchlights reflecting off clouds are responsible for many sightings. Again, the UFO groups may have more information.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

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15/7/1993

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

DEAR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER.
DATED 7 JULY 1993. I ASKED.
THE (MOD) IF THAY HAD ANY
INFORMATION ON RECENT SIGHTINGS
OF STRANGE OBJECTS SEEN IN
SOUTH WALES DEVON AND
SOMERSET YOU SAY THAT IF
I CAN GIVE MORE. PRECISE.
DATS YOU COULD LET ME. KNOW
PRECISELY WHAT YOU HAVE.
RECEIVED. THE. DATES OCR. 29
AND 30 MARCH. 1993. AND
DOES THE (M.O.D) KNOW OF THE
STRANGE. OBJECTS. SEEN OVER
CLEVELAND ON THE NIGHTS.
OF 23. 24 AND 25 MARCH 1993.
IF YOU CAN RE. OF ANY
HELP I THANK YOU. SIR.

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
19 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange red lights that you and others saw in the sky on Friday night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

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Quest International
Section 40

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Contact International (UK)

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
19 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

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Date
16 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

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British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

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Contact International (UK)

Section 40 [redacted]

Tel no. Section 40 [redacted]

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
15 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 13 July.

It is my understanding that the files you were asking about consist of UFO sighting reports from members of the public. However, there is always a chance, as I explained in my letter dated 5 July, that some reports from police and military personnel may have been filed with these papers.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Tel. [redacted].

[redacted]

13 July 1993.

Dear [redacted],

Thankyou for your letters of 5 and 9 July and for taking the time to answer my questions regarding old archived UFO files and thankyou very much indeed for telling me about the two files due for release in January, I look forward to seeing them next year and will get in touch with the PRO at that time. You mentioned that you are unable to relate in detail the content of the files due for release, I appreciate this but was wondering if it would be at all possible for you to advise me if they are military/civilian/police etc. in origin ? Thanks again for your help in these matters.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
13 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 July, in which you asked whether we had any details of recent UFO sightings over South Wales, Devon and Somerset.

You do not mention any specific dates, so it is difficult to be certain about which sightings you are referring to; we have received reports from all the areas you mention. On 30/31 March there was a wave of sightings, mainly in the South-West; there were various descriptions given, and most involved the sighting of two bright white lights. More recently, I am aware that there have been a number of sightings in and around Bristol.

If you can give me more precise dates, I could let you know precisely what we have received. You may also want to check with the UFO groups like BUFORA and Quest International, to see if they can help.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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DEAR

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFULL. TO ME IN THE PAST. DOES THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE RECENT SIGHTINGS. OF STRANGE OBJECTS. SEEN IN SOUTH WALES. DEVONSHIRE. AND SOMERSET IF YOU CAN BE. OF HELP TO ME. THEN I THANK YOU.

Section 40

THANK YA.

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Section 40

Your reference

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
12 July 1993

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
9 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your two most recent letters.

I am, of course, unable to comment on why Section 40 used the word "spokesperson" - this is entirely a matter for him, and if he has chosen not to reply to you, then this is his own business. Similarly, I cannot speak on behalf of Sky Television.

I note what you say about having passed your case file to a lawyer - clearly it will be for legal experts to rule on whether or not there is a case to answer.

In answer to your specific question, I can confirm that the UK has no current plans to introduce a Freedom of Information Act.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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AIR STAFF ROOM Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
MAIN BULIDING,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

I feel that I have taken this investigation as far as I can, it is time for the courts to settle just who has been telling the truth and who hasnt.

If there is anything the MoD would like to add then I suggest you get in touch as soon as possible. There are still alot of loose ends to this case Section 40 knew exactly what he was saying whem he used the word spokesperson he was directing it at an individual at the MoD.

Section 40 know somthing as well thats why they have givem me the run around.

I have sent a ful copy of my case file to the Civil Appeals Court at the Royal courts of justice and they have passed my case onto a lawyer there.

I would like to thank you for your patients and co-operation in this investigation and I look foward to the day when we can settle this matter once and for all.

yours sincerely

Section 40

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AIR STAFF Room [redacted]
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
MAIN BULIDING,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, SW1A 2HB

18 June 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thankyou for your recent letter, just to clear up a few points of confusion.

I agree with you that there is a difference between spokesperson and source, I also agree that there is a world of difference between the stories that [redacted] sources have told him.

The point is that he used the word spokesman, why do you think he used that word, it is clear that he was directing his statment at the MoD. He has not yet written back to me I find this very strange, he is indeed not obliged to tell me who his sources are, but the plain fact is that he did use the word spokesman and I think he should be obliged to tell me. You ask yourself now [redacted] why do you think he used the word spokesman, he must have been directing it at somebody in the MoD.

[redacted]

I have been in touch with a [redacted] from the Crown Prosecution Service and he if there is redress for such a misrepresentation concerning the alleged misrepresentation it is likely to be gathered through the civil law.

Either way [redacted] I do intend to get an answer of [redacted] whether he likes it or not. I hope you realise the seriousness of this as I do. You will note from the photo copy I sent you concerning that solicitors letter that this is a matter of national security.

I am not backing down on this, I feel becausa I am only individual and that I am not a top author or television producer that I have been given the run around. Further more the only reason I sent that UFO report to Whitehall Library was to double check it, not because I dont trust you but because of the situation with [redacted] There is One Question that I would like to ask you and that is are the government planning to put forward a freedom of information act like the Americans have?

thankyou

[redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
9 July 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 July, and for sending me a copy of Section 40 evaluation of the "Brockley Report". I think we are all pretty much in agreement about what was seen.

I will, of course, respect the copyright of the graph - I have to admit that I do not really follow the logic of it anyway; I assume it is based on previous data, but fail to see why this should be used to say whether future "Close Encounter" or crop circle events should be more likely to occur at certain times. I also understand that there is considerable uncertainty about precisely when many crop circle formations appeared.

As always, I stand ready to look at any reports, and offer an opinion if I have one.

Yours Sincerely

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British UFO Research Association

7/7/93.

Your ref: D/SEC(AS)12/3.

Section 40

M.O.D.
Main Building,
Whitehall.

Dear Section 40

Enclosed herewith a copy of Section 40 evaluation of the 'Brockley report'.

As you can see, Section 40 conclusion is much the same as yours and, given his vast experience in the aerospace industry, we are obliged to lend weight to his findings.

I have also copied Section 40 'global circle grid' for the London area and, from this, you can see that the Brockley sighting does not come within its parameters.

Finally, I would respectfully ask you to observe the copyright of the graph; the enclosed copy being for your files only.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

TO: Section 40 [redacted]

FROM: Section 40 [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

3. 7. 93

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for sending the details of that Brockley, SE London, sighting. Just reading through and trying to imagine what those children saw led me to feel that they may have been looking at air-traffic on, say, the Amber 1 air route. The aircraft which appeared to have the two triangles moving round it was probably at about 30,000 ft (vapour-trail evidence) and might have been a military tanker rendezvousing with two fighter aircraft in a navigational exercise. The faint star-shaped object, with four projections, could have been an airliner reflecting earth-light or cloud-light from its underside. (I have witnessed that phenomenon on a number of occasions and have needed binoculars to resolve the shape of the aircraft.) These simple deductions were also backed up by my computer run: there was absolutely no correlation with the established timing patterns --- as you will be able to see for yourself from the attached graph. I think I would check the air-traffic idea with the appropriate Air Traffic Control centre just to confirm those guesses.

Herewith, as promised, is my 'catch-all' prediction graph for the London area for your PERSONAL use. Just to refresh your memory --- my experience with these graphs, so far, has shown that Close Encounter and Crop Circle events can be expected to occur within +/- 10 minutes of the times given by the lines at any given date of ANY year. (As you will see, leap years have negligible effect).

Just a few words of explanation about the graph:-
The doubled 24-hour timescale applies to the same day and has been incorporated to ease the computer-plotting process. The first step in the procedure is to draw a faint vertical pencil line at any chosen day of the year. (The date-scale divisions are 3-day divisions, so it's quite easy to select a particular date.)
The next step is to draw up a table on a piece of paper: two columns with the headings 'Wavey' and 'Sloping'.
Then, from the graph, read each time when a plotted 'wavey' line cuts through your vertical pencil line and, as you read them, list these times in the 'Wavey' column. Do the same again for the 'sloping' lines.
UFO sightings may occur at any one of those times; but prolonged Close Encounters (CEs) tend to occur whenever the gap between the 'wavey' and 'sloping' times is 1 hour or less. (This means that such significant happenings occur near to the wavey/sloping cross-over points on the graph. So, a preliminary study of the graph will tell you when some of the most likely CE periods of the year will be.)
The wavey lines are sunset- and sunrise-related, whereas the straight sloping lines are star-related.

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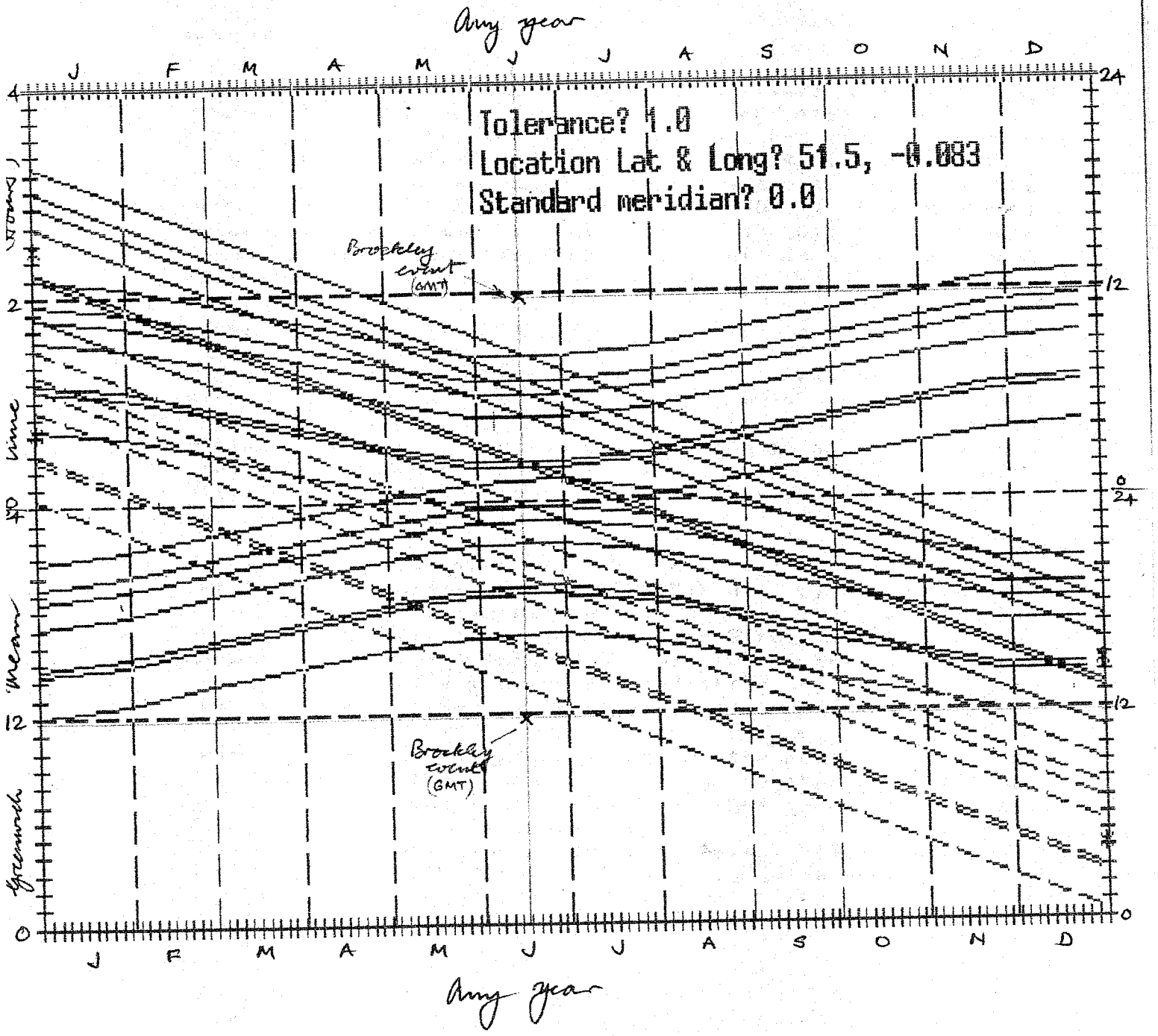

'Catch-all' predictions graph for LONDON, U.K.

Section 40 . 1993.

NB. 1 hour adjustments must be made during British Summer Time periods.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
9 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

You should by now have received my letter dated 5 July, covering a number of points concerning our old UFO files.

I have noticed that I made a mistake on one of the points: with regard to any files released under the terms of the 30 Year Rule, names and addresses of witnesses will not be deleted. Deleting these details, as we do when releasing recent reports, is done to protect the witness from unsolicited approaches from UFO investigators. Thirty years on, we do not believe this will be a problem! The key point, in any case, is that no papers will have been removed from these files.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
9 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

When we spoke last week about your recent UFO sighting I promised to write and let you know whether we had received any other sightings that might tie in with yours. We have received no such sightings; of course, it may be that other people did see something, but did not make a report. Alternatively, reports may have been made to the civilian UFO groups.

Yours sincerely,

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Date
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Section 40

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
6 July 1993

Dear [redacted],

The authorities at RAF Coltishall have passed me details of the report that you made concerning the strange red sphere that you and your friend saw in the sky in the early hours of 28 June, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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I was interested to hear that you managed to take some photographs of the object; if you wanted to send these, I would be happy to pass them around, and let you know what we think.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
5 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 June, in which you asked a number of questions about the release of our UFO records. I will answer your points in the order that you raised them.

Firstly, I can confirm that when any file containing UFO reports is released, the file will be released in its entirety, with the names and addresses of witnesses deleted.

Secondly, decisions about the release of information are taken by the Public Record Office, in consultation with the division responsible for the subject concerned. In fact, there is no real difference between a report submitted by a member of the public as opposed to one submitted by a military officer. I believe that separate files were opened for the Rendlesham Forest and Topcliffe sightings, not because of the military witnesses, but simply because it was felt that there might be enough interest - and papers - generated to justify a new file. There are no hard and fast rules on this; I file all sighting reports, regardless of who the witness is, on our general sightings file. Because of these two different approaches, reports made by military personnel might crop up in general files, or on a separate one, if this was judged to be more appropriate; in either case, I do not see any reason why any UFO report should not be released, subject to the provisions of the Public Record Act.

In answer to your third question, the point to consider when looking at whether or not to release any previously classified government document is whether its release would be of detriment to the nation. I am not aware of any UFO material that might be held back on these grounds.

Your final question related to the release of CAA or police reports. Many members of the public will report sightings to the CAA or police, but these are handled in exactly the same way as reports submitted directly to us, and will be placed on the general sightings files. Even if the witness were a serving police officer or civil pilot, the reports should go onto these general files. The only exception to this would be if, as I said in my answer to your first question, it was felt that the sightings themselves warranted the opening of a separate file.

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In my letter to you dated 1 October 1992, I suggested that some pre-1967 material may have survived. I have recently looked into this, and can confirm that this is the case; the reason for this is that although prior to 1967 it was not felt that UFO material was sufficiently important to be kept, all files would have been kept for around five years anyway, prior to destruction. I believe that some material from as early as 1962 has survived. The reason why these reports have not yet been released is that they are in files where the last enclosures are more recent, and files can only be released when the most recent enclosure is 30 years old. The good news is that you will not have to wait until 1997: it is not our practice to comment in detail on material that has not yet been released, but I understand that two files (PRO references AIR 2/16918 and AIR 2/17318) are due for release in January 1994. I suggest that you contact the Public Record Office early next year.

I hope this is helpful - I know that the news in my previous paragraph will be particularly welcome, and I will be writing to the UFO groups about this in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

TEL. Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

30 June 1993.

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Thankyou for your letter of 14 May which gave your response to the alleged audio tape made by Lt. Col. Halt in Rendlesham Forest. I basically agree with what you said and I can confirm that having spoke to a number of people who first got hold of copies the tape did indeed arrive in the UK anonymously and as far as I can tell has never been released officially. It has been stated that the tape was originally released by someone at Bentwaters (Sam Morgan, I am unsure of his rank but I believe he held a position of authority at Bentwaters in the early '80's) however I have also been told that Morgan received his copy anonymously! I agree that it appears to be a very well constructed hoax and appreciate you taking the time to give me your opinion.

On a separate matter I am hoping that you may be able to help me. In your letter of October 1 1992 you told me that a decision was made in 1967 to retain the UFO files received by the Ministry of Defence and that the '67 records should be released in '97, '68 in '98 etc. Would it be possible for you to relate for me the process that is taken with regard to the release of Government records ? I have listed a couple of questions regarding this.

1. Concerning UFO records based on reports submitted by the general public, is it likely that the records will be released en masse with just private details (name /address blacked out) as is the case with uptodate reports ?

2. If, hypothetically, a record was found, say dated March 1967 which was submitted to the MOD from an RAF pilot who reported seeing a UFO whilst in the course of his duty (perhaps similar to the Rendlesham or Topcliffe cases) would there be consultation between the RAF and the MOD as to whether the record could be released or is the decision made solely by the MOD or is it a separate body ?

3. Could you advise me what is taken into consideration when determining whether or not a previously classified Government document is scrutinised for possible release to the general public?

4. If records submitted by such bodies as the Civilian Aviation Authority and the Police are found would they be released or are there guidelines restricting records of these two bodies?

Should you be able to answer these questions it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
5 July 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and other members of your family saw late on 3 July have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. I know that an airship, illuminated from the inside, has been flying around the London area recently. It would have various coloured anti-collision lights, so I wonder whether this might be the explanation. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Date
29 June 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and the other people in your house saw during the last two nights have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Section 40 [redacted]

Tel no. Section 40 [redacted]

I was interested to hear that you managed to make a video recording of the object. If you wish to send this to us, we will have a look at it, and let you know what we think.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Our reference
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Date
29 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 June, and for sending me the video recording of the 1989 UFO sighting over Abingdon.

I have had an initial look at the video, and no obvious explanations spring to mind. I will pass the tape around and seek some other opinions. This may take some time, but I will write to you again as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,

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Your Ref:
D/Sec(AS) 12/3

25th June 1993.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated 22.6.93.

As requested I have enclosed a copy of the film in question. (85 seconds appx) This video recording was made by an amateur photographer in 1989 (precise date unknown). The gentleman who saw and filmed the unidentified as it flew over his back garden in Abingdon Oxfordshire has since moved - and we are not aware of his new address. The aerial object depicted remains unidentified despite being examined by several experts in the aeronautical field.

Computer analysis has not been possible because of lack of camera details.

I would be most interested to know what you can come up with about this most frustrating piece of UFO footage. Thank you for your time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

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Date
29 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 June, and for sending me the details of Section 40 Section 40 sighting.

I agree that in the absence of any reports of a disappearing aircraft (front page news in the UK, I would have thought), it is difficult to say much about this case. My best guess is that the various lights and shapes were aircraft, aircraft lights, or simply the sun reflecting off aircraft - possibly at a much greater height than the visible aircraft. If this aircraft then turned through 90 degrees, or flew into cloud, it might explain the "disappearance".

I hope this suggestion is of some help, although I assume you were thinking along those lines yourself. I would appreciate a copy of your final report.

Congratulations on becoming editor of UFO Times!

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

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British UFO Research Association

24/6/93

Section 40 [redacted]

M.O.D.
Main Building
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Section 40 [redacted].

This report, enclosed herewith, is for your files.

Quite frankly, I don't know what to make of this one since, as far as I'm aware, there have been no reports of disappearing aircraft! Nevertheless, these young lads were adamant that they saw the phenomenon as reported and one lad even asked his father for permission to fill in one of BUFORA's forms!

I shall, of course, check the reports against the Section 40 [redacted] 'Global Circle' model and, if you're interested, I'll send you a copy of this when I receive it.

Looking forward to your response,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE

Standard

Case Title: THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE

Case summary to be completed by investigator only

BUFORA reference:

Investigator reference:

Investigation complete: YES / NO / ON-GOING (circle)

Investigator(s): Section 40 [redacted]

Classification
State system used:

Observational date(s): TUES. 15/6/93

Location(s)
using OS Grid Reference if possible: BROCKLEY S.E. LONDON.

Observational time
[GMT/BST/LOCAL] using 24 hour system: 12.45 BST.

Evaluator:

Evaluation:

SECTION A Biographical Summary: START HERE ↓

To be completed by the witness

Full name: MASTER ~~Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms~~ Section 40 [redacted]

Address: Section 40 [redacted]

Postcode: Section 40 [redacted]

Date of birth: Section 40 [redacted]

Telephone number: Section 40 [redacted]

Even if you have already publicised your name, anonymity regarding this report is automatically guaranteed by BUFORA Ltd.

Recent occupation: N/A.

Professional, technical or academic qualifications (if any):

Special interests/hobbies: Section 40 [redacted]

Witness' signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 21-6-93

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SECTION B Written Account

Please write an account of what happened to you

We were in the schools junior playground with our backs to Mantle Road spotting aeroplanes while waiting to be called to lunch. My friend [redacted] pointed out an aeroplane, with a jet stream, roughly in a NNW direction. We both noticed at the same time two red triangular shapes, which seemed to flash between red and black, a little behind the aeroplane. I pointed upwards and drew attention to them to some other children. The triangular shapes caught up with the aeroplane, one going above and the other below. The one above was about a planes length away, the one below closer. They kept station with the aeroplane for approximately 90 seconds then drew ahead and seemed to come together. They stopped flashing and vanished. The aeroplane seemed to descend for about 10 seconds and also vanished from sight, its jet stream fading quickly. A few seconds later, in roughly the same direction, but higher in the sky, I saw a star like object, about as bright as the moon seen in early daylight. It was circular, a little bigger than the triangles, with four points ✦. It was moving away quickly in a north westerly direction getting smaller and took about a minute to fade from view.

THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 1993

Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if required

SECTION C Object Characteristics

1) Please complete the following

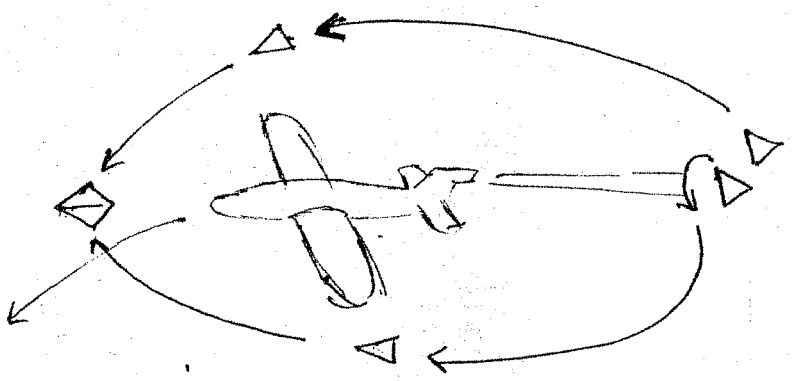
Number of object(s) seen	3	
Colour(s) of object(s) seen	TRIANGULAR OBJECTS – RED/BLACK STAR LIKE OBJECT – WHITE	
Sound of object(s) seen	NONE	
Smell of object(s) seen	N/A.	
Shape ($) of object(s) seen	TRIANGULAR	STAR LIKE – CIRCULAR WITH 4 POINTS.
Clarity (&) of object(s) seen	SLIGHTLY BLURRED EDGES.	BRIGHT / CLEAR
Brightness (+) of object(s) seen	—	MOON IN DAYLIGHT (EARLY MORNING)

$ If other than a point source of light
& sharpness of the object's outline
+ (If any) compared to: star, moon, torch, arc lamp or sun etc.

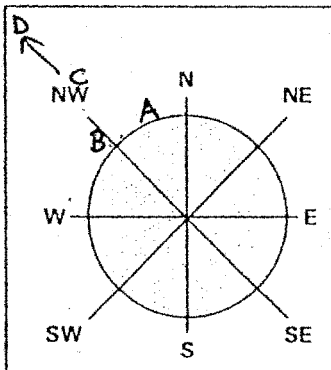
SECTION C Object Characteristics (continued)

A-B - RED △
C-D - Starlike object.

Please use this space to make a sketch of your observation



Position of object



Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write an 'A' on the dial where you first saw the object and a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D The Physical Characteristics of the Observation

2) Time when the object(s) was first seen.
APPROX 12.45
AM | PM (circle one option.)

3) Duration of observation.
estimate if unsure.
Duration more than 1min 30sec Mins./Secs.
But less than 4 Mins./~~Secs~~.

4) Where were you at the time of the incident?
Nearest street, district and main town.
JOHN STAINER PRIMARY SCHOOL, MANTLE ROAD, BROCKLEY SE4

5) What first brought your attention to the object(s) seen and where was it/they located?
AS DETAILED IN REPORT.

6) How did the object(s) disappear from view?
RED TRIANGLES VANISHED, STAR LIKE OBJECT MOVED INTO DISTANCE UNTIL NO LONGER VISIBLE

7) If estimates are given in questions 2, 3 and 5 above, how did you guage the time?
(watch, clock tower or radio etc).
SCHOOL LUNCH TIME STARTED 12.30 ESTIMATED FIFTEEN MINUTES INTO IT WHEN OBJECTS SPOTTED.

8) By holding one of these familiar items at arm's length, which one, in your estimation, would just cover the object(s) you saw.

Pin head	Pea	1p Piece	2p Piece	Golf-ball	Tennis-ball	Other ____

Circle one option.

9) Was the object(s) photographed, filmed or video recorded?
If yes, give details.
NO

10) Were there any other witnesses to the object(s) you saw? YES
If yes, give names, addresses and telephone numbers where possible.

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[redacted]

SECTION E Other Characteristics Relating to the Observation

11) Did you, or the surrounding environment, suffer any physical effects which you consider to be attributable to the object(s) seen?
If yes, give details

No

12) Did you experience any lack of awareness of the passage of time around the time of the observation?
If yes, describe.

No

13) If you have had any other 'unusual' experiences in your life please describe them
You may feel unable to describe such events here; if so please indicate that there are matters you wish to discuss in a meeting with the investigator.

N/A.

14) Did anything 'odd' or 'out of place' occur around the time of the observation?
If yes, describe.

No

15) Did any other witnesses experience anything in relation to questions 10, 11, 12 and 13?
If yes, describe.

Section F Prevailing Weather During Observation

i) Clarity of Atmosphere	(Clear)	Hazy	Foggy		
ii) Cloud Cover	None	Quarter	Three Quarter	Total	(SCATTERED CLOUD)
iii) Atmospheric Temperature	Freezing	Cold	Cool	Mild	(Warm)
iv) Precipitation	(Dry)	Rain	Snow	Lightning	Other
v) Wind Strength	(Still)	Breeze	Strong Wind	Gale-force	
v) Visible Astronomical Objects	Stars	Moon	(Sun)	Aurora Borealis	Shooting stars

Circle all appropriate responses

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Now please return it to your local investigator.
If you require guidance in answering any of the questions contained in this questionnaire please contact your investigator.

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Date
28 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you and other members of your family saw on Saturday have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange cigar-shaped object that you and your neighbour saw yesterday evening have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Date
25 June 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made earlier this month concerning the strange orange lights that you saw in the sky have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations - such as aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, or fireballs - could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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No reply, as no name + address given.

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Section 40 **Memorandum**

MOD Form 4
(Revised 9/89)

To:	From:
Sec (AS) 2a Attn Section 40	DPR (RAF) Pt off Section 40
Date 24 Feb 95	Number EXT [redacted]
Your Reference	Our Reference

Subject: UFO Sightings '65

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] suggested this may entertain you for a while. Some interesting theories!

Section 40 [redacted]

Name
(in Block Letters Please) : Section 40 [redacted]

Signature :

Rank : AP O

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No reply, as
no name or address given

Our ref "This Morning"
Your ref
Date 19.6.93

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Sir,

I'm writing about Granada Televisions "This Morning" programme on U.F.O.s.

In the summer of 1965, I think the month was July, the R.A.F. sent up a lightning single seater to shadow a U.F.O. flying over Cheshire. The craft type is well documented; from what I and some 200 other witnesses saw at the same time was a triangular shaped object having concave faces. It was pilot-less and spun with a uniform counter-clockwise rotation and was virtually inaudible — most of the noise came from the R.A.F.'s jet. The material the U.F.O. was constructed of wasn't too dissimilar to that of the Lightning — a shiny grey metallic alloy.

From the proximity of the R.A.F. pilot to the craft being about 30 metres he would have had an even clearer view.

It seems unlikely that the vehicle was extra-terrestrial in origin bearing in mind its simple construction however its means of propulsion are indeed ingenious. From the uniformity of flight path and constant rotation velocity as well as absence of any motor sound one

could envisage the method of propulsion as being similar to that of a linear motor and indeed that model could fit — information received on the 15th June 1993 revealed that the core temperature of the craft is 3200° — perhaps indicative of some thermonuclear device. Even more interesting is a temperature inversion layer that exists around the craft reducing air temperature to about −100°.

If a magnetic in particular diamagnetic means of levitation and propulsion are employed then considerable energy would be required to produce the necessary field strength. Such a high core temperature could provide clues to the source of fuel and its mode of conversion. As for the temperature inversion layer around the craft, that might serve as a means of reducing air resistance especially under supersonic conditions say up to Mach 20.

Your physicists at the M.o.D could look carefully at the temperature characteristics and devise further hypotheses.

From an interested scientist.

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Date
24 June 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

As promised, I have attached a copy of the form that we use to record UFO sightings.

When you return it, I will let you know what I think.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
G Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	
J. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	

K. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
L. Name & Address of Informant	
M. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
N. Other Witnesses	
O. Date, Time of Receipt	
P. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
Q. Remarks	

From: Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
24 June 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations - such as aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, or fireballs - could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
22 June 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 June.

With regard to the points raised by Section 40 I share your view that no breaches of the Official Secrets Act have taken place; it is some time since I saw the Section 40 broadcast concerned, but as I recall, you were stating your views on some aspects of the UFO phenomenon, based on information passed to you from a number of sources. As far as I am concerned, this constitutes nothing more than your own personal opinion. Reading between the lines of Section 40 letter to Section 40 I do not think either of us have anything to worry about!

Turning to what you say about secret investigations into UFOs, I am not able to agree with your conclusions. The process which Section 40 was describing to you is nothing more than the routine examination of UFO reports by the appropriate military experts. As you know, the MOD's role in looking at UFO reports is to see whether there is any evidence of a threat to the UK. In reaching a decision on this point, it is important that reports are looked at by staff with responsibilities covering the air defence of the UK. This process of evaluation does not constitute "secret investigations".

You mentioned the Flying Complaints Flight - part of the HQ P&SS organisation based at RAF Rudloe Manor. I am aware of your views on this unit, as stated in "Above Top Secret" and "Alien Liaison". Again, however, I cannot agree with what you say. As you will know, members of the public report UFOs in a number of ways; many people will notify a local RAF base. Standard forms exist for the recording of sightings received in this way, and RAF bases should have copies of these. I do not see, therefore, that there was anything remarkable in somebody at RAF Rudloe Manor taking details of a UFO sighting from Ralph Noyes. You mention a number of other areas where involvement with the UFO phenomenon has been alleged. All I can say is that this division is the focal point for UFO work. While we are assisted by other specialists - as explained in my third paragraph - it is not our practice to name those other departments involved.

I am not aware of the position with regard to the "Scientific Intelligence Branch" files that you mention; of course, even if other divisions did carry out some work on UFOs in the past, it does not follow that this constitutes "secret investigations".

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I would stress that the MOD's involvement in the subject of UFOs is much more limited than many suppose. We do look carefully at all reports that come in, but nearly all of these reports refer to little more than a vague light or shape in the sky. I suspect that, for whatever reason, people are more likely to report "close encounters" to UFO groups or researchers.

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

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Section 40
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a
Room Section 40
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

16 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

I wish to apologize to you for the spate of letters from Section 40 which you have been obliged to answer. Had Section 40 responded in a less unpleasant way to my letter of 16 March last, I might have corresponded further with him, but it is my policy to ignore letters of an unnecessarily aggressive nature.

I have reviewed my conversations with Section 40 in 1986. Initially, I asked him about an occasion when a fellow researcher was put through to DI55 by the MoD switchboard, when he had asked for AS2 (or the department handling UFO enquiries - I forget which). In response to my first enquiry (23 October 1986) about the role of DI55 Section 40 replied: "...DI55 at times do get involved in the business, but all the paperwork comes through me..."

On 8 December 1986, I asked Section 40 "You mentioned that DI55 is peripherally involved. Are you allowed to discuss their function in connection with your investigations?" He replied: "No, not really, because, I mean, even though it might not be a great secret, the branches within the MoD are actually confidential themselves..."

While I admit that I might unintentionally have used a little journalistic license in my wording on the Section 40 broadcast (which, I hope, is not the case in my books), I think you will agree that this confirms that the Defence Intelligence Staff (Directorate of Scientific & Technical Intelligence?) does conduct secret investigations into the subject. If this is not the case, may I be allowed to learn the results of those DIS investigations? May I also be allowed to learn the results of investigations by the FCF, based at HQ/P&SS, Rudloe Manor - claimed by several sources (including a person at RM who spoke with Ralph Noyes) to be a main receiving point for UFO reports - as well as the role of the DIALL?

The Public Record Office has confirmed that although it was possible that some records of the MoD's "Scientific Intelligence Branch" may become available for inspection in 1991, "because of the nature of these files many will be under extended closure and so closed for fifty, seventy-five or one hundred years." (Letter to Section 40 [redacted] 21 Sept. 1990, cited in *Alien Liaison*). Again, this reinforces my statement that secret investigations have been carried out.

In a recent (undated) letter, Section 40 included a copy of a letter from a solicitor (1 June last), which I expect you have, as well as a copy of your letter of 16 April last, and informed me that he plans to take me to court over this matter (copies enclosed, in case you don't have them). I trust you share my conviction that no violations of the Official Secrets Act have taken place, and that the case will be thrown out of court. If otherwise, please advise me how best to proceed!

In the meantime, I look forward to meeting you, as suggested by Section 40 [redacted]

Assuring you of my full co-operation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Copy: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40

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Section 40

Dear Section 40

Please note the enclosed documents.

As you can see Section 40 points out to me that you do not mention anything about Section 40 telling you about secret work on UFO's done behind the scenes. You say that [redacted] told you about some UFO reports being handed to parts of the Defence Intelligence staff namely DI55. I did not want to know this however I simply want to know which MoD spokesman informed you that the Defence Intelligence staff is involved in secret UFO investigations. You used the word spokesman which is someone who speakes publicly on behalf of a group. Your statment alone implies that information may be leaking out. You have not been able to back up your statment yet 'why'?.

The second letter, I recieved from a solicitor that I have been in contact with,, as you can see he states that this is not a simple matter, but one of national security. I will take you to court over your statment Section 40 youvhave got a choice either yourtell me now which MoD spokesman informed you the above information or you tell me in court, either way Section 40 I intend to get an answer. Do not think that I am using thease documents as a scare tactic I am not. you said something on that telecast that makes you open to attack. You can ignore this letter if you want but I warn you the next letter you could recive about this incident is a court apointment.

thankyou

Section 40

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S O L I C I T O R S

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Our ref: Section 40 Your ref:

1 June 1993.

Section 40

Dear Section 40

I have read your file of correspondence relating to the Section 40 Broadcast with interest.

This matter raises potential issues not only of defamation, but also of Official Secrecy and of national security. I regret that these questions go beyond the normal scope of work carried out by a high street legal Practice and I am unable to become involved in a matter of this nature.

As your file is quite bulky I have decided not to post it to you. However, you may collect it from our office during normal business hours. When you call, perhaps you would be kind enough to ask for my secretary.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 22 June 1993

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked for our views on a UFO sighting that you are investigating.

If you send me a copy of the video to which you refer, I would be happy to have a look, and let you know what I think. Before making any enquiries about balloons, it would be very helpful if you could let me know the exact date of the sighting.

Finally, please note that this branch, and not the Air Historical Branch, is the correct point of contact for all questions about UFOs.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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With the Compliments of

16/6/93

AIR HISTORICAL BRANCH
Ministry of Defence
3-5 Great Scotland Yard
London SW1A 2HW

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEF
SEC(AS)2
17 JUN 1993
FILE

Can you help with this one?
I haven't had Section 40 [redacted] of any
action being taken.

Tel: Section 40 [redacted] (Direct Dialling)
(Switchboard) Section 40 [redacted]

[redacted]

SEE AS.

[redacted]

AIR HISTORICAL
BRANCH
TRANSIT SERIAL
No. 2000
1 JUN 1993

Dear Sir/Madam,

In 1989, a family spotted an unusual object flying over Abingdon, Oxfordshire. Some quick thinking meant that one of the witnesses snatched his cam-corder from his case and started filming.

The object depicted on the video tape has remained 'unidentified' despite some pretty thorough examinations by UFO experts.

I belong to the British Unidentified, Flying, Objects, Research, Association, and I have been asked to volunteer to submit the Abingdon 'UFO' film for examination by either the M.O.D. or R.A.F. Would you care to give me your opinion as to what this object is?

There is an outside chance that the 'UFO' might in fact be some kind of unconventional balloon.

The object seems to be far too large to be a free-flight balloon, used by the RAF for estimating windspeed. However it may be one of the large, moored balloons used for parachute jumping.

My reasen for writing apart from mentioning the film that I would like to have examined, is to determine, first of all whether a balloon was lost in 1989.

It is not impossible that the Parachute Training School at RAF Abingdon once had an accident and a large balloon escape from their possession.

Could you consult the Unit Diary and see whether or not anything of this nature was recorded for 1989?

Although the balloon theory makes sense in some regards, it does not explain why the object appears to be constantly changing shape in mid-air (about aircraft height) and 'flying' at some speed.

At one point an appendage seems to emerge from the object, which after sometime changes direction until it is lost from camera range. The cam-corder that was used had a zoom facility which enabled the cameraman to get quite some detail about the object.

Nothing can be seen flapping in the breeze as one would expect from a partially deflated blimp or anything of that kind; the UFO just appears as a pulsating black mass.

I look forward to hearing from you and any thoughts or suggestions about this filmed object.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted] Section 40

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From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
16 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

The MOD Whitehall Library have asked me to reply to your query about the UFO report that Section 40 sent you, as they hold no UFO reports or material of any kind, and have no responsibility for this subject.

As I said in my letter dated 16 April, the report is a photocopy of a sighting report from one of our files, and is unclassified. As I explained, we often release copies of reports to researchers investigating specific sightings.

I have also received your recent letter to me, and have noted what you say. I hope that my letter dated 10 June has explained the crucial difference between MOD spokespeople and Section 40 sources.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40

AIR STAFF ROOM Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
MAIN BUILDING,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

Please note the enclosed documents.

I now intend to take this to court if I can, nobody yet has given me a straight answer so I thought the best way to settle this is in court. You have stated that the Ministry is not going to get involved in any public dibates over UFO's, however that is about to change. The Ministry has not only been unable to give me a straight answer but you have also said something that is false, you said Section 40 that you have said that you do not believe some of the stories that [redacted] sources have told him. You have not said this though you havent even mentioned that good has sources until your letter dated 23 March, I believe you deliberately lied to me to through me off the track. Further more the moment that I sent that letter from sky to you all of a sudden you clamed up.

I feel that I have been going aroung in circles like Section 40 said, If you are so sure of yourselves why havent you said straight out that nobody told Section 40 what he sais that he's been told instead of giving the run around.

Another thing that I would like to mention is the fact that you have only given your views on this case so far, is the Ministry unable to speak for itself?. Section 40 I belive the reason that you have shut up is that [redacted] was right and that you have had me going around in circles and that the evidence that I have proves it. I am not using this letter as a scare tactic I am not in a position to do that. Since you have made a false alligation it put you back on my suspect list. I may not be able to take you to court but I can take Section 40 to court and you are as much a part of this investigation as they are. I would like to see Section 40 reaction when you stae that he has not been told anything, 'in court' he may turn around and say somthing embarrising about the MoD if he is put under pressure. I now suggest you get yourselves a lawyer.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40

S O L I C I T O R S

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Our ref: Section 40 Your ref:

1 June 1993.

Section 40

Dear Section 40

I have read your file of correspondence relating to the Sky Broadcast with interest.

This matter raises potential issues not only of defamation, but also of Official Secrecy and of national security. I regret that these questions go beyond the normal scope of work carried out by a high street legal Practice and I am unable to become involved in a matter of this nature.

As your file is quite bulky I have decided not to post it to you. However, you may collect it from our office during normal business hours. When you call, perhaps you would be kind enough to ask for my secretary.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
16 April 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your recent letter.

I have never disputed that Section 40 told Section 40 about UFO reports being passed to other divisions within the MOD. The point is that this information is not classified; if you look at my letter dated 23 March you will see that I have said something very similar, explaining that reports are passed elsewhere, and telling you why this is done. You will note that in his letter to you, Section 40 Section 40 does not say Section 40 told him that anybody was doing secret research into UFOs.

I can confirm to you that the UFO report Section 40 sent to you is genuine; ufologists will often contact us, and ask for our help with cases that they are investigating. When we are asked, we will check our files, and see if we have a report that might tie in with what was seen. If we do, we will release a copy, deleting details of the witness's name and address, and other information that could be used to track them down, for reasons of witness confidentiality. In this way, many UFO reports find their way into the public domain. We have no objection to this. These reports are, of course, unclassified.

Finally, I have never alleged that Section 40 is lying; what I have said is that I do not believe some of the stories his sources have told him.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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MOD HQ Libraries
Information for Defence

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Whitehall Library
Mezzanine 1
3-5 Great Scotland Yard
London SW1A 2HW
Tel: Section 40
Fax:

From MICHAEL CHAPMAN Head of Reader Services

Sec (AS)2

Please could you advise on how we should reply to this enquiry from Section 40 (no relation!)

Section 40

wi' 'z compliments

10/6

Section 40

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE LIBRARY SERVICES
WHITEHALL LIBRARY,
3 - 5 GREAT SCOTLAND YARD,
LONDON SW1A 2HW,

3 MAY 1993

Dear Sir,

I recently contacted you asking you to see if a UFO report that I had sent you was genuine. I am just writing to you to remind you that I sent that letter and I would be very greatful if you could tell me because this is an important investigation that I am conducting.
If you have already sent me a reply please ignore this letter.

Thankyou

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
12 MAY 1993
WHITEHALL LIBRARY

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[redacted]

[redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE LIBRARY SERVICE
WHITEHALL LIBRARY,
3 - 5 GREAT SCOTLAND YARD,
LONDON SW1A 2HW.

20 April 1993.

Dear Sir,,

I am carrying out and investigation concerning a statment that a [redacted] made on a television documentary last November. He claims that an MoD spokeperson informed him that the Defence Itelligence Staff is involved in secret UFO investigations.

I have been in contact with [redacted] reciently and he has provided me with a supposed Ministry of Defence UFO report.

I would like to ask you if the copy of that report I have enclosed matches with anything that you may have in your records. I would also like to know if the MoD ever releases any UFO reports for public use.

I hope to hear from you soon.

thankyou

[redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
26 APR 1993
WHITEHALL LIBRARY

Section 40

Section 40

16 March 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter (undated).

With regard to your queries, most of what I know is published Section 40 including my findings on secret work done 'behind the scenes'. I was indeed informed by an MoD spokesman Section 40 of AS2) in 1986 that some UFO reports are passed to a branch of the Defence Intelligence Staff, namely DI55 in at least one case (see *Above Top Secret*). Should it ever be necessary, I could prove this very easily. In the meantime, I am enclosing an MoD document, one of several in my possession, which prove that DI55 is (or was) on the distribution list for UFO sighting reports given to the MoD (probably as a matter of routine procedure). Naturally, any research done by the Defence Intelligence Staff is classified, so it is pointless hammering away at the Ministry.

I don't know where you got the notion that 'one of [Section 40 Section 40 staff' told me about secret UFO files in Room 801. That information was published in *Reynolds News*, and additional information was supplied to me by Section 40 a former intelligence officer, who never dealt with the subject in his work. (For further details, read both my books.)

The additional information you cite about RAF intelligence research was given to me as described in both books, and I stand by it. I have no intention of betraying my sources. I very much doubt that Section 40 is lying: he may well be unaware of the extent of involvement. Further, I know of no incidents where the MoD has threatened witnesses with violence, nor do I believe that they would do so.

With best wishes,

Section 40

Encl. DI55 document/*Alien Update* details

7 AUG 1957 AIR/275 1/8

FIL 12/2 REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (E93/2)

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING 4.8.57 12.10 A ? MINS
(Local times to be used)

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Number 2
Size ?
Shape TRIANGULAR
Colours MULTI
Brightness VERY BRIGHT
Sound NIL
Smell NIL

Sec (AS) 2 distribution:
1. DI 55
2. AE/AEW

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER ST. DAVIDS POST OFFICE CENTRE
Geographical location
Indoors/Outdoors OUTDOORS
Stationary/Moving STATIONARY

D. HOW OBSERVED

Naked eye NAKED EYE INITIALLY. THEN BINOCULARS
Binoculars
Other optical device
Still or cine camera NONE

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN LOOKING FROM CENTRE TOWARDS THE
(A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) PLOUGH (CONSTELLATION NOT SURE)

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT (Estimated heights are unreliable) ?

G. DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible) ?

H. MOVEMENT.

Steady STEADY MOVEMENT TOWARDS PLOUGH (CONSTELLATION)
Changing THEN RETURNED TO OVERHEAD POSITION.
Erratic

J. MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION

Moving clouds
Haze CLEAR SKY.
Mist

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC ?

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

L. TO WHOM REPORTED

Police [redacted] ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS,
Military Organisation EXETER. ALL
The Press OF [redacted]

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OR INFORMAT [redacted]

N. ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

O. OTHER WITNESSES SEVERAL

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT 13.00 5.8.57 R.A.F. CHIVENOR

E96

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
15 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 8 June to the Secretary of State for Defence, concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky on Sunday 7 June. I have been asked to reply.

In fact, the role of the Ministry of Defence with regard to UFOs is very limited; our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. I suspect that your own theory about the sun reflecting off an object of some sort is probably correct. While it is possible for a balloon to have risen to a great height, it is perhaps more likely that a second aircraft was responsible - one much higher than the one that you saw. While the actual aircraft would not have been visible to the naked eye, a reflection may well have been.

If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, or if you are interested in finding out more about the UFO mystery, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Quest International

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40

SECRETARY OF STATE

A52.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)1
11 JUN 93

Head of Sec(AS)

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

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

Section 40

10/6/93

For APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

Section 40
[redacted]

For:
The Rt Hon Malcom Rifkind MP
The Secretary of State for Defence
The House of Commons
SW1

8th June 1993

Dear Mr Rifkind

I am reporting an unidentified flying object seen Sunday 7th June 1993 at 4.52pm to about 4.59pm. I saw it in Oldham while watching a jet flying South to North and to the right of Oldham on a map. The jet was about as high as you see any aircraft, when a light just appeared below it. The light was like a pin-prick and seemed to flash, although that could have been due to movement and sunlight, rather than anything else.

The light was stationary for a few minutes then moved up and towards the North-East in a diagonal path from the path of the jet.

It could have been a balloon, such as those bought by children, but why was a balloon so high up? Why did it suddenly appear underneath the jet? And Why was it seen on a Sunday, when balloons tend to be sold on shopping days Anyway, it's doubtful that a balloon would be seen so high up. The above drawing shows its relationship to the size of the jet.

If the pilot saw an unidentified flying object this is support for him.

I hope you will forward this letter to the appropriate British or American Air Force base.

Many thanks for your kind attention to the matter. I don't want any callers in the month of June.

Yours sincerely

Section 40
[redacted]

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Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

USA

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 10 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 June.

I am afraid that on this occasion I have been unable to track down the document to which you refer; in fact, I have not even heard of it!

I suggest that you write to the following address:

The Public Record Office
Ruskin Avenue
Kew
Richmond
Surrey
TW9 4DV

You should give the full title of the document, its date, the reason the study was carried out, and any other information which might help the Search Department to locate it.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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01 June 1993

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Secretariat (Air staff)2a, Room [redacted]
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Dear Secretariat,

I am interested in receiving from Her Majesties Government a copy of the document entitled

"ELECTROGRAVITICS SYSTEMS An examination of electrostatic motion, dynamic counterbary and barycentric control"
Report GRG-013/56 February 1956.

[redacted] is said to have worked with RAF on this.

If there are other follow up reports to the above or alternative reports relating to the aforementioned subject, please send or give reference to them as sited.

Thanks for your help thus far in previous requests.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

U.S.A.

E 54

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 June 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your recent letter.

In response to your questions, I should point out that there is the world of difference between stories passed to Section 40 by his sources (entirely his business, and up to him if he wants to tell you who he means) as opposed to information given out by an MOD spokesperson (ie one of my predecessors simply doing his best to answer a question).

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] (AIR STAFF),
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
MAIN BULIDING,
WHITEHALL, LONDON.

19 MAY 1993

DEAR [redacted]

I FEEL THAT YOU ARE CORRECT BY SAYING THERE IS NOTHING MORE YOU CAN ADD TO THIS CASE. HOWEVER I HAVE STUDIED YOUR LETTER AND WOULD LIKE TO CEAR UP A FEW POINTS THAT YOU HAVE MADE.

LETS GO BACK TO YOUR LETTER DATED 9 FEBUARY, YOU STATE "STORIES ABOUT TOP SECRET INFORMATION BEING LEAKED ABOUT UFO's ARE NOT NEW, BUT THIS INFORMATION INVARIABLY TURNS OUT TO HAVE BEEN FAKED". IN YOUR LETTER DATED 19 MARCH, YOU STATE "NO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SPOKESPERSON HAS PASSED ANY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ONTO [redacted] OR ANY OTHER UFOLOGIST". I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE SAYING THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO LEAKAGE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM RHE MOD AND THAT NO MOD SPOKESMAN HAVE TOLD [redacted] ANYTHING SECRET. HOWEVER THERE ARE TWO OTHER LETTERS THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME THAT I AM SLIGHTLY CONFUSED OVER.

IN YOUR LETTER DATED 23 MARCH YOU STATE "GIVEN THAT [redacted] HAS SAID THAT HE IS NOT PREPARED TO REVEAL HIS 'SOURCES', I SUSPECT THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THIS MATTER". IN YOUR LETTER DATED 16 APRIL YOU STATE "I HAVE NEVER ALLEGED THAT [redacted] IS LYING; WHAT I HAVE SAID IS THAT I DO NOT BELIEVE SOME OF THE STORIES HIS SOURCES HAVE TOLD HIM". THE POINT THAT I AM DRIVING AT IS THAT ONE MOMENT YOU SAY THERE HAS BEEN NO LEAKGE OF INFORMATION FROM THE MOD AND THAT KNOWONE HAS TOLD HIM ANYTHING AND THEN THE NEXT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT [redacted] HAS SOURCES AND THAT YOU DONT BELIEVE ANYTHING THAT THEY HAVE TOLD HIM.

IF WE BREAK THIS DOWN EVEN FURTHER AND LOOK AT THE MEANING OF THE WORD 'SOURCE', WHICH MEANS 'ANY PERSON, BOOK OR 'ORGANISATION' FROM WHICH 'INFORMATION' IS OBTAINED'. SINCE YOU HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT [redacted] HAS SOURCES (DONT FORGET THAT [redacted] STATED THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY AN MOD SPOKESMAN) DO YOU ACCEPT THAT THERE HAS BEEN A POSSIBLE LEAK OF INFORMATION FROM THE MOD?. ALSO LETS LOOK AT THE MEANING OF THE WORD 'SPOKESPESON' WHICH MEANS 'A PERSON 'AUTHORISED' TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON OR 'GROUP' ' WHAT I AM TRYING TO ASK HERE IS THAT IS THERE A POSABILITY THAT THE MOD AUTHORISED SOMEONE TO INFORM [redacted] THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS. FUTHER MORE IF YOU ARE GOING TO DENY THE FACT THAT ANYONE HAS TOLD [redacted] ANYTHING, COULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT OR WHO DO YOU MEAN BY 'SOURCES'?.

WHICH STORY IS THE MOD WILLING TO STICK TO?.
1.) THERE HAS BEEN NO LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION AND THAT NO MOD SPOKESPERSON WAS AUTHORISED TO TELL GOOD THE 'INFORMATION'
OR THE SECOND ONE.
2.) YOU DO NOT BELIEVE ANY STORIES ANY OF THE STORIES THAT [redacted] SOURCES HAVE TOLD HIM.

THANKYOU

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 3 June.

Contrary to some of the more exotic stories that are sometimes told, there is no Ministry of Defence cover-up on the subject of UFOs. The MOD has good relations with the UFO community, and we always do our best to help serious researchers where we can.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Reference - 'MAJESTIC-TWELVE'

[redacted]

3RD June, 1993.

Hello [redacted] Why or what has caused Your Mjesty to hide the truth about flying saucers/U.F.O.'S for FORTY-SIX YEARS?

[redacted]

LIBERAL-DEMOCRATS - PUTTING THE TRUTH FIRST

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 May in which you asked whether we could provide any information relating to a UFO sighting that occurred in Cyprus during 1971.

I am afraid that in this case, I am unable to help; while I have a vague recollection of reading about this sighting in a UFO book, I am certain that I have seen no official papers on the subject. The files for 1971 would have been sent to the Public Record Office a long time ago, and are covered by the terms of the Public Record Act, remaining closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action was taken.

We will always do our best to help researchers with whatever data we may have on sightings they are investigating, but this is dependent upon our having the files to hand. The files we hold in this office go back to about 1986, so we are unlikely to be able to help with anything before this date.

I am sorry to have to send you such a disappointing reply, but I wish you the best of luck with your own research.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

PUFORG

PLYMOUTH U.F.O. RESEARCH GROUP

FOUNDED 1965

Section 40

CHAIRMAN/INVESTIGATIONS
HON. SECRETARY
HON. TREASURER

reply to:
Section 40

Date 30-5-93

Dear Section 40

I last wrote to your department some years ago when I was given some help with a Ufo case we were investigating then (1987), and I was hoping you may be able to help me with another that has recently been reported to us.

The event occurred in Cyprus, on the 31st. of May, 1971. A 'brilliant ball of light' the size of a golf ball at arms length, flew slowly in from the west and when over the Troodhos Mountains, made a right angled turn and then flew slowly south on an ascending flight until fading to star size near the moon. The whole population of the island saw this and it was reported ion the local press.

At the time the Ufo crossed the island, 1400 British servicemen were on manoeuvres and all of them witnessed the Ufo, which took 22 minutes from coming from behind the mountains to its final position. I believe two Lightnings were sent up to investigate the object.

The following day the commanding officer asked all the men who had taken photographs of the object to hand their films in so they could be analysed. An estimated 100 rolls of film were handed in. Some weeks later a senior officer was heard to say that the object had been confirmed as a Ufo by MOD in London.

Could you give me any information on this sighting ? Would it be possible to see some of the photographs that were taken ? Though of course, I would really like to see any photographs, any information you could give would be helpful.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and your wife saw in the sky on 8 June have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Recycled Paper

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
8 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your circular - you will be interested to hear that I already have both the books that you mentioned!

I hope that your own "Nightwatchman" projects are going well.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40

Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London. SW1a 2HB

Section 40

4/6/93

Dear Section 40

Attached please find a 'Pull' of a circular of mine, about 'Getting Hold of' Tim Goods "Alien Liason" and "Alien Update", I do recommend their reading, as they are the first books I have come across that go some way towards my continuing project.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Nightwatchman

Nightwatchman [redacted]

Date.....

Dear.....

May I STRONGLY SUGGEST that you acquire two excelent works by Timothy Good and they are.....

..... Alien Liason ... &....Alien Update.....

The Books are more recent than My '80 UFOs and counting!... I honestly wish they had been published before I had written mine, as they are the first COMPILATIONS (that get anywhere near THE TRUTH) that I could have 'Pointed to' and said 'there you go,see my book'.

[redacted] does an exceelent job 'scouring the World for U.F.O. information, General in nature, (where I 'Pop out into my back yard for Specifics) I am not interested in the Myriad of UFOs that are mentioned in Print, only in the 'BEASTIES'(my UFOs) the ones that are actually here ,around the planet on a permanent basis, so, There you go... If you have baght mine,thank you,and the two books will go some way towards confirming what I have written, and if you havent bought my book, buy at least [redacted] ,(and then buy mine).

.... and no, in case you were thinking it... I am not on a sales Commission, I simply, genuinely,want you to learn more about the Guys and their Craft that REALLY MATTER.

Yours Sincerely,

Night Watchman.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
8 June 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and your wife saw in the sky in the early hours of 7 June have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen. It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them.

I understand that you have contacted the British UFO Research Association about your sighting; I hope that they are able to shed some light on the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
8 June 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky in the early hours of 4 June have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Recycled Paper

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 2 June 1993

Dear [redacted],

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
[redacted]
Tel no. [redacted]

Quest International
[redacted]
Tel no. [redacted]

Recycled Paper

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 May 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Prime Minister, in which you asked a number of questions about UFOs. I have been asked to reply. I will attempt to answer your points in the order that you raised them.

In answer to your first and second points, although we know that many people have reported having seen strange things in the sky, we are not aware of any evidence that proves UFOs are extraterrestrial in origin. There is no cover up, and I suspect that some of the more exotic stories in circulation are a product of hoaxing.

You asked for some contacts on the subject; the following civilian organisations are engaged in the study of the UFO phenomenon:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Recycled Paper

We will always try to be as helpful as we can in responding to questions about UFOs; I do not know what the attitude of other governments is.

As far as we are concerned, stories about crashed flying saucers fall into the category of hoax stories; much has been written, but no solid evidence has ever been produced.

Finally, I am unable to comment on what you say about electrodynamics theory.

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Head of Sec(AS)

The attached letter which the Prime Minister has received has been acknowledged by 10 Downing Street and has been forwarded to this Department for official action.

a. No 10 have passed it to us for action as we see fit and you are asked to consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and to action accordingly.

or

b. No 10 have asked that a full reply be sent and you should know that the Prime Minister attaches importance to such replies being sent expeditiously.

2. Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

26/5/93

Section 40 [redacted]

for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40 [redacted]

3. more. UFO

Section 40

12 May 1993 R17

Prime Minister
House of Commons
London

Dear Sir

Over the last year or so I have become more interested in the subject of UFO's. I have read many documents and reports of the British Government in the last forty becoming more involved in it's activity. There is too much evidence over the subject for you to deny. Here are some points in which I would like you to answer.

1) Will you give me positive information of their existance, in the form of documents and photograph which you are keeping from the public by going to the defence minister.

2) Is it true that there is a cover up of the subject in your government and the rest of the world?

3) Could you please give me other contacts of UFO investigations and what our defence minister has to comment on it.

4) Is there other countries around the world in which are more open about the subject than AMERICA and may-be in Britain.

5) After reading many reports of Top Ranking Air Force men in America observing crashed 'flying saucers' I woundered if there was any truth in it and if Great Britain were hiding these objects as well?

6) Do you confirm the idea of electrodynamics theory? Because I have looked into it and see that it posible.

I would be very grateful if you could do this as soon as possible. If you find that some of the questions hard to answer please send them to some one who can.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 May 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Prime Minister, concerning your suggestion that a department be set up to investigate UFOs and other strange phenomena. I have been asked to reply, as this office is the focal point for all enquiries about UFOs.

I am afraid that the Government's involvement in these matters is so limited that the establishment of such a department could not be justified. With regard to UFOs, our only role is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen. The reports we receive, which are usually limited to very brief details of what was seen, are passed to staff in departments concerned with the air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine them as part of their normal duties.

In case you are not already aware, there are a number of civilian organisations in the UK that are currently engaged in studying the UFO phenomenon, and you may wish to contact them. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Recycled Paper

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Although not really what you were looking for, I believe that some of these groups use unpaid volunteers as local investigators, and you might like to think about this.

I hope this is helpful, although I realise it is not the answer you were hoping for. I wish you the best of luck, in any case.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Head of Sec (AS)

The attached letter which the Prime Minister has received has been acknowledged by 10 Downing Street and has been forwarded to this Department for official action.

a. No 10 have passed it to us for action as we see fit and you are asked to consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and to action accordingly.

or

b. No 10 have asked that a full reply be sent and you should know that the Prime Minister attaches importance to such replies being sent expeditiously.

2. Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

24/5/93

Section 40

for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

[redacted]

12 May 1993

The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON

Dear Prime Minister

As I am interested in the UFO phenomena I would like to ask if you would be willing to consider establishing a new department to research this and other phenomena as it could be worth while if people who are unemployed like myself are employed in such a department.

I hope you will forgive me for any offence. But considering that it would be of help to the unemployed and the Government if regional offices were established with a central office base. It would as I have mentioned help other people who are unemployed gain a full-time job and bring the overall number of unemployed down.

Such a department would require the obvious staff that any office has and this would help in lowering the unemployment statistics. There would have to be liaison officers between regional and central offices. Then there would be the actual researchers/investigators into the individual phenomena.

The department would if you are agreeable liase with already established organisations into these phenomena.

Please do not think that I am begging for a job but such a department would be of help and would help others to get back into permanent work.

I hope you have not been offended by this, if so, I am deeply sorry.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) [redacted]
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 May 1993

Dear [redacted],

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and your friends saw in the sky yesterday evening have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Quest International
[redacted]
Tel no. [redacted]

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Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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British UFO Research Association

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A
Room Section 40 Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Section 40

Tel. Section 40
Fax: Section 40

Date: 11th May 1993

Dear Section 40

There have been a few delays in the BUFORA publications section for this year but I enclose the two latest journals that have now been published.

I spoke to Section 40 recently and he thought it might be nice if you, he and I all got together for a lunch in London. Maybe you could give me a ring and let me know how you feel about that.

All the best and speak to you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

Spoke to [redacted] and agreed on Fri 11th June.

Section 40

19/5

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
17 May 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and your wife saw in the sky on Friday evening have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

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Section 40

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Recycled Paper

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
14 May 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 April, and for sending me a copy of the tape recording allegedly made by Lt Col Halt.

I listened to the tape with interest, but can offer no definitive view. Personally, I suspect that the tape is a hoax, albeit an extremely well constructed one. My main reason for saying this is that I find the whole scenario extremely unlikely; I have never heard of any instances of military personnel investigating an incident, whilst simultaneously making an audio recording. The fact that the tape has been edited down and re-recorded (complete with two very non-military interruptions) also suggests that the recording was made by enterprising members of the public. Furthermore, if the recording was genuine, I would expect that the ufologist to whom the tape was supposedly first made available would be able to produce an official covering letter; I have never heard of such a letter. Finally, it is perhaps significant that there is no reference to the tape recording in Lt Col Halt's memo.

I have never heard any official mention of the tape, so I do not believe that any official UK or US department would be able to obtain a full length copy of the recording.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

TELEPHONE: Section 40

Section 40

Dear Section 40

28 April 1993.

Thankyou for your letter of 23 April and thankyou very much for sending me a copy of the reported UFO sighting over Brereton on 31 March.

Enclosed is a copy of the 18 minute audio recording made by Lt. Col. Halt in Dec. 1980 in Rendlesham Forest. According to published material the tape was originally made available by Colonel Sam Morgan, a former base commander at Bentwaters. This occurred when Morgan was back in the USA. A study was made a few years ago of the tape by a retired radio engineer in the US named Section 40 who assessed that the tape had been edited down from about three hours and the copy currently in circulation (he concluded) was recorded outside and then re-recorded from a playback to a recorder without a direct feed whilst in a large room. Please feel free to keep this copy. I would be very interested to have your opinion on it if you have no objection. It appears to have been taped over something else because there are two interruptions on the tape, one is a segment of piano music and the other is a voice which appears to say "he took this long to dock", or something similar.

Are you aware of any departments (either UK or US) who it may be profitable to contact with regard to obtaining a full length copy of the audio? Thanks.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) (Switchboard) (Fax) Section 40

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
13 May 1993

Dear Section 40,

Your letter dated 27 April has been passed to this office, as the focal point for all enquiries about UFOs. I am sorry that you have not received a reply to your earlier letter; I have not received this, and can only assume that it has gone astray.

Any UFO report made by a pilot should be sent to us, although reports are filed according to the date of the sighting, with no separate records being kept of the profession of witnesses. If you are investigating a specific sighting, and let us know the details, we will send you a copy of any report we have.

You mentioned a specific case involving a Boeing 737 aircraft; in fact, the pilot reported this incident as an airmiss, as opposed to making a UFO report. I have attached a copy of the CAA's report into this incident, which was prepared by the Joint Airmiss Section.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

AIRMISS REPORT No 75/91

	Type	Operator	Alt/FL	Assessed Met Conditions
Date/Time: 151745 Jul				
Reporting Aircraft:	B737	CAT	FL 140 ↓	VMC 40 km
Reported Aircraft:	Black Lozenge Shaped Object			
Position:	N5042N E0044 (30 NM SE MAY)			
Airspace Type:	CTA			

PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO JAS

THE B737 PILOT reports that he was inbound to Gatwick and in communication with London control on 128.4 while squawking with Mode C. He was heading 308° and descending through FL 140 at 355 kt with visibility in the region of 40 km. His FO saw a small black lozenge shaped object about 500 m ahead of the ac and at the same level. Within the space of about 1.5 sec it passed very close, less than 100 yd away, down the port side of the ac and, at the most, 30 ft above the level of the wing. He informed London Control, via the RT, who reported seeing a small primary radar contact astern of the ac. No impact or disturbance was felt on the ac and no damage was observed during a post flight inspection. He assessed the risk of collision as high.

ATC AT LATCC reports that during a moderate traffic loading on the BIG/EAS CCF sector the B737 pilot reported an object passing his ac in the opposite direction at a high closing speed. The B737 was inbound to Gatwick via the Eastwood stack and passing the BEXIL way point. He was descending through 15,000 ft and thought the object may have been a balloon, or part of, describing it as black and about 18 inches wide. The SC reports that a primary return was seen about 10 NM behind the B737 heading SE at about 100 kt. A following ac was given traffic information and avoiding turns to the left to avoid the primary return, which had appeared to change heading towards it, but its pilot reported seeing nothing. The DVR CSC was also advised of the facts in order that inbound traffic could be given vectors to avoid the area.

JAS Notes

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Degree of Risk: B

Cause: Confliction between the B737 and the unidentified object.

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Mil Exec

A Joint Civil Aviation Authority - Ministry of Defence service

The attached seems more your line of country than mine. I enclose a snippet which you might like to attach to the one you send to these folk. This one does not seem to have found out how to undo his caps. lock.

Section 40

Received at JMS from CAA library.

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Section 40 [redacted]

TEL : Section 40 [redacted]

27.4.93

DEAR MADAM,

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HELP ME WITH REFERENCE TO REPORTS FILED BY PILOTS ON THE SUBJECT OF U.F.O'S (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS).I RUN A SMALL GROUP IN THE SOUTHAMPTON AREA,AND OVER THE YEARS I HAVE BUILT UP A VERY LARGE COLLECTION OF PRESS CUTTINGS ETC ON THE SUBJECT. I HAVE CAME ACROSS MANY REPORTS WHERE PILOTS HAVE REPORTED NEAR MISSES WITH U.F.O'S OR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THEM.I HAVE FOUND THAT OVER THE YEARS,PILOTS HAVE COME OUT OF THE CLOSET,& REPORTED SUCH INCIDENTS.I HAVE READ MANY REPORTS IN RESPECT TO A BOEING 737,THAT WAS COMING IN TO LAND AT GATWICK AIRPORT A FEW YEARS AGO.AS IT CAME IN, IT WAS PASSED BY A BLACK LOZINGER-SHAPED OBJECT ABOUT 100 YARDS OFF ITS PORT WING...

WHAT I WAS WONDERING,DO YOU FILE SUCH REPORTS ?,IF SO, ARE THEY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS PHOTOCOPIES.I WOULD LIKE TO TRY AND OBTAIN SUCH ITEMS IF POSSIBLE.I KNOW THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE INVESTIGATE ANY SUCH SIGHTINGS,AS THEY MAY BE OF SOME DEFENCE IMPLICATIONS.I HAVE WRITTEN TO THEM IN THE PAST,BUT ALL YOU GET BACK IS A STANDARD REPLY.

PLEASE CAN YOU SUPPLY ME WITH DETAILS OF COSTS ETC,IF YOU CAN HELP,& IF POSSIBLE A SAMPLE COPY OR TWO OF SUCH REPORTS. I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL OF ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN SUPPLY.

"cut Text" in might at least change the date!

I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE,

JOINT AIRMISS SECTION - 4 MAY 1993 NATS FIELD HQ

YOURS FAITHFULLY

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] (SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP)

PLEASE NOTE

2ND REQUEST

I POSTED A LETTER TO ABOVE IN FEB 93 TO THE MOD LIBRARIAN. TO DATE, I HAVE HAD NO REPLY

AIRMISS REPORT No 75/91

	Type	Operator	Alt/FL	Assessed Met Conditions
Date/Time: 151745 Jul				
Reporting Aircraft:	B737	CAT	FL 140↓	VMC 40 km
Reported Aircraft:	Black Lozenge Shaped Object			
Position:	N5042N E0044 (30 NM SE MAY)			
Airspace Type:	CTA			

PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO JAS

THE B737 PILOT reports that he was inbound to Gatwick and in communication with London control on 128.4 while squawking with Mode C. He was heading 308° and descending through FL 140 at 355 kt with visibility in the region of 40 km. His FO saw a small black lozenge shaped object about 500 m ahead of the ac and at the same level. Within the space of about 1.5 sec it passed very close, less than 100 yd away, down the port side of the ac and, at the most, 30 ft above the level of the wing. He informed London Control, via the RT, who reported seeing a small primary radar contact astern of the ac. No impact or disturbance was felt on the ac and no damage was observed during a post flight inspection. He assessed the risk of collision as high.

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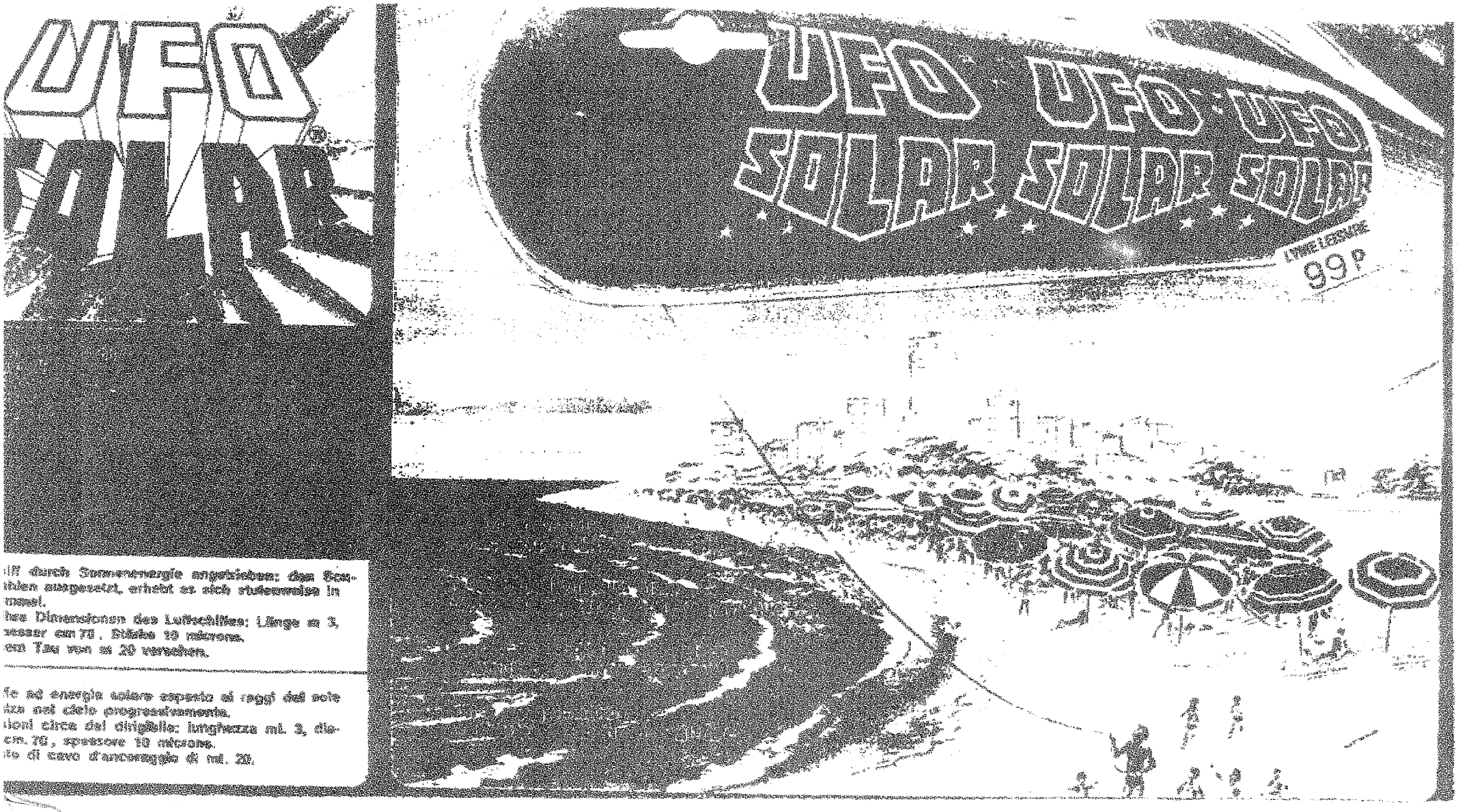

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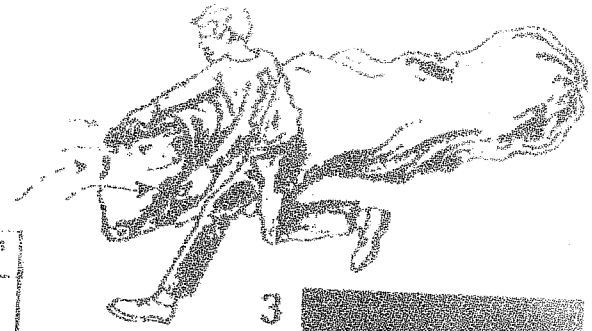

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Slamizzi bene il vostro dirigibile

2

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Chiudete una delle estremità con una delle 2 stringhe.

3

Haltet es gut auf und lauft in der Art und Weise, dass es sich auf Euch aufbläht.

Tenendolo bene aperto correte in modo da gonfiarlo d'aria.

ACHTUNG - WIE ALLE PLASTIKBEUTEL KÖNNTE AUCH DIESER ERSTICKUNG, WENN ES NICHT GEBRAUCHT WIRD, GEFÄHRLICH FÜR KINDER SEIN. SIE KÖNNTEN ES AUSEINANDERREISSEN UND JEDE DAVON VERSCHLUCKEN, ODER SIE KÖNNTEN SICH BEIM ZERSCHNEIDEN UND BIEGEN AN ZU SPITZEN STICHEN, WENN ES NICHT BENUTZT WIRD, MUSS ES AUSSER REICHWEITE DER KINDER AUFBEWAHRT WERDEN.

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4

Bindet die andere Ende so und befestigt gleichzeitig das Band, an das ihr das Seil schon festgemacht habt.

Chiudete l'altra estremità assicurando l'anellino, al quale avete già legato il filo.

5

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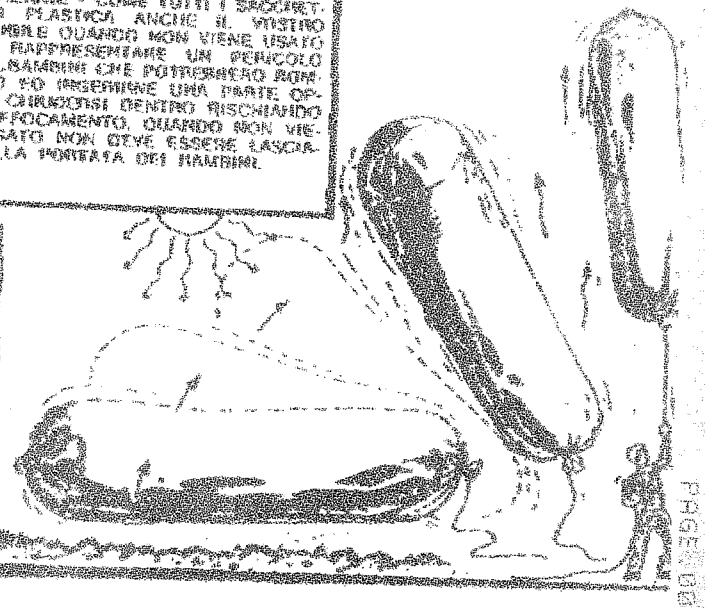

Achtung - Benutzt Euer Luftschiff nicht bei starkem Wind. Haltet es fern von Hindernissen wie: Bäume, Gebäude, Telegraphenpfähle, elektrischen Leitungen usw. Im Falle eines Risses, macht es mit einem Klebeband usw. Haltet Euer Luftschiff am Seil gebunden und am Boden befestigt, denn wenn es sich einmal losgemacht hat, könnte es eine unglaubliche Höhe erreichen (10.000 Meter).

Attenzione - Non usate il vostro dirigibile con vento forte. Mantenetevi lontano da ostacoli come: alberi, costruzioni, pali telegrafici, linee elettriche etc. In caso di rottura aggiustare con nastro adesivo. Tenete il vostro - dirigibile - legato al filo ed evitate all'inizio, poiché se liberato potrebbe raggiungere altezze incredibili (10.000 metri).

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
6 May 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your two recent letters.

I think we have now reached the point where there is nothing that I can add to our previous correspondence; you should by now have more than enough material to explain our position!

I will, however, reiterate one point: while we may well have referred to other divisions looking at UFO reports sent in by the public, we would not have said that there were secret research projects into UFOs.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
MAIN BULIDING,
WHITEHALL,
SW1A 2HB.

1 MAY 1993

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for last statment, dated 26 April.

I have recieved your last letter and was very pleased with it. I would like to know however if you have read the copy of the letter that I recieved off Section 40 Do you think that Section 40 statment in which he said the MoD will just have me running around in circles is a fair one. Also [redacted] states that you will use Section 40 to suit your purpose, is this true? is the Ministry just telling Section 40 things that they want the public to believe. Section 40 [redacted] may be able to back up what he prints, but can he back up what he states on network television?. My personal opinion is Section 40 [redacted] (a bit like my letters sometimes eh) I realise that the star wars project, SETI or the Euro fighter aircraft is not your department.

I would like to ask you Section 40 since you have stated that some UFO sightings will defy explantion, if there was ever a threat from outer space although this has not been the case so far, would all the contries of the world join forces to replell such an invaision, and has there ever been such an agreement signed by the two super powers?.

Getting back to the investigation, I have tried to contact Section 40 but he still seems to be avoiding me, however I will get in touch him again and send him a copy of Section 40 letter, I dont think he will be to pleased when he reads Section 40 statment. I am not trying to stir things up between them but if they keep on avoiding me I have to take strong mesures to get a response. I have made a copy of my casefile and sent it aff to a branch of the Crown Prosecution Service called the special casework division, which is a branch who deal with breaches of the official secrets act. I hope very soon they will get back to me. I would like to ask you Section 40 why do you think Section 40 [redacted] asked me if Section 40 [redacted] do you think it has got somthing to do with Section 40 statment, to put it more simple would you be able to turn round to me and say the Defence Itelligence Staff is involved in secret UFO investigations.

I hope you do not clam up on me like the Other two have I'm sure the MoD would like this solved once and for all. One more thing I would like to ask you is do you have any ideas that I can use to gather more information off Section 40 [redacted] m
I hope to hear from you soon.

thankyou

Section 40 [redacted]

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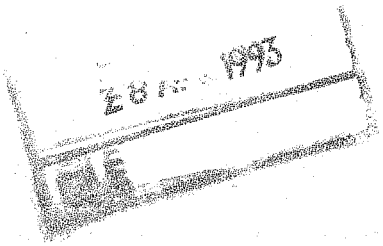

[redacted]
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
MAIN BULIDING,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON,
SW1A 2HB.

23 APRIL 1993

DEAR [redacted]

I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGISE FOR NOT READING YOUR LAST LETTER PROPERLY.

I HAVE TO ADMIT I DO JUMP THE GUN A BIT, HOWEVER BEFORE WE GET DIVERTED AWAY HERE WE HAVE TO REMEMBER WHAT THIS INVESTIGATION IS ALL ABOUT. WHEN I FIRST STARTED THIS WHOLE AFFAIR I DID NOT KNOW IT WOULD GO THIS FAR, I THOUGHT THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD JUST GIVE ME A SIMPLE ANSWER TO A SIMPLE QUESTION.

THE REASON THAT I WROTE IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS TO FIND OUT WHETHER A MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SPOKESPERSON TOLD [redacted] THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS. YOU SAW AND HEARED HIS STATMENT [redacted] HE STATAED 'WORK IS GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES I WAS INFORMED BY A MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SPOKESMEN THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS'.

WHEN I WROTE TO [redacted] I ASKED HIM CAN HE PROVE THAT THE ABOVE STATMENT IS TRUE. INSTEAD OF GIVING ME A DIRECT ANSWER HE JUST SAID THAT [redacted] TOLD HIM THAT SOME UFO REPORTS A PASSED ON TO OTHER BRANCHES OF THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF NAMELY DI55. HOWEVER I DID NOT WANT TO KNOW THIS, I SIMPLY WANT TO KNOW WHICH MoD SPOKESPERSON TOLD HIM THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS?.

THE SAME IS TRUE WITH THE MINISTRY, ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE COME CLOSE, FOR YOU HAVE SAID THAT NO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SPOKESPERSON HAS PASSED ANY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON TO [redacted] OR ANY OTHER UFOLIGIST. SO FAR NEITHER OF YOU HAS GIVEN ME A DIRECT ANSWER YET, FORGIVE ME FOR SAYING THIS BUT IT SEEMS THAT [redacted] MAY BE RIGHT WHEN HE SAID THAT YOU WOULD JUST HAVE ME RUNNING ROUND IN CIRCLES. IT SEEMS THAT [redacted] IS DOING THE SAME AS WELL.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPURTUNITY TO THANKYOU PERSONALY [redacted] YOU HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO ME, ALSO I ADMIRE YOUR PATIENTS, 'IF I WAS IN YOUR SHOES I WOULD HAVE LOST MY PATIENTS WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME AGES AGO'.

I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS THAT THE STATMENT THAT [redacted] MADE ON NETWORK TELEVISION MAYBE FALSE, BECAUSE [redacted] WOULD NEVER OF PHONED ME AND ASKED [redacted] I HAVE ALSO MADE A COUPLE OF ATEMPS TO CONTACT [redacted] AGAIN BUT HE HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO WRITE BACK, THE REASON BEING I THINK BECAUSE HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BACK UP HIS STATMENT. I HAVE ALSO COME UP WITH THE HYPOTHESIS THAT THERE IS NO WAY THAT ANY MoD SPOKESPERSON TOLD [redacted] THE ABOVE STATMENT, 'BECAUSE' WHY WOULD THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE TELL GOOD THAT THEY WERE CARRYING OUT TOP SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS, THEN TURN AROUND TO ME AND INDICATE THAT THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH WORK?, IT DOESENT MAKE SENCE OR SERVE ANY PURPOSE, ANYWAY WHY TELL AN AUTHOR WHY NOT JUST RING UP THE EDITOR OF THE SUN AND TELL HIM.

I HAVE HAD A THINK ABOUT WHY [redacted] THOUGHT THAT [redacted] I KNOW IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHAT [redacted] SAID, BUT AS I STATED IN MY PREVIOUS LETTER I HAVE YET TO HERE FROM THE BROADCASTING COMPLAINTS COMMITEE. I HAVE WRITTEN TO THEM BASICLY TO FIND OUT IF IT IS ILEAGAL TO BROADCAST FALSE INFORMATION, IF [redacted] IS LYING THEN HE HAS DECIEVED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND ALSO PUT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE UNDER UNECESSARY PRESSURE. ALSO IF THE LAW ALOWS IT, I WILL TAKE LEAGAL ACTION AGAINST [redacted] WHICH I'M AFRAID MAY HAVE TO INVOLVE THE MoD I HOPE BOTH PARTIES INVOLVED WILL GIVE ME A SIMPLE ANSWER TO A SIMPLE QUESTION BEFORE IT GOES THAT FAR. THE QUESTION IS 'DID OR DID NOT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE INFORM [redacted] THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS'?.

THANKYOU

[redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
6 May 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 April.

My only knowledge of the Gulf Breeze sightings comes from what I have read in books, so I am not able to offer an official view on the videos; in any case, the Ministry of Defence does not look at sightings outside the UK, so there is little that I can say on Gulf Breeze, or indeed on the claims of people like Section 40 and Section 40 If you are interested in an official view on Gulf Breeze, I suggest that you contact the United States Embassy. The address is 24 Grosvenor Square, London, W1A 1AE.

Given your interest in the subject, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

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Quest International
Section 40

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Recycled Paper

You may be interested in two conferences that Quest International are organising later this year, because the guest speakers will include Section 40 and Section 40 Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

26.4.93

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

I am writing with regard to your reply on behalf of the prime minister regarding the subject of UFOs. I am aware that there is alot of hoaxing associated with the subject, but I myself have never seen any conclusive evidence that proves that the phenomenon in Gulf Breeze is hoaxed, especially the famous road shot. I understand that there exists over two hundred video tapes of the 'UFO' taken there, some I understand have been taken by various television crews. What is your opinion of such videos? Do you belive all of these to be hoaxed? I am also curious in knowing what your opinion is of such people like Section 40 [redacted] and Section 40 [redacted], who both have some very serious stuff to say regarding the subject?

I've always been an athiest and believed religion to be fiction, I'd like to see some hard evidence for a change that would support the existance of God. As a race we are very arrogant to the fact that we are the only intelligent race in existance, we haven't even been in the air for a hundred years yet so how can we say that its impossible to travel such vast distances as the 'UFOs' supposedly do.

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Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 30 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

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Your reference

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
30 April 1993

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27 April 1993

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Details of the report that you made concerning the strange lights that you and your husband saw in the sky this weekend have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Recycled Paper

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 April 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you, your wife and some of your neighbours saw in the sky this weekend have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Contact International (UK)

[redacted]

Tel no. [redacted]

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
26 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 April, concerning the Unidentified Flying Object that you saw last year.

If you are interested in following up your sighting, you might like to contact some of the organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of the UFO phenomenon. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful, and that you are able to find an explanation for what you saw.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

15th APRIL
1993

[redacted]

Dear Sirs,

Re: Unexplained Sighting Of unknown Saucer on Southport Coast line Oct/Nov 1992.

I Reported to the Coast guard by way of a 999 Call a strange occurance on the Coast, 2 minutes after I Saw + felt it. It was a small moon shaped object that moved Acekoss from R to left from Blackpool direction. It then hovered in the Sky About 5/6 miles out and then Advanced forward towards the town. It then lost height slowly and sat on the Sea. I Am Not easily disturbed but quite honestly in gave me an air of complete danger. I have been worried Ever Since So felt it would Be Better if I informed a more powerful department.

Yours only

[redacted]

Southport used to be a quiet little Victorian town; that grew in Dec 1989 to a small Town in Berlin, moved on to a small town in Europe, but transcended to Being a small Town in moscow. It then descended to being a Small Town in Bethlehem (Sometimes Called BedLam) and moved up to a small town with a Capital on Top — Too fine, Too Soon, Too High. The Capital was good - too good but the Country didn't match.

Perhaps the Capital is the target ^ Perhaps JERUSALEM is Under all Capitals.

Enough idle philosophy

How about just a small town in A larger Country Surrounded by An Even larger Sea with an Even larger Capital ON top:

Yours anxiously

[redacted] Section 40

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
26 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 April.

You should by now have received my letter dated 16 April, and there is nothing that can usefully be added to this.

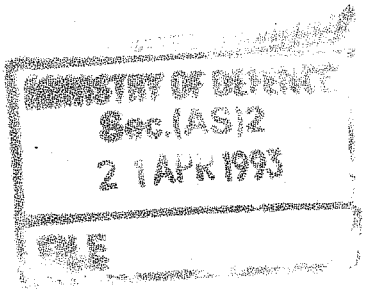
Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]



17 APRIL 1993

DEAR Section 40

I THINK AT LAST I MAY HAVE FOUND A SOLUTION TO THIS WHOLE AFFAIF, WHICH WILL COME AS GREAT RELIEF TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

Section 40

I HAVE ONE CONFESSION TO MAKE TO YOU AND THAT IS, I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH Section 40 Section 40 [redacted] I WROTE TO [redacted] A SHORT TIME AGO SAYING THAT I WAS INVOLVED IN AN INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THAT STATMENT THAT Section 40 [redacted] HADE MADE ON NETWORK TELEVISION. I ALSO ASKED THEM IF THEY HAD A COPY OF THE SCRIPT TO THAT PROGRAMME, AND ALSO IF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAD GIVEN ANY COMMENTS ON IT.

ON THE 24 MARCH I RECIEVED A RATHER UNEXPECTED PHONE CALL OF A Section 40 [redacted] WHO WAS PRODUCER OF THAT PROGRAMME, AFTER INTROCING HIMSELF THE FIRST THING THAT HE ASKED ME WAS Section 40 [redacted] AS YOU CAN IMAGINE I BECAME QUITE NERVOUS I TOLD HIM THAT I HAVE NO INTENSION Section 40 [redacted] ALSO ON THE SAME DAY I RECIEVED YOUR LETTER STATING THAT NO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SPOKESPERSON HAD PASSED ANY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON TO Section 40 I READ YOUR LETTER OUT TO Section 40 AND HE SEEMED QUITE INTRESTED, SO I SENT HIM ACOPY OF THE CASE FILE I HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER. TWO DAYS LATER I WAS ON THE PHONE AGAIN TO Section 40 AND I ASKED HIM ,IF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAD GIVEN HIM ANY COMMENTS ON HIS PROGRAMME. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO YOU, AND YOU BASICLY MADE HIS SHOW OUT BE A LOAD OF RUBBISH.

WE MADE ARRANGMENT TO TALK AGAIN, HOWEVER WHEN I DID TRY TO CONTACT HIM HE WAS ALWAYS UNAVAILABLE. Section 40 Section 40 IT WAS NOW THAT I THOUGHT THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE I HAD BEEN CONNED. I STARTED TO GO OVER THE FIRST THING THAT [redacted] HAD ASKED ME Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 [redacted]. I THOUGHT WHAT POSSIBLE RESON WOULD I HAVE FOR THIS. I HAD ALREADY ASKED [redacted] WHY HE THOUGHT THAT I WAS TAKING Section 40 [redacted] HE SAID IT WAS THE WAY THAT I HAD PUT MY LETTER. I NEVER INDICATED THAT I WAS TAKING ANY ACTION, I MERLEY ASKED THEM FOR A SCRIPT. IT WAS NOW THAT I HAVE 'TWIGGED' Section 40 HAD NO INTREST WHAT SO EVER IN MY STORY, HE JUST WANTED TO KNOW THAT IF IT WAS EVER TO COME OUT THAT [redacted] WAS LYING, THEN [redacted] WOULD BE LIABLE, BECAUSE THEY BRAUDCASTED FALSE INFORMATION, TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWING THAT IT WAS FALSE, WITH INTENT TO DISSINFORM AND DECIEVE THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Section 40 Section 40

UFO INVESTIGATION BUREAU

I HAVE NOW FIGURED OUT THAT THERE IS NO WAY Section 40 TOLD Section 40 THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS.

Section 40 HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ME SINCE, AND THIS IS WHY I AM WRITING TO YOU. Section 40 KNOWS THAT STATMENT THAT [redacted] MADE IS FALSE HE WROTE TO ME HOPING THAT I WOULD BELIEVE HIS LETTER AND NOT TO CONTINUE WITH THIS CASE, BUT IN FACT HE HAS DONE THE OPPOSITE I AM MORE DETERMAINED THAN EVER NOW TO PROVE THAT [redacted] IS LYING. YOU KNOW AND I KNOW THERE IS NO WAY Section 40 WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL [redacted] Section 40 THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS.

I AM AWAITING A REPLY FROM THE BRAUDCASTING COMPLAINST COMMITEE, TO TELL ME IF I CAN TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST [redacted] FOR BRAUDCASTING FALSE INFORMATION WITH INTENT TO DECIEVE THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Section 40

IT IS NOW THAT I MUST ASK YOU FOR VITAL INFORMATION TO BACK UP THE CHARGE, I NEED TO GET A STATMENT FROM Section 40 STATING THAT HE DID NOT INFORM [redacted] THE THE 'DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN ANY SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS'. IF Section 40 IS WILLING TO COME FOWARD AND STATE THIS, THEN THERE IS NO WAY Section 40 WOULD BE ABLE TO DISSPROVE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. IF YOU CANNOT SUPPLLY THIS STATMENT THEN I WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE MY ATTACK ON THE MoD AND Section 40 [redacted]
I HOPE TO HERE FROM YOU SOON.

THANKYOU

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40

13.4.93

Section 40

Dear Section 40

I'm sorry that you have found it hard to reach me. It came as a surprise as I've had no messages that you've called on my desk.

However, I've had a quiet think about what you have been doing and come to the conclusion that we can't win.

My experience of the MOD is that they will go round and round in circles with words and in the end get nowhere. They will use Section 40 if it suits them and then drop him if that helps their cause. Section 40

My feeling is that your energy would be better used trying to get the ministry to tell you how its research is obtained rather than an attack on them or Section 40

I also have another problem, that is to be free to gather information I am mot in a position to antagonise people like Section 40 too much.

yours,

Section 40 .

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
26 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

RAF Leeming have forwarded me your letter concerning the recent spate of UFO sightings in the Cleveland and Teeside areas.

By now you should have received my letter dated 8 April, and there is little that I can add to this.

I have checked to see whether or not we have received any other UFO reports from the areas concerned, that might tie in with the sightings you are investigating. No such reports have been received.

I wish you and your colleagues at MUFORA the best of luck with your investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40

2390/2/PR

20 April 1993

Dear Section 40

I am writing in response to your letter dated 29 March 1993 and have to tell you that I have forwarded it to the Ministry of Defence (Air Secretariat). I am sorry I cannot throw any further light on the incident for you.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

29th march 1993

Dear Sir.
I am writing,as i would be interested in your comments concerning an incident/incidents,which you had reported to you on the 23/3/93 at approximately 21.15 hrs,by a Section 40

The incident/incidents involved an object of considerable size flying very low over the persons house(reportedly as low as two hundred feet at one stage),travelling at a very slow rate of speed, and making odd manoeuvres(ie.hovering then moving off then hovering again an so on).He also says that he watched the object hovering over the nuclear power station over the river Tees in Hartlepool for some time.

The reason i would be interested to hear your comments is that i know of up to 12 people who have seen this or a similar object spanning a period of 18 months to 2 years.They have been reported to us,(the"us"being the manchester ufo research association'MUFORA for short).

I know that you apparently told Section 40 that neither yourself or that of Teeside airport could trace the object on radar,however i am lead to believe that you told Section 40 that you had at one stage diverted two aircraft which were apparently over the north sea to try to find the object.

I am aware that you did take tha incident seriously,and i am also aware that you did have several reports of this or a similar object on consecutive nights(the nights being the 23,24,25,of march 1993), from various people thoughout Teeside.

Would you be prepared to state a,how many people reported the object,b,if you did indeed divert two aircraft into the area to look for the object,and there findings if any,and also if you would be prepared to state if this object was indeed the supposedly secret American test stealth aircraft commonly known as the AURORA as stated in some areas of the media.

I would like to stress to you that this object has caused concern and has indeed frightend a large number of people,so therefore if the object reported is the AURORA then i would hope that the public in this area would be informed.

In conclusion,i would like to say that i realise that you may not be aware of what this object is,however i hope that you will be able to cooperate and try and help solve this mistery.I have enclosed a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience,and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for any information you can give.

yours sincerely

[redacted] Section 40

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
23 April 1993

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 14 April.

We do not have any reports of triangular objects seen over Norfolk during March and April, but we do have a report of a UFO seen over Brereton on 31 March. I have attached a copy of this report, with the personal details of the witness deleted in the usual way.

We do not have a copy of Sqn Ldr Moreland's covering letter to Lt Col Halt's UFO report; the files we hold in this office go back to about 1985, and previous files have been archived, and will be placed in the Public Record Office in the usual way.

I am not aware that the Ministry of Defence has ever been sent a copy of the "Halt tape". If you send me a copy I would be happy to let you know what I think.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

Recycled Paper

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

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

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

Section 40 [redacted]

Sec (AS) 2a

TELEPHONE: Section 40

Section 40

Dear Section 40

April 14 1993

As you know I have corresponded with you a number of times on the subject of UFO's. I am wondering if you could tell me if you have received reports on the following and if copies of any such reports are available, if they exist:

1. Reports of triangular objects sighted over Norfolk in March and April of this year.

2. Reports of an object sighted over Brereton and reported to Rugeley police on 31 March of this year.

3. I have enquired previously about the UFO sighting near RAF Woodbridge in Dec. 1980 as mentioned in a report filed by Lt. Col. Charles Halt. Could you confirm if the MOD is in possession of a covering letter from Squadron Leader Moreland, the then Squadron Leader of the base in question, to the MOD which accompanied the report from Lt. Col. Halt and advise if this covering letter is releasable? Related to this, could you advise me if the MOD has made any study of the 18 minute audio tape recording made by Halt and members of the USAF several nights after the aforementioned report?

Should you be able to help in any way re. the above it would be very much appreciated. Thanks.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
23 April 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 April, concerning your research into the crop circle phenomenon. Once again, I am sorry that your previous letters went astray.

In fact, the Ministry of Defence has no responsibility for this subject; we do get letters about crop circles, but this is only because of the perceived link that some people see between crop circles and UFOs. We hold no fixed view on either phenomena.

I am happy to confirm that we have no objections to your publishing the findings of your studies.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

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20 April 1993

Section 40

Secretariate(Air Staff)2a
Room Section 40
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SWIA 2HB

Dear Section 40

Reference our 'phone conversation this morning, I am enclosing copies of the three letters I sent to the MOD on the dates shown. I did not receive a reply to any of these letters.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

25 February 1993

Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SWIA 2HB

Dear Sir,

Crop Circles

During the past three years I have been examining in great detail crop formations, mainly in the Wiltshire area.

Although I do not rule out human involvement (hoaxing), I have, nevertheless, amassed sufficient evidence which shows that some events are not created by trampling, using the assistance of a harnessed plank, a garden roller or some other manually assisted device.

My evidence, supported by photographs, clearly shows that the flattening force is not mechanical but of a fluid nature and obeys the laws of fluid dynamics, though decisively shaped by other factors.

I have developed a structural model showing that there is a complex sequencing of crop flattening which virtually rules out the possibility that a previously unknown natural atmospheric phenomenon is the causative agency.

Although I am aware of the vague theories (usually of a bizarre nature) which the crop circle phenomenon has generated, I have, nevertheless, formed a tentative hypothesis which I intend to develop by experimental testing this summer.

Do you know of any public interest reason why I should not go ahead and publish my findings?

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

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19 March 1993

Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I sent to you on the 25th February. As I have not received a reply, I can only assume that you did not receive it.

Please would you give my query your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

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4 April 1993

Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SWI 2HB.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I wrote to you on the 25th February. On the 19th March I also sent you a copy with a cover note requesting an answer to my query. As I have not received a reply to either of these letters, I am enclosing a S.A.E. and would kindly ask you to acknowledge receipt.

If you would like more information on the evidence I propose to publish, I would be happy to supply it. However, if I do not receive a reply to this letter, I intend to go ahead and publish my evidence.

Looking forward to receiving an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for you letter dated 11 April to the Secretary of State for Defence. I have been asked to reply.

I am not aware of any material on our UFO files that has ever been classified as secret; UFO reports are unclassified. We are not able to release material from our files en bloc, because under the terms of the Public Record Act, all government files remain closed for 30 years from the date of the last document, irrespective of the file's classification. Having said this, we can and do help where we can; if a researcher contacts us about a particular case they are investigating, we will check to see if we have received any reports that may tie in. If we do, we will release them. I have attached a couple of examples for you. We always delete details of the witness's name and address, together with any personal information, for reasons of witness confidentiality. You will note that the reports we get are fairly mundane "lights in the sky" reports - people reporting close encounters seem to contact UFO groups rather than us.

A few of our old files from the Fifties are available for public viewing, at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DV. The file references are as follows:

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

Given your interest in this subject, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. I suggest the following groups:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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FOR CAB

ROUTINE 260810Z JAN 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
27 JAN 1993
FILE

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 251900Z JAN 93 ONGOING
B. SINGLE VERY BRIGHT LIGHT ABOVE GATWICK AIRPORT, NOT A STAR
C. INDOORS AND OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. TO THE SOUTH WEST
F. APPROX 10000 FEET (HEIGHT)
G. SEVEN MILES
H. STILL
J. CLEAR
K. NOT KNOWN
L. GATWICK AIRPORT
M. [redacted]

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N. WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION
O. DAUGHTER
P. 251905Z JAN 93
BT

FEED DIRECTION

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

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FOR CAB

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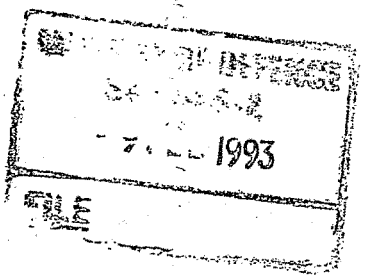
TO MODUK AIR



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A. 312130Z JAN 93, 20-30 MINUTES
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C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
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G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. N/K
L. POLICE
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
16 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky late on the evening of 30 March have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Yours sincerely,

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Head of Sec(AS)

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

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

Section 40

19/4/93

For APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

FILE

Section 40

11th Apr. 1993

Dear Sir,

Please could you inform me as to whether H.M Government of the UK has on file information relating to UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) which is at present classified as secret?

If so, does this mean that the information is regarded as being of defence significance?

I have a keen interest in

this subject, and would like to see this information released for study.

The UK is a country with no shortage of UFO sightings over the years, but there would not appear to be any reason for information to be classified unless, as I say, it is considered to be of defence or military significance.

Australia permitted a general release of its UFO information in the 1980s and the USA is releasing some of its data, under the Freedom of

Information Act in that nation. If the UK has any data of this kind, which I assume is the case, when can we expect it to be made available for study?

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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Date
16 April 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your recent letter.

I have never disputed that Section 40 told Section 40 about UFO reports being passed to other divisions within the MOD. The point is that this information is not classified; if you look at my letter dated 23 March you will see that I have said something very similar, explaining that reports are passed elsewhere, and telling you why this is done. You will note that in his letter to you, Section 40 Section 40 does not say Section 40 told him that anybody was doing secret research into UFOs.

I can confirm to you that the UFO report Section 40 sent to you is genuine; ufologists will often contact us, and ask for our help with cases that they are investigating. When we are asked, we will check our files, and see if we have a report that might tie in with what was seen. If we do, we will release a copy, deleting details of the witness's name and address, and other information that could be used to track them down, for reasons of witness confidentiality. In this way, many UFO reports find their way into the public domain. We have no objection to this. These reports are, of course, unclassified.

Finally, I have never alleged that Section 40 is lying; what I have said is that I do not believe some of the stories his sources have told him.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

DEAR Section 40

THANKYOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTERS DATED 19-23 MARCH.

I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT THE MINISTRY IS FINALLY CO-OPERATING, INSTEAD OF SENDING ME DENAILS ALL THE TIME. HOWEVER I SEE THAT THE MoD HAS MADE A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATMENT YOU SENT ME YOU WILL SEE THAT YOU HAVE STATED 'NO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SPOKESPERSON HAS PASSED ANY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ONTO Section 40 Section 40 [redacted] STATMENT READS 'I WAS INDEED INFORMED BY AN MoD SPOKESMAN (Section 40 [redacted] OF AS2) IN 1986 THAT SOME UFO REPORTS ARE PASSED ON TO A BRANCH OF THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF, NAMELY DI55, SHOULD IT EVER BE NECESSARY, I COULD PROVE THIS'. AS YOU CAN SEE THIS DOES PRESENT AN INTRESTING PROBLEM BEFORE US, BECAUSE IF Section 40 [redacted] CAN PROVE THAT HE DID RECIEVE THIS INFORMATION THEN YOU LETTER MAKES YOU THE MINISTRY LOOK RATHER SILLY. I EXPECT WHEN Section 40 SAIS THAT HE CAN PROVE THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY Section 40 [redacted] HE HAS MOST PROBBABLY GOT SOME KIND OF DOCUMENT IN HIS POSESSION WITH [redacted] SIGNITURE ON IT.

Section 40 [redacted] Section 40

APART FROM ALL THIS I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THAT UFO REPORT IS GENUINE, I HAVE PLANS TO ASK Section 40 [redacted] WHERE HE GOT IT FROM. YOU SAID IN YOUR LETTER DATED 23/3/93 THAT SINCE [redacted] HAS SAID THAT HE IS NOT PREPARED TO REVEAL HIS SCOURCES, I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. HOWEVER IF I PRESENT Section 40 WITH YOUR LETTER WHICH BASICLY MAKES HIM OUT TO BE A LIAR, HE MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE HELPFUL. ALSO BY MAKING THE ABOVE STATMENT YOU HAVE LEFT YOURSELVES OPEN TO ATTACK, BECAUSE BY STATING THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER BECAUSE GOOD REFUSES TO REVEAL HIS SCOURCES, YOU ARE ALSO ADMITTING THAT THERE IS A LEAK INSIDE THE MINISTRY. ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT YOU HAVE IS ANOTHER POINT THAT YUO HAVE STATED AND THAT IS THAT YOU HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO Section 40 OR ANY OTHER UFOLIGIST SAYING WHAT EVER THEY LIKE ABOUT UFOs — EVEN IF WE DO NOT AGREE WITH WHAT IS SAID. BY SAYING THIS YOU HAVE MADE OUT THAT THE INFORMATION Section 40 [redacted] IS RECIEVING FROM HIS INFORMANT IS FAKE WHICH DOES MAKE IT LOOK AS IF YOU ARE CONSPIRING TO OBSCURE THE TRUTH FROM THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE THE 'SO CALLED CLASSIFIED INFORMATION' THAT Section 40 [redacted] HAS BEEN GATHERING IS FAKE.

Section 40

ONE MORE PROBLEM I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO YOU, IS THAT IF [redacted] CAN COME UP WITH SOLID EVIDENCE, HE HAS EVRY RIGHT TO TAKE YOU TO COURT, BECAUSE YOU HAVE BASICLY MADE HIM OUT BE A LIAR 'AND THATS SLANDER' BECAUSE HE HAS GOT PROOF THAT Section 40 [redacted] INFORMED HIM THAT THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE STAFF IS INVOLVED IN SECRET UFO INVESTIGATIONS.
BEFORE I SIGN OFF I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU A SOLUTION, THE ONLY WAY TO END THIS IS BY GETTING ME INTOUCH WITH Section 40 [redacted] AND ASKING HIM MYSELF WHETHER HE TOLD GOOD THIS INFORMATION.

THANKYOU

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40, Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
14 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and other witnesses saw in the sky on the evening of 9 April have been passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
13 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March.

I am aware from other UFO researchers that there has been a wave of UFO sightings centred on the town of Bonnybridge, but the Ministry of Defence has received no reports from this area.

While I am aware of media speculation about Aurora, as you know, the position of the US authorities is that no such aircraft exists.

With regard to military activity that might explain the sightings, I am unable to suggest anything, other than the fact that Bonnybridge is in an area which does see some military jet activity from time to time. RPVs would certainly not be operated anywhere near Bonnybridge, and would be flown only in ranges.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your own research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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STRANGE PHENOMENA
INVESTIGATIONS RESEARCHER
Section 40

29th March I993.

Tel. Section 40

Dear Section 40

I write to you to ask if you can possibly provide me with any information which might be able to assist me in my Investigations with a spate of UFO sightings which have been occuring in Central Scotland particularly over the town of Bonnybridge in Stirlinshire since November last year. Indeed, sightings are still occuring.

I've checked with Edinburgh, Glasgow and Cumbernauld airports of which are unable to help in clarifying these sightings. The possibility of some form of military exercise of plane flights could be the answer. The flights of the American aircraft the Aurora from it's base in Mackrihanish in Argyll, gave rise to false UFO reports, is this the case here ?

If you have any thoughts or information on military air force excersises in this region, then do let me know. Do the air-force or military test RPV's (drones) over populated regions ?

I shall look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
8 April 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 April, in which you asked whether we have any UFO reports that might tie in with two cases that you are investigating.

I have checked our files and can confirm that we do not. My only observation is that reports of red and green lights in the sky, seen together, suggest that what was seen was aircraft lights; seen from an unusual angle, or viewed in unusual meteorological conditions, they are responsible for many UFO sightings.

During 1992 the Ministry of Defence received 147 UFO reports. I have attached a table which shows how this compares with previous years.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your own research.

Yours sincerely,

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NUMBERS OF UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO THE MOD

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

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

MOD

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Section 40

5th.April 1993

Dear Section 40

I have written to you in the past and you have been very helpful, I would like your assistance once again. I am presently investigating a UFO sighting over Wattsville nr. Newport Gwent.

This sighting was reported by Section 40 and a Section 40

Their sighting of strange bright red and green lights in the sky, was reported to the Blackwood Police station and the local press.

Do you have any reports of Unidentified Flying Objects in this area.

Time of UFO sighting was around 10pm. on 16th.January 1993, and again on 23rd.January 93.

The second case in progress is a UFO sighting over Roath Cardiff. This was reported to Cliffton St. Police Station Cardiff, witness reported seeing 4 lights travelling in a V shape formation, and these were joined by a fifth light at great speed.

Have you any reports of Unidentified Flying Objects over Cardiff on Monday 27th. July 1992 around 11.50pm.

Finally, can you tell me how many UFO Reports the MOD received in 1992.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
8 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March, in which you asked about UFO sightings in the Teeside/Cleveland areas on 23/24/25 March.

You asked if anything was picked up on radar at either RAF Leeming or Teeside Airport; I can confirm that nothing was seen.

No aircraft were diverted to the area of the sighting, but two aircraft were returning to RAF Leeming at a time when the object was seen. The aircraft's course took them through the area concerned, but neither aircraft reported seeing anything unusual.

While I am aware of media speculation about Aurora, as you know, the position of the US authorities is that no such aircraft exists.

I note what you say about recent UFO sightings around Nunthorpe, Longlands and Yarm. Although none of the more usual explanations of UFO sighting would seem to apply, I understand that one theory suggested was that the witness saw an inversion layer (where an area of warm air meets an area of cooler air, producing a hazy mist) with car headlights reflecting off it. I do not know whether this would explain what was seen, but apart from this, I am unable to offer any suggestions.

I understand that you have also written to RAF Leeming. I have checked my facts with them, and this letter reflects their views. They will not, therefore, be relying separately.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your own research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

[redacted]

29/3/93

Dear Section 40

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

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

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

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

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

yours sincerely

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
7 April 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 March.

I am aware that some UFO groups have received reports of sightings around Middlesbrough and Yarm, but can confirm that we have not received any reports ourselves.

You asked if I could let you have any other information that would help you with your research. If it helps, I can tell you that we have received 44 UFO reports so far this year. There was a recent concentration of reports from the London area, but they were almost certainly caused by an airship, lit from inside. This airship was advertising the launch of the Ford Mondeo.

I am sure that you are aware of NASA's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project. If you would like some information about this, then you should write to the following address:

HQ Information
NASA
Washington DC
20546
USA

I hope this is helpful.

5/30/1993

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted].

Can you Be. of any Help To me.
as you Know I am Very INTERESTED in
THE UFO PHENOMENON OR UNIDENTIFIED.
FLYING OBJECTS. and I THANK you FOR.
YOUR Help [redacted] with my Research.
Does THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Have.
any INFORMATION ON RECENT SIGHTINGS. OF
UFOs. in THE AREA OF MIDDLESBROUGH.
and yarm Conty DURham
as I would Be. INTERESTED. IF you Have.
any OTHER INFORMATION ON THE UFO.
PHENOMENON THAT would all so. INTEREST
me.

Thank you.

Section 40 [redacted]