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Dear Section 40

Please find enclosed copies of the F540 Operations Record Book extracts for RAF Coltishall and Saxa Vord for September 1970 which I inform you of in my previous letters. I have also obtained a copy of the F540 extract for the same period for Eastern Radar, RAF Watton, as it was possible that this may also have contained some relevant information. These documents although marked Secret have now been declassified and the originals will shortly be open for inspection at the Public Record Office.

As you will see none of these papers make specific mention of the events described in the book extract enclosed with your letter of 9 September 2001. Nevertheless, they do give an indication of the type of information recorded on F540 forms which I hope you will find of interest.

Yours sincerely,

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FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1970

PLACE	DATE	LOCAL TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS — COMPILING OFFICER G M HALLORAN	REF TO ANNEXES AND FILES
RAF SAXA VORD	SEPTEMBER	1970	OPERATIONS	
			General	
			The availability of the Radar Type 80 was 97.8%. A total of 11 Daily Performance Check Flights were carried out during September, the results being as follows:	
			Radar Type 80:- Satisfactory	
			Radar Type 13:- Good	
			IFF/SIF:- Good	
			Exercises	
			Exercise Scorer 70/10 Took place 3rd September, 1970.	
			Exercise Scorer 70/11 Took place 22nd September, 1970.	
			Exercise Northern Wedding took place on 21st to 24th September, 1970.	
			Operational Activity	
			A total of 5 X-raids were plotted and intercepted by fighters controlled from this Unit during September. (X-raids 05A, 42A, 12A, 27A, 40). Ten Soviet aircraft were intercepted all apparently surveying Exercise Northern Wedding and in particular HMS Ark Royal. MAY aircraft were seen for the first time. One of the interceptions was carried out on 23rd September 1900n.m. N.E. of Saxa Vord.	
			Training	
			A total of 557.30 hours Theory and Practical Training was carried out during the month of September and was supervised by Flight NCO's.	
			Visitors	
			23rd September Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood, KCB, CBE, DSO,DFC AOC-in-C STC	

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RAF SAXA VORD	SEPTEMBER	1970	COMPILING OFFICER FLT OFF G M HALLORAN	
			23rd September Wing Commander Knight PSO to AOC-in-C	
			23rd September Flight Lieutenant V F Erskine-Gun ADC to AOC-in-C	
			ENGINEERING	
			Radar Type 80	
			The operational availability of the Radar Type 80 was 97.6%. Performance was good apart from two major instances when the facility was removed for extensive fault finding. One of these occasions necessitated the change of an Amplifier 416 and a complete setting up of the signal chain. The other instance being when the seating of the klystron was incorrect and its input lead required replacement.	
			Radar Type 13	
			The operational availability of this equipment was 92.5%. Performance was good, although it still requires a certain amount of 'nursing'. The cable harnesses still give trouble due to poor insulation. Most faults were confined to the resetting of the signal chain.	
			A Third Line party checked the levelling of the T13 cabin on 8th/9th September 1970. The T13 was air calibrated on 10th September 1970 and was within specification. No disturbance of the glass 'tell-tales' in the Radar T13 plinth building is evident. Supply information on the provision of a serviceable spare Type 13 aerial array is still awaited from HQ 3TC.	
			Navigational Aids	
			The Tacan installation performed well giving an availability of 98.19%. During September 15th/16th Flt Lt Nelson of HQ Kenley made a pre-installation site visit for EEI 7611 (Tacan dualisation). During his visit M/SM supervisors were briefed on the building	

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RAF SAXA VORD	SEPTEMBER	1970	the building and electrical requirements. Equipment is still arriving for this task; the commencement date is planned for 15th October, 1970.	
			Communications Centre	
			There were some outages during the month, totalling 16 hours 50 minutes overall. On 18th/19th September the TDM3 was brought into use for the first time and proved invaluable during the latter part of the month.	
			Telephone and GPO Facilities	
			These were generally satisfactorily during the month, the main outages being on FW 47977 Saxa Vord/Buchan admin circuit. Most of the trouble appeared to be south of Lerwick, apart from one extended instance due to a Radio Link failure on Shetland Mainland.	
			Ground to Air R/T	
			The UHF Medium Power Amplifier Type 96B is in process of being repaired; the bearing race purchased on LPO having finally been received from AC Delco Ltd., Dunstable, Beds. The VHF transmitter Type 1131J used as an 'on request' facility from operations is unserviceable for 100/1378M Inductor, this is on priority one demand Stores No 202 dated 9th September, 1970 latest details are that item is on tongue order form 14MW.	
			New Projects	
			Track Telling	
			The outstanding multi-core cable for the umbilical connections to the new consoles have been received, the cables manufactured and fitted. Move of the consoles is expected to be completed during MSP on 6th October, 1970.	

/HF W/T

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RAF SAXA VORD	1970	SEPTEM	HF/W/T	
			Mr Hornblow and Mr Sudworth visited on 16th September, 1970 from RAE Farnborough in conjunction with a proposed experimental HF 'sounding' installation for trails in the next two months.	
			ADMINISTRATION	
			Rank: Sqn Ldr Flt Lt Fg Off/Plt Off WO FS CT SGT CPL AC CIV	
			Establishment: 2 3 8 3 2 - 20 34 92 43	
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			(Includes NATO 'ACE HIGH' unit at RAF Saxa Vord	
			Officers Movements	
			Postings In	
			Plt Off J Parker (690334) GD/G[illegible]/FC ex RAF Patrington 4th September.	
			Fg Off Goulborn (2209406) GD/G[illegible]/FC ex RAF Buchan 4th September.	
			Detachments	
			Plt Off G M Halloran GD/T course, RAF Buchan 20th September - 1st October	
			Visitors	
			Plt Off R Furlong HQ STC 3rd September	
			Flt Lt A C Nelson RAE Henlow 15th-17th September	
			Sqn Ldr S T J Harrison Min Tech 15th-17th September	
			Mr A J Crisp Min Tech 15th-17th September	
			Mr B S Goodman Min Tech 15th-17th September	
			Mr J M Willis RAE Farnborough 17th-18th September	
			/Mr R J Hornslow	

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			COMPILING OFFICER FLT OFF G M HALLORAN	
RAF SAXA VORD	SEPTEMBER	1970	Mr R J Hornslow RAE Farnborough 17th-18th September	
			Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood 22nd-24th September	
			Wg Cdr K W Knight 21st-24th September	
			Flt Lt V F Erskine-Crum 23rd-24th September	
			Wg Off T C Grove Hq STC 29th-30th September	
			Medical	
			Health Record	
			Number of cases of infestation Nil	
			Number of cases of Venereal Disease Nil	
			Number reporting sick during period Twelve	
			Number of Admissions to Civilian Hospitals Nil	
			Number of Admissions to Service Hospitals Nil	
			Number of Admissions to Station Medical Centre One	
			Number sent to Civilian Specialist One	
			Number sent to Service Specialist Nil	
			Number placed on 'Dangerously Ill' List Nil	
			Number placed on 'Seriously Ill' List Nil	
			Number of personnel 'Sick at Home' One	
			General	
			AOC-in-C Strike Command Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood visited RAF Saxa Vord on 22nd/23rd September accompanied by Lady Spotswood travelling by Pembroke direct from Stornoway. During his visit to Operations Squadron the AOC-in-C watched part of Exercise 'Northern Wedding' taking place in the Shetland area. He saw an /interception	

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RAF SAXA VORD	SEPTEMBER 1970		COMPILING OFFICER FLT OFF G M HALLORAN	

Interception of SNAF MAY aircraft by a Lightning controlled from Saxa Vord by Pilot Officer J Parker of this Unit.

On Sunday 20th September the Station Commander and thirty five officers and airmen led the Lerwick Battle of Britain Parade. The parade passed off well with the Lord Lieutenant of the County commenting favourably on the turn out and standard of drill.

In Association Football, RAF Saxa Vord finished a creditable fourth in the Shetland Football League. Intensive preparations are now in hand for the 11 (F) Gp and RAF Inter Station Competition.

A P MELBOURNE
Squadron Leader
Officer Commanding

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK OF (Unit or Formation) EASTERN RADAR

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FOR PERIOD September 1970

PLACE	DATE	LOCAL TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS (COMPILING OFFICER Flt Lt T B Hughes)	REF TO ANNEXES AND FILES
WATTON	1st	1	Officer Commanding- Wing Commander J. W. Wood MBE	
		2	At 1135Z the Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) on the T82 was found to be unserviceable necessitating stopping the radar to rectify the problem. This was done at 1205Z and the gear became serviceable again at 1227Z. However the trouble reappeared at 1310Z taking 8 minutes to cure. At 1350Z the problem occurred again and was eventually solved at 1810Z. Another trouble spot during the afternoon was the airconditioning system which had a malfunction of the refrigerator unit. It was decided to leave this until the MPBW expert could be available on 2nd September after he had finished his Bank Holiday. The unit was bypassed for the remainder of the day.	
	2nd	2	The Type 84 (T84) was withdrawn from service at 0800Z and replaced by the Type 85 (T85), the former undergoing the annual maintenance of the turning gear (AMTG) At 1110Z Northern Radar became unserviceable (u/s) and Eastern Radar accepted the contingency plan for the 10 minute period. During the afternoon the building up of heavy weather returns restricted the CAC service to Wattisham aircraft. Bawdsey accepted this task but were unable themselves, to guarantee separation to the required criteria.	
	3rd	3	At 1220Z and 1223Z two incidents occurred to highlight the inadequacies of the co-ordination of traffic with the Master Radar Station at Patrington in both incidents aircraft under the control of this unit were given avoiding action from fighter traffic operating with the Master Radar Station(MRS) despite previous co-ordination. At 1946Z there was a reoccurrence of the trouble with the IFF and it was decided not to remedy this until the Daily Routine Maintenance (DRM) period. This was done.	

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PLACE	DATE	LOCAL TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS (COMPILING OFFICER Flt Lt T F Hughes)	REF TO ANNEXES AND FILES
WATTON	4th	4	Amsterdam Control advised at 0850Z that all General Air Traffic (GAT) entering the Amsterdam Flight Information Region/Upper Information Region (FIR/UIR) will be subject to Flow Control. This was subsequently withdrawn at 1200Z.	
	5th	5	Eastern Radar took over the necessary parts of Southern Radars tasks under the contingency plan when that unit became u/s at 0905Z until 0938Z. Two light civil aircraft in distress were assisted by the unit today. In the first incident at 1720Z a light aircraft enroute to Southend with one engine failed was contacted on 121.5Mhz and directed to Woodbridge where it landed safely. In the second incident at 1728Z an aircraft from Bentwaters had been heard calling for a fix on 121.5Mhz This was a weak call, unheard by Drayton Centre, but the aircraft was eventually identified and directed to Wattisham where it landed at 1739Z.	
	6th	6	The contingency plan was put in force for Southern Radar at 0750Z until 1004Z. At 1130Z the T85 became unserviceable for two hours.	
	7th	7	There was a minor unserviceability in the remote radar relay link at Neatishead which resulted in the loss of the T85 from 1050Z to 1157Z, otherwise this was a quiet day due to the fact that it was Labour Day in the United States and USAF flying was minimal. Eight controllers took advantage of the lull to visit Honington.	
	8th	8	The day started with the contingency plan in from 001Z to 0045Z on behalf of Northern Radar and at 1035Z Southern Radar became u/s for 45 mins. the plan went in again. The T85 was withdrawn by Neatishead at 1406Z for checking. Returned at 1510Z it became u/s at 1610Z for a further 30 minutes.	
	9th	9	At 0305Z the T82 was placed unserviceable with picture drift. It was cured in eight minutes. The T85 was withdrawn for checks by Neatishead at 0610Z returning at 0845Z and again at 1156Z returning at 1223Z. At 1300Z the T85 was again withdrawn by	

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WATTON	9th	9	Neatishead for a change to standby power. It was handed back at 1315Z but failed again ten minutes later, it was restored at 1450Z.	
	10th	10	The T85 became unserviceable at 0847Z and was out of action until 0906Z. Another failure of the T85 at 1502Z lasted for 22 minutes. At 1830Z, a message was received that there might be sabotage attempts at Service units. Additional security restrictions were immediately imposed.	
	11th	11	The T85 failed at 0520Z but was restored to service at 0630Z. At 0715Z the T85 link was withdrawn to restore the T84, a changeover to standby power was also made at 0725Z which resulted in the loss of all radar until 0731Z when the T82 returned to service. At 1027Z the T82 was withdrawn for a magnetron change to improve the picture and the contingency plan was put into force until 1050Z when the T82 resumed operations. The contingency plan was put in again at 1702Z to enable Airwork Ltd to cure a persistent attack of picture slip. Serviceability was restored at 1825Z, a new magnetron cured the fault. Security pre-cautions have been supplemented by a policeman and dog patrol during the hours of darkness. The T82 head is now illuminated at night by sodium lamps, as a deterrent to saboteurs (and Airwork fitters ?)	
	13th	12	Although the T84 was reported serviceable by Neatishead it did not appear so at the Unit and at 0535Z the contingency plan was put into force to allow the T82 to be withdrawn for its monthly servicing. At 0710Z the plan was withdrawn as the T84 appeared to be fit for use but it failed at thelink at 0730Z and the plan was reinstated. The same thing happened between 0900Z and 0935Z and the T84 was eventually restored at 0950Z. At 1425Z the T84 turning gear gave trouble and the plan was initiated once again, this time for 17 minutes. At 1546Z the T82 returned to service	

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WATTON	13th	12	and the T84 failed again at 1645Z. It returned for 20 minutes at 1710Z and was finally serviceable at 1940Z.	
	14th	13	The T84 failed at 0131Z due to fault at Neatishead which was not fully cured until 0855Z. With the restoration of the T84, the T82 was released for its third line servicing which took until 1603Z.	
	16th	14	At 1320Z a Canberra aircraft was jamming the Shoeburyness range radar under the control of Bawdsey at FL 250. This was considered dangerous so the aircraft was put to Eastern Radar (ERD) control and asked to stop jamming as it was interfering with Amsterdam, Brussels and this unit. The aircraft was released for two minutes to call Bawdsey and did not return to Eastern Radar frequency. It was found that the aircraft was again working Bawdsey and was very close to controlled airspace. A Japan Air Lines aircraft reported to London Air Traffic Control Centre that he had passed within 500 ft of the Canberra but it was not known whether the Japan Air Lines pilot was filing an airmiss. It was ironic that this event happened whilst a controller - Flt Lt J Barkell of the co-ordination cell at Bawdsey was visiting this unit to discuss such problems. The matter was reported through channels. Sqn Ldr R E Neville and Flt Lt J Barkell, Senior Operations Officer and i/c co-ord cell respectively, visited the unit from Royal Air Force Bawdsey to discuss the submission of a report on inter station co-ordination. This was conducted with the Officer Commanding (Wing Commander J W Wood), the Senior Operations Officer (Sqn Ldr D A Emery), and the Senior Supervisor (Sqn Ldr G H Spetch) Eastern Radar.	
	17th	15	A quiet day apart from a 10½ unserviceability of the T82 beam receivers which was caused by a changeover to standby power at 2200Z yesterday. The T82 was restored to	

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WATTON	17th	15	service at 1130Z. Sqn Ldr D Emery & Maj R Dunn to Mildenhall for Instrument School Briefing.		
	18th	16	At 0910Z Midland Radar became unserviceable and the contingency plan was put into force until 0942Z and again from 1434Z until 1550Z. During the latter period ERD took over the Cottesmore/Wittering Centralised Approach Control (CAC) task at Northern Radar's request.		
	19th	17	At 1045Z Midland Radar failed and the contingency plan was put in force until 1115Z when they were able to get a picture from their remote radar. 1710Z saw the withdrawal of the T84 as it was interfering with the T82, however, the fault was cured and the T84 restored at 2115Z.		
	21st	18	At 0945Z Neatishead requested to take the T84 off the air for servicing, this was initially refused due to weather clutter obscuring part of the T82 picture however at 1008 the T84 was withdrawn to prevent damage.It remained off until 1202Z. At 2001Z the Emergency Controller at West Drayton was informed of two reports of a great ball of fire seen by pilots flying over the North Sea but the cause was unknown. Flt Lts B Chambers, and W Jones made a liaison visit to West Drayton today.		
	28th	19	The T82 was withdrawn at 0946Z to change the no-break supply but was returned at 1002Z. A severe bout of sickness seems to have rendered a number of staff unable to work due to stomach upsets, apparently a virus is rampant in the area . One of the airconditioning units is to be returned to the manufacturers for rectification. The Officer Commanding (Wg Cdr J W Wood), and Senior Operations Officer (Sqn Ldr D A Emery) visited RAF Wattisham to attend a meeting, chaired by the Station Commander, to discuss jointly with Bawdsey, Wattisham and Eastern Radar existing procedures and ways in which improvement could be attained, particularly when exercises take place and the radar picture degraded with clutter.		

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WATTON	29th	20	During the morning it appeared that the T82 was not performing as well as it should and at 1210Z the service was downgraded to 'limited' beyond 100nm range. This problem was eventually rectified at 2355Z.	
	30th	21	Trouble with the IFF on the T82 was traced to the T84 picture but as it was not acceptable to do away with the T84 the lack of IFF must be put up with. This problem was cured at 1512Z. At 1915Z an Extra High Tension (EHT) failure rendered ERD completely unserviceable but service was restored at 1953Z only to have another failure at 2003Z. This time service was resumed at 2050Z and no further trouble occurred.	
		22	The various emergencies handled during the month were:	

MAYDAY	PAN	SECURITE	USAF EMERGENCY	PRACTICE PAN
0	3	0	0	7

	23	The total number of aircraft controlled during the month was 7153 comprising

MIDDLE AIRSPACE	UPPER AIRSPACE
5554	1604

	24	The total number of climb-out recoveries during the month was 4881 comprising:

Alconbury	Wattisham	Honington	Bentwaters	Woodbridge	Wethersfield
1,117	772	339	827	366	3

Lakenheath	Mildenhall	Cottesmore	Coltishall	Wittering	Wyton
1,160	365	15	3	4	10

	25	The total number of airways crossings was 2
	26	The total number of civil aircraft controlled during the month by Royal Air Force (RAF) controllers was 242 and by Board of Trade (BOT) controllers 1132
	27	The total number of United States Air Force aircraft controlled was 4,589
	28	The total number of Royal Air Force aircraft controlled was 2322

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WATTON		29	There was one refusal of service, due to weather clutter and jamming.	
			ADMINISTRATION	
		30	Visits to the Unit	
	1st		Flt Lt I Mackod + 10 - No 1 Gliding Centre - Swanton Morley - Liaison	
	4th		Mr W T Heslington - Northern Radar - Airwork Visit	
	8th		Fg Off A Gananders - RAF Bawdsey - Liaison	
			Sgt D Grapes - Headquarters Provost and Security Service (HQ P&SS) Acton - Liaison	
	9th		Mr K T Brown - Post Office - To install new extension in operations room.	
	14th		F S Holland - Marham - Non Destructive Testing (NDT)	
			Sgt D McCartney - Marham - NDT	
			Chf Tech L Robottom - Marham - NDT	
	15th		Plt Off T T Hume - Wyton - Liaison	
			WO B Amoss - Wyton - Liaison	
			Gp Capt N S Dower - Headquarters Military Air Traffic Operations (Southern Region) - Staff	
			Mr N Alcock - National Air Traffic Control Service Liverpool - Validation Boards	
			Mr J R Gee - Northern Radar - Validation Boards	
	16th		Sqn Ldr R E Nevible- Bawdsey - Liaison Visit	
			Flt Lt J Barkel - Bawdsey - Liaison	
	18th		C A Dear - Military Air Traffic Operations (Southern Region) - Liaison	
	24th		Fg Off B Mardon - Bawdsey - Liaison	
			C Richard - Modern Telephones - Repair to Electrometer	
	25th		Mr E W Bird - Ministry of Defence (Security) - To see Flt Lt W Smithson	
	28th		Mr S L Robinson - Headquarters Military Air Traffic Operations - Staff Visit	
	29th		Mr D Rigby - Ministry of Defence Telephones- Check fault in Electro Writer System	

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WATTON	29th	30	Sqn Ldr C M Burton - Headquarters Strike Command (Security 1) - Staff Visit		
			Flt Lt D Thompson - HQ P&SS Central Region - Visit		
	30th		FLT Lt H T R Ledward - Headquarters Military Air Traffic Operations - Staff Visit		
		31	PERSONNEL		
			Officers/Airmen Aircrew		
	1st		Postings In - Plt Off M Morgan		
	1st		Postings Out - Sqn Ldr J Butteriss - Brize Norton		
	15th		- Flt Lt J White - Retired		
	21st		Ceased to be Detached (CTBD) - Flt Lt A Bailey		
	1st		CTBD - Fg Off G Bush		
	1st		Attached - Major R D Dunn - United States Air Force - Vice Major T Ogilvie		
		32	Airmen/Airwomen		
	1st		Postings In - 1 CPL - Leeming		
	2nd		- 1 WO - Midland		
	7th		- 1 SGT - Honington		
	9th		- 1 SAC - Stradishall		
	21st		- 2 SACs - Odiham/Midland		
	20th		Postings Out - 1 CPL - Gulf		
			1 SAC - Midland Radar		
	23rd		1 SACW - Discharge		
	30th		1 SAC - Discharge		

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WATTON		33	Strength as at 30th September 1970		
			Officers / Warrant Officers / Sergeants / Corporals		
			47 / 13 / 6 / 15		
			Airmen / Airwomen		
			81 / 25		
		34	TECHNICAL		
			AVAILABLE / Schedule Down Time / Operational Base Time		
			T82 / 42.09 / 677.51		
			Remote / 02.00 / 718.00		
			AVAILABLE / UNSCHEDULED DOWN TIME / Operational		
			T82 / 15.34 / 662.17		
			Remote / 75.02 / 642.58		
			J W WOOD Wing Commander Officer Commanding		

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			DIARY OF EVENTS	
COLTISHALL				
	10 Sep		District Court Martial	Discipline
	14 Sep		Battle of Britain Week Opening Ceremony in Norwich.	Ops General/Admin Ceremonial
	19 Sep		Battle of Britain Open Day	Ops/General
NORWICH	20 Sep		Battle of Britain Service	Ceremonial
COLTISHALL	20 Sep		Battle of Britain Service	Chaplaincy
	21-22 Sep		Exercise "Bessemer"	Ops/Exercise
	23 Sep		Jaguar Simulator Siting Board	Admin/Station Services
	28 Sep-1 Oct		Night Flying	Ops/Training
HQ 11(F) GP	29-30 Sep		Station Commander attended AOC's Conference.	Personnel
			Visits	
	4 Sep		Visit by Saudi-Arabian Officer to Supply Squadron	Supply Sqn
	9 Sep		Brigadier General Rancudo commander of the 5th Fighter Wing Phillipine Air Force carried out a visit for the purpose of studying Lightning aircraft techniques. He also flew with No 1 Squadron.	ANNEX 1
	10 Sep		Capitano Paolo Boncale the British Aircraft Corporation Representative in Rome carried out an information/liaison visit. After lunching in the Mess he flew a Lightning sortie.	
	16 Sept		Visit by Mr Inman, Headquarters 90 Group to inspect the site for the new recorder in Air Traffic Control Radio room.	
	16 Sep		Visit by Mr Nix and Mr Jenks of Headquarters 90 Group to site the Precision Approach Radar markers.	
	23 Sep		Visit by Mobile X-Ray Unit.	Medical

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COLTISHALL	24 Sep		Visit by Blood Transfusion Unit	Medical
	28 Sep		Staff Visit by SOA Gp Capt J Wilson MBE AMBIM.RAF	Admin/Visits
			No 53 Fighter Controllers Course, one local organisation and six Staff Officers also visited the station during September.	
			OPERATIONAL	
			General	
			Battle of Britain Week - began on 14 Sep 70 with a flypast Norwich City Hall by a Spitfire and Hurricane of the Battle of Britain Flight at 1200 hours. Fifteen minutes later 3 Lightnings of 1 Sqn flew over.	
			Battle of Britain Open Day - was held at Coltishall on 19 Sep 70. The weather was suited for the occasion and an estimated 41,000 visitors attended, with the monetary takings amounting to £6803 (subject to Audit). There was a 3½ hours flying display, many out door sideshows and a wide variety of attractions sited in the hangars. Unfortunately, the undoubtedly successful day was marred by an accident to Lightning XM 990.	ANNEX 'C' & 'D'
			Exercise/Policy. The policy of 226 OCU remains unchanged.	
			Operational Exercises	
			Exercise Bessemer - took place on 21-22 Sep 70. The purpose of the exercise was to test the mobility of No 1 ACC from RAF Wattisham. Details of Coltishall's participation are in Ops/Training/3 Squadron.	
			No 202 'D' Flt. A total of 14 operational sorties were flown in 8.40 hours during September. Details are shown below:	
			a. Aircraft. On 8 occasions a Whirlwind was scrambled to assist aircraft in distress, and on 7 cases no assistance was required as the aircraft	

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COLTISHALL			either landed safely or the scramble was a false alarm.	
			19 Sep 70 - A Whirlwind was scrambled by ATC, Coltishall, to pick up 2 pilots who had ejected from a Lightning near Rackheath airfield. Both pilots were picked up and returned to Coltishall. They were later flown to Ely hospital for observation.	
			20 Sep 70 - Two reconnaissance sorties were flown over the scene of the crashed Lightning.	
			b. Coastline. On 2 occasions, a Whirlwind was scrambled to investigate coastline incidents. In one case the incident was over an arrival, on the other the search proved fruitless.	
			c. Inland. While on a training sortie, the crew of a Whirlwind noticed a large heath fire. The helicopter remained in the area to give airborne assistance to the fire crews.	
			Fire-fighting vehicles were deployed as follows, in September:	
			Precautionary Landings - 77	
			State I - 4	
			State II - 9	
			State III - 1	
			Domestic Fire Exercises - 1	
			Crash/Rescue Exercises - 2	
			Training	
			No 1 Sqn	
			a. No 58 Course - arrived on 7 Sep 70 and completed groundschool on time. Due to a shortage of aircraft, only 3 students had gone solo by the end of the month.	

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COLTISHALL			b. SGT - Much weapons SGT was carried out at the beginning of the month, with the middle of the month being devoted to rehearsals for the Battle of Britain flypast.	
			c. Battle of Britain - 1 Sqn provided 7 aircraft for the formation. Due to a blocked runway, on recovery for landing, 4 aircraft were diverted to Wattisham. On return to Coltishall from Wattishem the crew of XM 990 had to eject due to a severe controls problem. Both ejected safely.	
			No 2 Sqn	
			a. No 57 Course - Due to a lack of serviceable aircraft and a shortage of targets, 57 course are currently one week behind schedule.	
			b. Battle of Britain - 2 Sqn provided 5 aircraft for the flypast.	
			c. Night Flying - Night Flying was cancelled for the first night, due to weather. Five student, radar sorties only were flown in the next 2 nights due to a lack of target aircraft from 85 Sqn.	
			No 3 Sqn	
			a. No 56 Course - 1 student b. No 57 Course - 2 students } started on 7 Sep 70 c. No 58 Course - 2 students	
			No 58 Course - is the first straight-through course on 3 Sqn. Both 58 Course students soloed on time in F3s.	
			d. No 18 IWI Course - Complete on 15 Sep on schedule.	
			e. No 51 IRE (Renewal) Course - Complete 1-4 Sep 70.	
			f. One new instructor checked out on T5s.	

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COLTISHALL			g. Exercise Bessemer (21-22 Sep) - Two aircraft each day took part from 3 Sqn. Employing AAR they carried out PIs with No 1 ACC in the SW of England. This involved a total of 19 hours airborne time.	
			h. Night Flying. Sixteen sorties were flown in 2 nights: (1) Simulated night dinghy drill was carried out in the swimming pool by 11 pilots on 16 Sep followed by dry dinghy drill the next morning for students and staff.	
			j. Battle of Britain - From 16-18 Sep flying was restricted to air tests for Battle of Britain Day. Three squadrons provided 12 serviceable aircraft for the flypast.	
			No 202 Sqn 'D' Flt. 'D' Flight was tasked for 12 hours per pilot plus operational sorties. Total training hours were 51.30 hours.	
			Flying Times	
			Whirlwinds:	
			Operational - 8.40	
			Training - 51.30	
			Total Flying - 60.05	

	Hours	Sorties
Lightning F1A	136.15	202
Lightning F3	40.10	72
Lightning T4	137.05	195
Lightning T5	184.30	253

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MEMORANDUM

To MOD AHB2 (RAF)
QUEEN ANNES CHAMBERS
3 DEAN FARRAR STREET
LONDON SW1

From R.A.F. COLTISHALL

Ref. COLT/S1491/ORG Pt 4. Date

Tel. Ext.

Subject OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK - F540 - SEP 70

Ref yours AHB2/883/3 dated 25/1/71.

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COLTISHALL			Simulator Training	Mk 1	Mk IA	Mk 3	
			Planned	117.30	121.30	137.30	
			Available	112.00	116.30	134.00	
			Unserviceable	5.30	5.00	3.30	
			Course	71.30	61.30	74.15	
			Staff SCT	7.00	10.00	9.45	
			Simulator SCT	23.30	26.00	22.15	
			Others	4.00	11.00	6.00	
			Standby Sqn	5.00	8.00	21.15	
			Standby Sims	-	-	.30	
			Standby Course	-	-	-	
			Standby Others	1.00	-	-	
			Weather and Surface Wind Summary - September 1970. Apart from a cool spell of wet weather from the 8-15 September, the month was generally dry and warm. Winds were moderate south-westerlies early in the month, reaching a peak on the 10 Sep (the windiest day, with gusts at 42 kts). Winds decreased generally thereafter, and for the last fortnight of the month, they were mainly light and variable, and exception being the 30 Sep, when winds were moderate SW to WNW.				
			Highest maximum temperature 26.1C (79.0F) on 20 Sep.				
			Lowest minimum temperature 4.7C. (40.5F) on 2 Sep.				

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COLTISHALL				
			Ground Frost on 2 Sep	
			Rainfall 31.2 mm (1.23").	
			Highest gusts 42 knots on 10 Sep.	
			ENGINEERING SUPPORT	
			Aircraft Servicing	
			a. No 1 Aircraft Servicing Squadron	
			(1) September was a poor month for flying because of the unserviceability and non-availability of aircraft. There has been a severe shortage of T Mk 4 aircraft principally because of fuel leaks making 4 aircraft Cat 3.	
			(2) The strict implementation of orders from higher authority in relation to fire integrity and fuel venting, and also preliminary warnings, has resulted in a severe but necessary servicing penalty.	
			(3) There is still a marked shortage of technical tradesmen, in particular Lightning experienced tradesmen to effectively meet the task.	
			(4) The Contractors Working Party (CWP) Fire Integrity Programme is running very successfully. To date 5 Coltishall aircraft and one Royal Air Force Wattisham aircraft have been completed.	
			(5) Lightning T Mk 4 XM 990 crashed on 19th September 1970 returning from Royal Air Force Wattisham.	

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COLTISHALL			b. No 2 Aircraft Servicing Squadron	
			(1) The following aircraft movements took place during the month:	
			(a) T Mk 5 XS 440 completed the Contractors Working Party Fire Integrity Modification Programme.	
			(b) F Mk 3 XR 716 entered the Contractors Working Party Fire Integrity Modification Programme.	
			(c) T Mk 5 XS 420 returned from major servicing.	
			(d) T Mk 5 XS 421 was flown away for major servicing.	
			(e) XS 459 was placed provisional category 3 (fuel leaks)	
			(2) F Mk 3 XP 737 was detached to Farnborough piloted by Flight Lieutenant P R Wild to undertake aerobatic displays.	
			(3) The squadron provided 11 aircraft out of an available total of 14 for the Battle of Britain 'At Home' day. The remaining 3 aircraft were used for hangar displays and are now the cleanest aircraft in the squadron.	
			(4) Manning levels are now as specified in the local Unit Establishment (LUE) with the exception of the armament and radio trades. However there is as yet no LUE amendment in respect of the manning requirement for the F Mk 3 aircraft that we are now operating.	
			Mechanical Engineering Squadron	
			a. Armament Engineering Flight	
			(1) Routine armament engineering support was provided throughout the month and the Missile Servicing Section provided third line assistance to Royal Air Force Binbrook and Royal Air Force Wattisham to service	

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COLTISHALL			Firestreak test equipment.	
			(2) Personnel of the Armament Installation Servicing Section constructed a mock fort set piece for the Battle of Britain Open Day and successfully demolished the fort after a mock attack by Hunter G A Mk 9 aircraft.	
			b. General Engineering Flight	
			(1) General Engineering Flight provided routine support during the month and as a result of the accident to Lightning XM 990 the Ground Equipment Section was called upon to devise special lifting equipment. The solution evolved took the form of a lifting net which was used to recover parts of the crashed aircraft without incurring additional damage.	
			(2) The 15' x 15' net was fabricated from 3000 lb nylon arrester barrier verticals. Not only did the net prove admirably suited to the task but it was used by the salvage unit, after their arrival, in preference to the standard equipment provided.	
			c. Battle of Britain Flight	
			(1) The month of September was busy for the Flight, displays being mounted at no less than 13 different locations. In all some 30 sorties were flown by the Hurricane and Spitfires. Full details of these activities are listed below:	
			Aircraft — Hours Flown — Sorties	
			Hurricane 6.05 9	
			Spitfires 19.45 21	
			Chipmunk 17.20 15	

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COLTISHALL			(2) Locations of the displays were as follows:	
			Royal Air Force Biggin Hill — Royal Air Force St Athan	
			Royal Air Force Bentley Priory — Royal Air Force Leuchars	
			Royal Air Force Benson — Royal Air Force Waddington	
			Royal Air Force Alconbury — Royal Air Force Coltishall	
			Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton	
			Goodwood	
			Sutton Valence	
			Jersey	
			Guernsey	
			d. Mechanical Transport Flight	
			(1) During the month of September 1970 the Mechanical Transport Flight covered 60,255 miles in support of Coltishall and Neatishead operations.	
			(2) Fuel issues to aircraft during this period were:	
			(a) Avtur 556,201 gallons	
			(b) Avtag 10,710 gallons	
			(c) Avgas 1,602 gallons	
			(3) The flight suffered one reversing accident during the month and the driver was adjudged to blame.	
			Electrical Engineering Squadron	
			a. Electrical Engineering Squadron	
			(1) Battle of Britain preparations dominated the month and gave rise to overtime work. In the Air Electrical Engineering Flight 218 hours overtime were worked, 68 hours of which were by the photographic section.	

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COLTISHALL			Some of the latter was caused by the crash of Lightning aircraft XM 990. Quantities of job cards raised for the month were Radar 107, Wireless 60, Electrical 250 and Navigational Instrument 100.	
			(2) At last the windows in the Navigational instrument and Wireless bays have been sealed by the Ministry of Public Building and Works. The Navigational Instrument bay is now fully operational in the systems room but the move of the supervisors office is still awaiting funding. The Electrical Bay is to be reorganised during October to take advantage of the greater space left by the relocation of the Navigational Instrument Section.	
			(3) Further losses of Electronic Fitter Air Radar tradesmen warned for October and November movements (8 fitters and 1 mechanic) are causing concern. The station is advising the Command Manning Liaison Officer.	
			(4) Control Radar 787 was given an unrestricted category after calibration on the 14th and the Precision Approach Radar similarly on the 17th.	
			Aircraft State	
			a. Aircraft Establishment	
			(1) The new Local Unit Establishment has been received and confirms the aircraft establishment at:	
			F Mk 1A — T Mk 4 — F Mk 3 — T Mk 5 10 — 10 — 4 — 10	
			b. Aircraft Losses and Gains	
			(1) There was one aircraft loss during the month as a result of a crash. The aircraft was Lightning T Mk 4 XM 990.	

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COLTISHALL			(2) Lightning F Mk 1A XM 183 and Lightning T Mk 5 XS 421 departed to No 60 Maintenance Unit for major servicing and Lightning T Mk 5 XS 420 returned from 60 Maintenance Unit after completion of major servicing.	

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

General

September was an extremely busy month due to Battle of Britain Open Day and outside ceremonial commitments. Amongst the VIPs were the Chief of the Air Staff and the Air Officer Commanding in Chief Strike Command which added an additional burden on the Catering Staff. This extra work was met without the service of additional personnel which was not forthcoming this year due to other Command exercises at the same time. The CMLO also rejected our bid for 25 TAGs to assist in preparation and clearing up.

The weekend 10/11th was a working weekend for most service personnel and Sunday 20th was utilised for cleaning of the Station. There was a stand-down for all personnel not on essential duty on Friday 25th.

Open Day was a great success with a record breaking crowd exceeding 41,000. The brilliant weather was a major contributory factor and the crowd were entertained to a flying display, lasting for just over 3½ hours. Coltishall's main participation was a flight of 16 Lightnings in diamond formation.

The arrival of the Community Relations Officer, Flight Lieutenant R G Hunt on 7th has done much to relieve other officers of secondary duties and should help in maintaining the good public relations that prevail.

Changes of Units, In and Out

There were no changes of units in or out during the month.

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COLTISHALL			**Parenting of Satellite Units**	
			There were no changes in the Parenting Statement.	
			Nominal Roll of Officers	
			Two copies of the Form 449 are attached at Annex 'A'	ANNEX 'A'
			Establishment & Strength	

		Est	Str	Est (non ratified)
Officers,	RAF	95	140 *	(94)
"	WRAF	-	5	
"	USAF	-	2	
"	French AF	-	1	
Airmen,	Aircrew	2	6 @	(2)
Airmen		856	793 **	(853)
Airwomen		-	76 @@	
Civilians		203	188	(190)

* Includes 9 'D' Flt No 202 Sqn, 18 Students and 4 Supernumerary pending course.

@ Includes 5 'D' Flt No 202 Sqn.

@@ Includes 76 WRAF Ideal Strength

** Includes 20 'D' Flt 202 Sqn

Personnel Services Squadron

Personnel. Wing Commander R T Johnson was posted in from HQ SEATO Bangkok and arrived on 14th. He assumed command of Admin Wing wef 18th vice Wing Commander H Miller posted to Brockzetel early October.

Squadron Leader T R C Brodie, SMO, commenced his terminal leave on 22nd September.

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COLTISHALL			Flight Lieutenant R G Hunt was posted in from Scampton on 7th September to fill the new Community Relations Officer post.	
			Flight Lieutenant J M V Nicoll was effectively posted in from Uxbridge on 1st as JMO and physically arrives on 5th October.	
			Flight Lieutenant R E Dickens, ex OC Accounts Flight retired on his 55th birthday on 20th.	
			The Station Commander, Group Captain John T Jennings, DFC MBIM RAF attended an AOC's Station Commanders Conference at HQ No 11 (F) Group on 29/30th.	
			The preparation of the 15000 RAF Museum First Day covers, receipt of orders, accounting and advice on queries from the public proved to be very time consuming, however, the small nucleus of staff who assisted the Project Officer, Flight Lieutenant S W Woskett AFM RAF did well in getting all orders dispatched on the actual day 19th, they were - Flight Lieutenant R G Hunt, Sgt Burnett, SAC Peart and LAC Forest. Orders still continued to arrive and there were approximately 500 unsold by 30th.	
			Discipline. A District Court Martial was held on 10th at which D2302347 Sgt Hurrell E M (Parent Unit RAF Scampton was charged under Section 44 (1)(a) AFA 1955 with stealing Service Property on a day unknown in October 1967. He was found guilty and awarded a severe reprimand and a fine of £75 which was reduced to £50 in the confirmation by AOC HQ No 11 (F) Gp on 17th.	
			The Board of Inquiry was convened by AOC HQ No 11 (F) Gp on 20 Sep to investigate the accident involving Lightning T Mk 4 XM 990 on 19th Sep. A second Board was convened on the 21st to investigate an incident involving a Pembroke and Argosy on 19th Sep.	

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COLTISHALL			Ten charges of a minor nature were heard during the month.	
			WRAF. There were no events worthy of note.	
			Welfare. There were no occurrences worthy of note during the month.	
			Station Services	
			Works Services. The new GRSF/Ops Wing Building is now completed and will be taken over during October. The new AMQ building programme is up to schedule. A Siting Board was held on 25th September for a proposed 'Jaguar' aircraft Simulator.	
			The Works Progress Report is attached as Annex B.	Annex B
			Ceremonial. Battle of Britain week was opened in Norwich on Monday 14 Sep. The Guard of Honour paraded in the City Hall Car Park and marched to the front of City Hall preceded by the RAF Southern Band. They were inspected by the Lord Mayor. There was a fly-past of 3 Lightning aircraft led by Squadron Leader A J R Doyle, AFC RAF after which the Lord Mayor took the salute from the steps of City Hall. Full details are given in Admin Order 4/70 at Annex 'E'.	Annex 'E'
			A parade and cathedral service was held in Norwich on Sunday 20th to commemorate the Battle of Britain. The Lord Mayor took the salute from the steps of City Hall. Whilst this Unit was responsible for all arrangements, personnel from Neatishead, Swanton Morley, West Raynham and Watton took part in the parade. Full details are given in Admin Order 5/70 at Annex 'F'.	Annex 'F'
			Education. The ISS Progress Check was held on 3rd and Squadron Leader N Aubrey was the only candidate.	
			Medical. There was one flying accident on 19th and both pilots, Flt Lt Sims and Flt Lt Fuller ejected safely. They were picked up over land and transferred to RAF Hospital Ely within 1 hour of ejection.	

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COLTISHALL			The Mobile Mass X-Ray Unit was in attendance on 23rd and 440 personnel attended.	
			The Blood Transfusion Team visited on 24th and the number of donors was well below average despite a good publicity campaign.	
			The SMO, Squadron Leader T R C Brodie proceeded on terminal leave on 22nd.	
			There were no deaths during the month and the health of the Station remained satisfactory.	
			Catering. There were no events worthy of note during the month.	
			Sports. The Inter Services Modern Pentathlon Championships were held at RAF Cosford on 26th/27th and Cpl Watts represented the RAF who obtained first position. At the Rugby Trial at RAF Binbrook on 30th, Sgt Roberts, Cpl Sweet and SAC Forbes were chosen to represent No 11 Group. There were 42 wet winches during the month.	
			Chaplaincy. A capacity congregation celebrated Harvest Festival in the C of E Church on Sunday, 13th. A Battle of Britain Service was held in Norwich Cathedral on 20th, full details of which are included in Annex 'G'. A service was also held in theStation Church at 0900.	Annex 'G'
			The C of E Padre, The Rev N Bryan, BA, was married on 26th.	
			Entertainment. An official luncheon was held in the Officers' Mess on 19th September and a list of official guests is included at Annex 'C'. A late addition was Group Captain D R S Bader, CBE DSO DFC and Mrs Bader. After the flying display the guests were entertained at a Cocktail Party in the Officers' Mess.	Annex 'C'

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COLTISHALL			On 25th, the officers of Admin Wing accompanied by their ladies, met at the Lanchow Chinese Restaurant in Norwich and later assembled in the Mess to say farewell to Wing Commander and Mrs H Miller, Squadron Leader and Mrs G Talbot and Flight Lieutenant and Mrs R E Dickens. The Wing Commander Admin in return held an informal party on Monday 28th in the Mess. Supply Squadron On 4th the undermentioned officers visited to discuss logistic support of Lightning Aircraft: Major M T Ezmirly, Royal Saudi-Arabian Air Force. Wg Cdr J A Hurrell, Air Attache Saudi-Arabia. Wg Cdr R Bradshaw (RAF Rat'd), British Consortium Station Defence 24 personnel attended new arrivals courses during the month and 14 airmen carried out pre-overseas weapons training. There were no major exercises. On 28th, Group Captain J Wilson, MBE AMBIM SOA, HQ 11 (F) Group carried out an informal Staff Visit to the Station and was entertained to luncheon in the Officers' Mess. STATION COMMANDER'S REMARKS The main event of the month was undoubtedly the Battle of Britain 'At Home' Day when new records were set and the Station was honoured by the presence of a number of VIP's which included the CAS Air Chief Marshal Sir John Grandy, GCB KBE DSO the CAS designate Air Chief Marshal Sir Dennis Spotswood, KCB CBE DFC DSO, AOC 11 Group Air Vice-Marshal I G Broom CBE, DSO DFC AFC, and a number of senior retired Officers and many local dignatories.	

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COLTISHALL			Student flying always suffers during this month due to preparation for, and participation in, the Battle of Britain Open Day, and this year was no exception. It had been hoped that the generation of aircraft for the diamond 16 on 19 September 1970 would have provided a comfortable working margin for the remainder of the month but the crash of XM990 and the serious defects found in the Mk T4 Lightnings resulted in a fall in serviceability after the Open Day. However despite these setbacks 722 Sorties were flown and although this was considerably less than in July and August it was still the highest total ever recorded for the month of September. JOHN T JENNINGS Group Captain Officer Commanding	

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
7 November 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing further to my letter of 10 October to explain the delay in providing the information you requested in your letter of 9 September.

As I explained in my earlier letter we have requested the F540 Operations Record Book extracts for RAF Coltishall and Saxa Vord for September 1970 from the Public Record Office. We have been advised that while the F540s for 1970 are over 30 years old, they are contained within a batch that cover the period 1970 to 1976 and the whole batch is currently being reviewed by PRO staff pending release. This review process can take some time to complete.

Nevertheless, we have hastened the PRO for copies of this material and I hope to be able to supply you with the information in the near future. In the meantime, please except my apologies for the delay in sending you a substantive reply.

Yours sincerely,

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10 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 9 September in which you enclosed a copy of an extract from a book by Michael Jennings entitled 'RAF Coltishall, Fighter Station'. The extract described the alleged reaction of the RAF and USAF to a contact of an 'unidentified aircraft' sighted on radar at Saxa Vord on 8 September 1970.

I note that you have already examined this department's 'UFO' sighting report files held at the Public Record Office and they contained no mention of these events. The only other records, which we are aware of, that still exist and may contain some relevant information are the F540 Operations Record Books. All RAF stations, flying squadrons, maintenance and signal units, etc are required to produce a Form 540 which is a monthly record of the units activities. These are designed to provide a historical record of the unit, so they do not contain a detailed record of everything the unit is involved with, only those events which are seen to be worthy of mention for historical reasons. What is recorded and the level of detail may also vary from unit to unit. F540s are held by the Ministry of Defence for 30 years and then released to the Public Record Office.

With regard to the events of 8 September 1970, the F540s for this period are already available for inspection at the Public Record Office. However, in order to assist you we have made a request to the Public Record Office for extracts from RAF Coltishall and Saxa Vord's F540s for the period covering September 1970 to see if they contain any information relevant to your enquiries. When we have received a reply I write to you again.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

LOOSE MINUTE

D/AHB(RAF)/5/21

18 September 2001

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RAF Form 540

Further to your e-mail and our subsequent telecon the answers regarding your questions on the RAF Form 540 are as follows:

1. All RAF independent units, i.e., stations, flying squadrons, regiment squadrons, signals units, maintenance units etc, along with RAF elements of joint service units should produce a 540.

2. The Form 540 Operations Record Book should be submitted to this branch on a monthly basis, not later than 6 weeks after the month being reported on. Although in reality it can be more like 6 months plus.

3. The 540 was first introduced in 1936. However many of the early squadrons kept records going back to their formation during WW1.

4. As stated at 2 the unit should submit its 540 not later than 6 weeks after the month being reported on. The original document should be sent to AHB with a copy being kept on the unit. As far how long the copy of the 540 is kept on the unit is concerned, I am afraid that that this depends on the unit, some destroy them after a year and some, if they are interested in their history, keep them ad-infinitum.

5. 540's are held at AHB for approximately 25 years, they are then sent to the departmental reviewers who clear them for release into the Public Record Office at the 30-year point.

Moving on to your next query regarding the incident on the 5th of November 1990 supposedly involving Tornadoes from Marham. I am afraid that I have gone through the 540's for Marham, Neatishead, 27 and 617 (the 2 squadrons based at Marham at that time) Sqns to no avail. None of them contain any reference at all to any flying object. Indeed the deployment to Laarbruch only merits a one line entry in 617's 540, and is not mentioned at all in either 27's or the stations.

In your e-mail of 14/9 you requested extracts from Coltishall and Saxa Vord's 540 for the period covering Sept 70. I have ordered these documents back from the PRO and will forward copies of the necessary pages when they arrive. Please bear with me on this as currently documents are taking anything up to 10 days to return from the PRO

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DAS-LA-Ops+Pol1

From: DAS4A1(SEC)
Sent: 14 September 2001 16:04
To: AHB3(RAF)
Subject: F540

Section 40

Thanks for your advice earlier re the F540s. I would be grateful if you could put down in writing what you told me earlier, so we have it for future reference.

Also you mentioned a 'famous' air defence exercise mentioned in F540s in 1970 which often gets confused with UFOs. I think I have a query on this incident and would be grateful for any assistance you can provide. My correspondent has sent an extract from a book entitled "RAF Coltishall, Fighter Station" which states that at 2017 on 8 September 1970 the radar station at Saxa Vord picked up a contact of an unidentified aircraft over the North Sea between the Shetland Islands and Norway. The extract then goes on to describe how it was chased by various RAF and USAF aircraft. Could this be the incident you mentioned to me? If so I would be grateful for a copy of the appropriate F540 extract. I can provide further details if you need them.

Thanks for your help.

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Dear Section 40

I wonder if you could be of assistance with the following query?

I am enclosing a photocopy of two pages from a book entitled RAF Coltishall, Fighter Station, by Michael Jennings. This is a history of that particular station and as you can see from the event described on pages 86 and 87 on the evening of 8th September 1970 a very unusual event took place in which it appears that several aircraft were involved in the pursuit of an 'unidentified target'. Other elements involved were Lightning F6's from 11 and 23 Squadron (RAF Leuchars) and 5 Squadron (RAF Binbrook).

As Jennings is a serving RAF officer and has used the incident to illustrate the capabilities of 226 OCU (RAF Coltishall) to respond to QRA duties there must, presumably be a record of the incident.

Could you please answer the following questions:

* Does the MOD have a file or files which relate to this incident? Any UFO files in PRO. ADGE files do not exist for period + would not contain this level of detail.

* If so I would like to formally apply for a copy of any such files under the Code of Practice for Access to Government Information.

* If you reply stating there is no such file on this incident, could you suggest who else I should approach within the MOD for further information? F540's only record UFO's. May record events.

I have already checked the 'UFO' files in the Public Records Office for 1970 and this case is not among them.

I look forward to your response.

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declared as an operational squadron. This happened during evening of 8 September 1970.

Saxa Vord was one of a chain of UK radar stations who's task was to keep an eye on the skies around the northern approaches, identifying aircraft that approached or entered the North Sea or the sensitive 'Icelandic Gap'. 1970 was at the height of the Cold War with Russian aircraft making regular flights into the North Atlantic to test NATO's reaction.

At 2017 hours on the 8 September, a radar operator at Saxa Vord picked up a contact of an unidentified aircraft over the North Sea between the Shetland Islands and Norway. The contact was monitored at a steady speed of 630 mph at 37000 feet travelling on a south-westerly heading. The contact was then seen to turn 30 degrees to head due south with its speed increasing to 900 mph and it altitude climbing to 44000 feet.
The normal procedure for Saxa Vord was to now order a flash message to the nearest QRA flight. This urgent message was duly sent to the QRA flight at RAF Leuchars on the east coast of Scotland. Within minutes two Lightning's were airborne and heading their way out across the North Sea. For all concerned, the radar operators, pilots and groundcrew, this was just another routine scramble, but then the radar plotters noticed something on their screens that left them a little concerned. Up to this point the unidentified aircraft had been travelling at speeds and altitudes consistent with known Russian warplanes, however in a split second the blip on the radar had turned through 180 degrees and disappeared from the screens.

During the next hour the contact reappeared several times, and each time the Lightnings were vectored to investigate, but then as quickly as it appeared it disappeared again. By this time two F4 Phantoms of the USAF from Keflavik in Iceland had been scrambled to assist the Lightnings in trying to intercept the intruder. The F4's with their sophisticated radar were able to track the intruder themselves without the assistance of the ground radar controllers, however as they attempted to close on the contact they found that they had no more success than the Lightnings. The incident was now beginning to cause alarm to those in high places with the contact being monitored by various organisations within the NATO chain of command.

As more and more organisations became involved the Lightnings and Phantoms continued with their cat and mouse game. They made repeated attempts to close on the contact, but as they approached it disappeared. Eventually the Lightnings recovered back to Leuchars leaving the Keflavik Phantoms to continue with the patrol.

At 2139 hours, the controllers picked up the contact again. This time the intruder was decelerating to 1300 mph which was almost the limit of the Lightnings and Phantoms. It was now tracked off the northern tip of Denmark at an altitude of 18000 feet. By this time it was decided to 'scramble' two Lightnings from Coltishall to form a Combat Air Patrol(CAP) some 17 miles east of Great Yarmouth. To enable the thirsty Lightnings to maintain their CAP a Victor tanker was scrambled to support the two fighters. With a further two Lightnings from Leuchars maintaining a CAP on a 50 mile east-west front, 200 miles north east of Aberdeen the contact was now between the two lines of fighters. At 2145 hours it was decided to 'scramble' a further Lightning from RAF Binbrook to join in the search for the intruder. This aircraft, Lightning F6, XS894, was flown by an American pilot on exchange with 5 Squadron, Captain William Schaffner. By the time he arrived on patrol, in addition to his machine, four further Lightnings, two Phantoms and three tankers were airborne on the alert and they were

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joined shortly after by a Shackleton from Kinloss.

The outcome of this interception, which involved the Lightnings from Coltishall, is subject to much conjecture and differences of opinion. However, one thing is fact; the 5 Squadron Lightning F6, XS894 crashed on the night of 8 September 1970 with the loss of Captain William Schaffner. Despite an intensive search by helicopters and Lifeboats from Bridlington, Filey and Flamborough, Captain Schaffners body was never found.

Flight Lieutenant Brian Carroll was an Instructor and Central Flying School Agent on the OCU from 1970-73. His recollections of his time at Coltishall graphically illustrate the impact that operating a Lightning, in realistic operational conditions, had on one particular trainee pilot who was about to start his conversion flying on the OCU.

At this time, late 1971, No 65 Fighter Squadron operated the Lightning T4 trainer along with an assortment of F1 and F1As. As the Squadron had ben declared to SACEUR, they were also tasked as a front line Squadron, and as such were subject to alerts and Tactical Evaluation Exercises(TACEVAL) in just the same way as the full time front line Squadrons.

Brian recalls that the OCU had recently received a new intake of pilots just out of Hunter flying at RAF Chivenor. They had completed their initial ground school programme of lectures and were reasonably conversant with the Lightning's systems and operating procedures, they had also started Flight Simulator sorties. All had also been airborne in the Lightning on Exercise 1, this was by way of an "Instructors Benefit" sortie during which the full potential of the aircraft was demonstrated, all manoeuvres needless to say were within the approved flight envelope. We were just into the third week of October, the time, 0300 hours when a TACEVAL was called. The weather was cold and wet with steady rain that had been falling all of the previous day and was to continue for the next 48 hours. The cloud was extensive, the lowest as I recall being around 800 to 1,000 feet and going all the way to 30,000 feet without a break, just the weather that fighter pilots dream about, well maybe on a bad day!

Within a very short time, the Squadron was a hive of activity, the ground crews were working at a feverish pitch, pre-flight inspections were being completed as rapidly as possible, aircraft were then positioned in their pre-determined slots, ready for the pilots to mount up. Weather and exercise briefings for the aircrews were well under way, emergency and other procedures were all covered and we then awaited the first call from the operating authority to start the ball rolling. Meanwhile the new course of students were being kept busy with routine jobs in operations and in the coffee bar. Operating as we did a number of two seaters, it was decided that we would fly as many of the new course students as possible in the right hand seats to let them see what operating a Lightning as a weapons systems was all about, they had of course no knowledge at this time of the radar, so it was left to each instructor to attempt to brief on that aspect during the sortie.

Word finally came through to bring a number of crews to cockpit readiness, I had been allocated a T4 and so had a student with me. I had already carried out my own pre-flight inspection so we were able to climb straight into the cockpit. Strapping in only took a few moments, helmets were plugged into the telebrief, ground power was on line, radio frequency selected, flight instruments erected, weapons checked, all ready to start engines as soon as the scramble instructions were received. We had only been strapped in a few minutes when

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Our Reference
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Dear Section 40

I am writing further to our letter of 23 October in which we informed you that we were making enquires regarding your comments about 'Project Moon Dust'.

First, you may wish to be aware that Ministry of Defence files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. After this period they are reviewed and those considered worthy of permanent preservation are transferred to the Public Record Office. In your letter you stated that 'Project Moon Dust' was said to have been in operation in the 1950s and 1960s and any MOD files that survive from this period are already open to public inspection at the Public Record Office. Nevertheless, in order to assist you we have searched file records within the Ministry of Defence to see if any information could be found on the alleged project. However, I can now inform you that our enquiries have revealed no record of any files relating to 'Project Moon Dust'.

If you wish to pursue your enquiries at the Public Record Office, the address is as follows;

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Ruskin Avenue
Kew
Richmond
Surrey
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Yours sincerely,

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Subject: FW: Project Moon Dust

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We spoke. Just to confirm that we have searched our file records and can find no files reating to Project Moon Dust. As for the other file, we do hold it here. I will be discussing with DI 52 later this week. Thanks

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 28 September 2001.

I do apologise for the delay in responding to your enquiry regarding 'Project Rock Dust (or 'Moon Dust'). We are currently consulting other branches within the MOD on this matter, but please be assured that we will endeavour to send you a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely
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28 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Re: my letter d/d 18th June & your reply d/d 11th July under ref: D/DAS/64/3

I enclose a copy of my letter d/d 18th June and wonder whether you are yet able to reply to my enquiry regarding 'Project Rock Dust' (or 'Moon Dust').

Yours sincerely

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18 June 2001

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Yours faithfully

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LOOSE MINUTE

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING PROJECT MOON DUST

1. This office is the focal point for correspondence from the public about 'unidentified flying objects' and I would be grateful for any help you may be able to provide with the following.

2. We have received a letter in which the correspondent asks (a) whether the UK Government was involved with the US in a project called Project Moon Dust during the late 1950s / early 1960s: (b) whether the project is still ongoing (if not, when was it concluded and what were the results), and: (c) the brief given to the UK scientists by the US at that time, together with a description of what was analysed and the results of that analysis.

3. We know from a report written by the Directorate of Scientific Intelligence and Joint Technical Intelligence Committee in June 1951 which was recently uncovered on an archived DIS file, being reviewed, that the UK was involved with the US and other nations in two projects named Project Sign and Project Grudge, in the late 1940s. These seem to have been the fore-runner of Project Blue Book which was set up to look at whether UFOs posed a threat to the security of the US and to determine whether they exhibited any unique scientific information or advanced technology which could contribute to scientific or technical research. Project Blue Book also attempted to identify and explain all UFO sightings reported to the US Air Force. Details of Project Blue Book have been in the public domain for many years and the 1951 document uncovered in DIS files has been downgraded to unclassified and has also been released to the public.

4. With regard to Project Moon Dust, this appears to have been concerned with the recovery of objects and debris from space vehicles that had survived re-entry from space to earth and may have been set up by the US (and possibly others) around 1957. Some of those interested in 'UFOs' believe that Project Moon Dust was concerned with the origins of crashed spacecraft and their occupants. I do not know whether the UK was involved with this project or whether any such project is ongoing. However, as projects Sign and Grudge seem to have involved the UK defence intelligence staff, it is feasible that we may also have been involved with Moon Dust.

5. Under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information we are encouraged to answer questions from the public unless the information is exempted under the Code and I would therefore welcome your assistance with answering this correspondents questions. If this project is known to DIS and is ongoing, or information from the late 1950s is still retained in DIS files not yet in the Public Record Office, we could withhold this information under

under Exemption 1a of the Code (Information whose disclosure would harm national security or defence) or Exemption 1b (Information whose disclosure would harm the conduct of international relations) if you feel this is appropriate. I look forward to your advice in due course.

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To be answered by DAS 3b.

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19 May 2[illegible]

Dear sir

Pine Gap - Defence Space Research Facility, Australia

I enclose a copy of my letter dated [illegible]th April and wonder whether you are now in a position to give me a reply.

Yours faithfully

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DAS 3B Dealing with this. - will respond directly.

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Pine Gap - Defence Space Research Facility, Australia

I am researching the interconnectivity of friendly western intelligence systems [illegible] whether you can help me.

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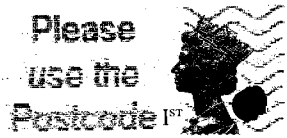

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Date
11 July 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 18 June 2001, addressed to Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a. Please note that this section is now called the Directorate of Air Staff 4a, as shown above. We are still the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

I can confirm that the two letters you enclose, dated 9 April and 14 May 2001 respectively, were not received by this office. As you will appreciate, the Ministry of Defence main building comprises a large number of different departments and as your letters do not specifically mention 'UFOs' and were not addressed to this office, we cannot be sure where they went. As such they raise a number of issues on which we will need to consult other departments, but please be assured that we will endeavour to send you a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours Sincerely

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Date: 9 August 2001

PINE GAP - DEFENCE SPACE RESEARCH FACILITY, AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter dated 9 April 2001 concerning the Pine Gap facility in Australia and intelligence relationships. First of all may I apologise for the time taken to reply, but I understand that your original letter never reached this office.

It may be helpful if I explain that it is our long-standing practice not to respond to speculation on alleged intelligence systems or activities. Information on the operations of the intelligence and security agencies is withheld under exemption 1 of the Code of Practice on access to Government information on the grounds of national security.

Regarding your questions concerning the Pine Gap facility, this is clearly a matter for the Australian government. However, you may wish to note that in 1988 the Australian Prime Minister, R J Hawke, made a public statement about this facility:

'Pine Gap is a satellite ground station, whose function is to collect intelligence data which supports the national security of both Australia and the US. Intelligence collected at Pine Gap contributes importantly to the verification of arms control and disarmament agreements.'

You also enquire about the relationship between this facility and various US authorities. This is a matter for the US government.

I hope this explains the position.

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13 August 2001

Dear Section 40

Pine Gap - Defence Space Research Facility - Australia

Thank you for your letter dated 9th August concerning my enquiry dated 9 April. I realise my letter may not have reached in a timely fashion you because I had gave no specific destination address. Apologies.

I am somewhat surprise that the MOD will not admit a logical (and quite reasonable) tie-up between our US friends and part of our Commonwealth in global UK SIGINT operations. I am not seeking to discover what kind of intelligence is shared between parties, I am merely attempting to show that the UK does have this intimate connection, and our potential enemies would be wise to take heed of that fact.

I am therefore somewhat dismayed that the MOD will not admit this, notwithstanding the current UK Government has gone on record as being a more 'open administration' wherever possible with a lessening of our peculiar national obsession regarding secrecy.

I see you have declined to comment on my enquiry re: BT and DERA. I am, of course, already aware that BT's research & development labs do undertake work for the MOD when appropriate and will probably have ongoing sensitive assignments. I am not interested in what the work actually is.

Finally, I did not seek the MOD to comment on the US sphere of operations at Pine Gap. I am aware of that extent and I illustrated that in the second paragraph of my 9th April letter. There is no speculation.

The core issue remains only the UK's depth of involvement in this predominantly US led project. If, as you quote Prime Minister Hawke: '*... Intelligence collected at Pine Gap contributes importantly to the verification of arms control and disarmament agreements.*' End quote, it would be unthinkable that the UK would also be interested (at least by treaty if not unilaterally) in the same ends. Unless you are confirming that we, in the UK, have no interest in the intelligence that emanates from Pine Gap? Perhaps you can help me further in this.

Yours sincerely

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re: Space Shuttle Discovery mission STS-[illegible] - 15th September 1991

section of VT taken from Discovery at 20.30hrs - 20.45hrs whilst over the west coast of Australia, 1,250 - 1,500 miles north west of Pine Gap, shows what appears to be around a dozen objects moving in the are a of the orbiter. Suddenly, the objects stop moving and there is a 'flash' seen and all the objects then move off on different courses. Some two seconds later two 'streaks' come up from what seems to be the Earth. Some researchers believe these 'streaks' emanated from some kind of directed beam energy weapon from the ground, presumably fired to keep the objects away from Discovery. NASA have rejected the claim and as a result of Congressional enquiries have said that the 'objects' were orbiter generated debris illuminated by the Sun. The light flicker is a result of firing the attitude thrusters on the orbiter. According to Harry.A.Jorden whom served aboard the aircraft carrier, 'Franklin D Roosevelt, he and his other investigator, Chester C.Grusinski who also served on the carrier, have possession of real-time shuttle VTs up to STS-80 (flown in March 1997) where these beams can be clearly seen coming up from Earth through the cloud cover below the Space Shuttle. (FSR 46/2).

In 'Confirmation' -1998, Whitley Streiber confirms that the Top Secret Pine Gap facility is around 1250 miles from Sydney and is located 12 miles from Alice Springs in Australia's Northern Territory. Pine Gap is a joint Defence Space Research facility sponsored by the US (NSA) and the Australian Defence Department. The centre is said to function principally as a downlink for geosynchronous SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) satellite systems made by TRW Space Systems (a 'black' company within the US Defence Community). Established by the CIA in 1966 who retain a major interest with NSA and the NRO (National Reconnaissance Office - a top secret organisation within the US Intelligence Community which is ostensibly a SIGINT collection organisation which has links with the USAF but whom reports to the CIA).

However,

According to... 'Dr Oscar Rafael Padilla Lara, a UFO investigator resident in Miami, Florida who publishes a small Spanish language bulletin with the title, COSMOVISION and his Year 3, No.1 Issue (1999) he reports that on the small island of Vieques, lying off the east coast of Puerto Rico and facing the great US Naval Base of Roosevelt Roads, Cieba, the US Government have established an installation to operate the H.A.A.R.P scheme for "shooting down unidentified objects". The installation is described as "possibly due to commence operating in August 1999". (See in this connection in FSR 46/1 Dr Richard Boylan's article "The shooting down of UFOs and the 'Special Academy' and, on page 5 of that issue, the sketch of the alleged "UFO Buster Gun" as originally published in Jorge Martin's EVIDENCIA OVNI No.11 1997) .....quoted from FSR 46/2

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Thank you for your letter dated 13 August 2001 in response to my letter dated 9 August concerning the Pine Gap facility in Australia and intelligence relationships.

I am afraid that there is little that I can usefully add to my previous letter. Although the Government adheres to the spirit and the letter of Open Government, there are some aspects, which for reasons of national security (as covered by exemption 1 of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information) that are just not open for discussion. This includes speculation about alleged intelligence relationships, systems and activities.

That said, you may be interested to know that as a move towards an more open administration, both Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) and the Security Service (as well as the Ministry of Defence) have their own websites that are accessible to the public via the Internet.

Turning to your final comments on Pine Gap, we can neither confirm nor deny UK interest in intelligence that emanates from this station.

I am sorry to send you what I know will be a disappointing reply.

Project Bluebook and Project Moondust

As more and more Americans reported UFO sighting in the early 50s, the military's official denial of the phenomenon became increasingly suspect. Such categorical denial quickly became as much a cause of speculation as the origin of the UFOs. In 1952, the U. S. Air Force gave in to the public pressure to "do something" about UFOs and created Project BLUEBOOK, an official Air Force investigation into such reports. Given its subject matter, BLUEBOOK soon came to be entirely, although secretly, controlled by Aegis. It was Aegis' intention to use BLUEBOOK as a smoke screen for Aegis operations and as a source for public disinformation.

To reduce the possibility of a link being discovered between Project BLUEBOOK and Aegis, the BLUEBOOK staff contained no Aegis operatives. BLUEBOOK was a legitimate and official Air Force project, although Aegis made certain that the personnel chosen for the project were predisposed toward skepticism of the phenomenon.

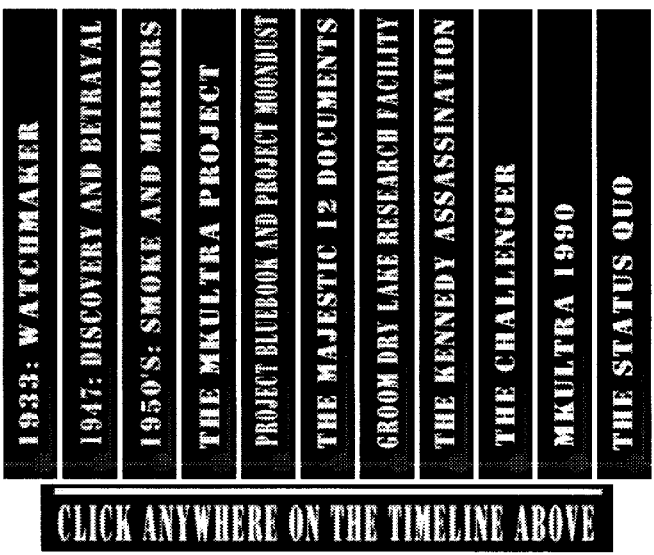
The primary instrument of Aegis' control over the BLUEBOOK was another Air Force project completely hidden from the public eye, Project MOONDUST. Project MOONDUST was created in 1953 and charged with "the retrieval and exploitation of crashed foreign spacecraft". Within top military circles, MOONDUST's stated purpose was the recovery and examination of downed Soviet and Eastern Bloc spacecraft and satellites, but the MOONDUST charter clearly made it responsible for the recovery of extraterrestrial spacecraft as well. For this role it was exploited heavily by Aegis, and was staffed almost exclusively by Aegis personnel. All UFO reports were filtered through Project MOONDUST before transmission to Project BLUEBOOK, and only those reports deemed of little significance or validity were passed on.

At the end of its study, Project BLUEBOOK concluded that there was in fact no substantial evidence to support claims that UFOs were anything but misidentified terrestrial craft, weather phenomena or hallucinations. The Project's report was widely accepted by the populace and proved quite effective at undermining the credibility of those UFO reports that followed.

National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena

As always, there were those who were not convinced by BLUEBOOK's investigations and who saw the final BLUEBOOK report as the disinformation it was. Many of these people investigated UFOs and related phenomena on their own, attempting to uncover the truth and form their own conclusions. The most dangerous of these truth-seekers formed civilian investigative groups to better share information and resources. Fortunately for Aegis, these groups were often much too eager to recruit new members for their own good. Aegis Cells had little trouble infiltrating the organizations, subverting what information they managed to uncover, and guaranteeing that they never got too close to important information. Many of these groups were much more interested in finding evidence to support their pet theories than conducting serious investigations. This made them ideal mouthpieces for Aegis lies, and further degraded the credibility of all such organizations.

One civilian organization stood apart from the majority. This group could not be easily dismissed given the credibility of its membership. In 1956, Navy physicist Thomas Brown founded NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, an Unidentified Flying Objects and related events study group. Although NICAP was a civilian organization and contained many well-known civilian UFOlogists, a disturbingly large number of members were retired Air Force and CIA personnel. The Aegis operatives who were monitoring the group became acutely aware that many of the NICAP members had secret agendas. The operatives learned that some NICAP members were reporting back to groups within the CIA and other Intelligence Community organizations. Other members seemed to be working for an organization or organizations that Aegis could not identify. Due to the extent of NICAP's infiltration by agents from outside organizations with unknown objectives, little of the data it managed to collect can be trusted. Also, Aegis' inability to identify all the organizations operating within NICAP made Aegis Prime more paranoid than ever. Despite all this, NICAP served Aegis as a fertile ground for recruiting well-connected operatives and Cells.



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The NASA FRAGOLOGY Files Destroyed or Missing?

Did NASA File Contain Information on Kecksburg?

On December 9, 1965 something reportedly fell from the sky into a wooded area near Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. For years I have been investigating the case trying to determine just what it was that dropped in on this quiet community so many years ago. Even today there exists much speculation as to what the metallic acorn shaped object was, which witnesses claim that they saw in 1965. After many years of researching the incident, my position concerning the case is that it is not a hoax. The two most likely explanations as to the source of the object is (**A.**) The object was a man-made space probe that had re-entry control capability. The structure design of the craft would have made it possible for it to safely return to the Earth. (**B.**) An Extraterrestrial spacecraft which originated from outside of the Earth. Eyewitness accounts from that night in 1965 describe military and government personnel on the scene, who took part in what apparently was a search and recovery operation of the object involved. Among the authorities that were reported to have been at the site were NASA personnel.

Even though informants have told us that they have seen the military recovery report on the Kecksburg object, no such documents have ever surfaced. But many other documents that concern Project Moondust have been released by various agencies. Project Moondust involved the government functions that dealt with the recovery of space objects that survived re-entry through the Earth's atmosphere. A 1973 State Department document released to New Mexico researcher Clifford Stone states that "The designator MOONDUST is used in cases involving the examination of non-US space objects or objects of unknown origin." Various State Department documents show that NASA played a role in the recovery and examination of space object debris. It was always of interest, that no NASA documents were ever located concerning the Kecksburg event, even though it had been reported that a NASA representative was sent to the site of the crash and interviewed some witnesses about what they experienced that day. In October of 1994, a FOIA request was made to NASA Headquarters for information that concerned the operational guidelines that NASA personnel followed when involved with cases that dealt with the recovery and examination of space material.

Other documentation showed that NASA was involved with MOONDUST matters as well. In this request, I asked for a copy of these guidelines from the project's inception through the current date. I also requested copies of all reports that would have involved NASA in these types of events from the time span covering from January of 1960 through January of 1970. This search was to include any such event that would have occurred within the United States or at the worldwide level. In April of 1995, I received a response to this request. While I did not receive the particular material that I had requested, another document was sent that was quite interesting to say the least. The document, a records transmittal and receipt form, released by NASA's History office, discusses " NASA Fragology Files consisting of reports of space objects recovery, analysis of fragments to determine national ownership and vehicle origin." The single page paper was marked highest classification confidential, to be released only upon authorization of NASA. The document indicates that the reports were made during the years of 1962-1967. Reports contained within the document are marked such as F33-Venezuela Object. Another report is identified as Moon Dust -KATOTO Estate. The list of records begins with F1 and ends with F48. Interestingly, there are gaps in the sequencing of the reports listed in the document. It appears that a quite a number of reports that were associated with the NASA Fragology Files are not included for some reason.

For example F5, F6, F9, and F10 are missing, as well as twenty others. The Kecksburg case occurred in 1965 and if NASA were involved in this investigation as stated by various witnesses, then it would be likely that this report should be listed in the NASA Fragology Files. Upon receipt of this document, I quickly sent a FOIA request to NASA Headquarters for a copy of each report listed in the document concerning the NASA Fragology Files. On the copy of the initial document I received, there was a hand written notation which stated "Still at Fed. Records Center 9/29/94". In May, 1995, I received a response from NASA Headquarters which informed me that I had to send an advanced payment to begin fulfilling this search request from the Federal Records Center. NASA's History office informed them that the records I had requested may be contained in two boxes. I submitted the check and when many months went by with no response, I called NASA Headquarters in January of 1996 to find out the status of the records search. I left a message, and within a few days I received a response. A letter dated January 22, 1996 from NASA Headquarters states "We received your check ... for the retrieval of the two boxes that may have contained documents you were seeking from the Federal Records Center. I have been informed by the program office that the Records Center informed them that those boxes were destroyed prior to their request." Also enclosed in the letter was an apology for the mix-up and the time that this had taken to be completed. I was disturbed to learn of the destruction of this information.

Even if no information on Kecksburg existed in thes files, what may well have been other important historical records related to the American and Soviet space program may have also been lost. I requested that an

investigation be conducted into the destruction of the NASA Fragology File records. In an April 15, 1996 letter from NASA Headquarters, it was explained to me how the FOIA process worked. It explained that once the NASA FOIA office receives a request, they attempt to locate the appropriate program office that have control over the requested documents. It further stated "The FOIA office provides the program office with a copy of the request and the instructions to obtain a copy of the requested document and supply it to the FOIA office for direct response to the requester. If the program office has forwarded the documents to the Washington National Records Center, the program office then informs the FOIA office of that fact. The FOIA office then asks the requester for an up front payment of the cost.

The Washington National Records Center is not contacted prior to receipt of a requester's check. Upon receipt of a requester's check, the FOIA office asked the program office to have the documents retrieved from the Washington National Records Center. It was at this point in the process of your request that the program office was informed that the records had been destroyed." According to the letter, after I had asked for an inquiry into the reported destruction of the records , the Washington National Records Center attempted again to locate the records. But after searching they still were not able to locate the files. The letter stated "They (the National Records Center) do not know if the records were destroyed or have just been misplaced." A letter from the Washington National Records Center to the NASA Headquarters Records Manager dated March 28, 1996 stated " our records indicate that the boxes were identified as missing in 1987 and have not been located since that date." NASA had no explanation for the hand written markings on the document which indicated that the records were still at the Washington National Records Center in 1994.

In other related correspondence, NASA indicated that they could only "surmise this notation was in error." Since then, searches have been conducted at numerous NASA installations for records concerning the NASA Fragology Files. No other references to the files have surfaced so far. This appears to be a new terminology that myself and other researchers had not encountered before. How the NASA Fragology Files relates to Project Moondust and possibly to reported UFO crashes is open for speculation. It may be only coincidence, but it is interesting to note that in 1987, both the first Kecksburg eyewitness who reported seeing the object on the ground surfaced, and that as public interest in the case escalated , the files reportedly disappeared. The incident had always been a Pittsburgh area topic of discussion, since so many people remembered the incident. As the media began to focus on the story, individuals who had kept quiet about their involvement in the case for many years came forward. Even today however, many people who have talked to us about their knowledge of the case refuse to be identified, and there are many others who apparently have never come forward according to relatives and friends. Certain information has surfaced in recent years that suggests that the government does not want the information on the Kecksburg case released. Is this because we recovered a Soviet space probe to study and never returned it to that launching state as we had agreed to at the United

Nations, or could we have recovered something much more unusual? The question remains, where are the NASA Fragolgy Files? If you have any information on this matter, I would appreciate your contacting me so that we can exchange notes.

Breaking News!

As I am working on this newsletter, I have just received information on an alleged UFO incident which occured in Northern Pennsylvania. Preliminary information indicates that several people observed a large bright green light hovering in the sky. Two separate objects broke away from the larger light. After this, one light dropped straight down while a red light went straight up. They apparently made numerous turns and moved around the sky for sometime when the larger light just suddenly vanished. Reportedly, a short time later, much aircraft activity began to take place in the area, including the appearance of a helicopter. Reportedly, there is usually little aircraft activity in the area. As more information becomes available on this sighting It will be released.

Extraterrestrial Exposure Regulation "Reserved"

A NASA Regulation in effect since July 16, 1969 and has been a subject of controversy, since it could possibly be interpreted that UFO abductees or witnesses who claim to have been close to a UFO could be subject to a fine of $5,000 or imprisoned for one year if they have been "Extraterrestrially exposed" as defined by the NASA administrator in Title 14, Part 1211 of the CFR (Code of Federal Regulations).

In section 1211.102 Definitions. (b) "Extraterrestrially exposed means the state or condition of any person, property, animal, or other form of life or matter whatever, who or which has: (1) Touched directly or come within the atmospheric envelope of any other celestial body: or (2) Touched directly or been in close proximity to (or been exposed indirectly to) any person, property, animal or other form of life or matter who or which has been extraterrestrially exposed by virtue of paragraph (b) (1) of this section. Under section 1211.102-Definitions, it also states "Quarantine means the detention, examination, and decontamination of any persons, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever that is extraterrestrially exposed, and includes apprehension or seizure of such person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever." The regulation indicates that those who fall under this category can be placed into a quarantine station that is under the control of armed guards. In a letter response from NASA Headquarters in 1995, It was learned that as of April 26, 1991, Title 14 CFR Part 1211, was removed from the Federal Register. Along with the letter, NASA had provided a copy of the notice of April 26, 1991 "reserving Part 1211 for future use by NASA." Pittsburgh researcher Greg McCormick recently looked into the current status of this regulation. McCormick states "I consulted several US government sources to determine the current status of Part 1211 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations which established procedures governing those who have contact with extraterrestrial lifeforms. Book 14 of the CFR is updated

annually as of January 1. The January 1, 1996 CFR still listed Part 1211 as 'Reserved.' The January 1, 1997 update for Title 14 was not available. However, the LSA (List of CFR Sections Affected), which lists changes to the CFR for all parts of Title 14 from January 2, 1996 through December 31, 1996, did not show the status of Part 1211 as having been changed in any way. I also searched the Federal Register online via GPO access for the years 1995 through 1997. Included in the Federal register are Proposed Rules from Federal Agencies and Organizations. My search returned no hits relating to Title 14 CFR Part 1211, indicating no changes or rules were proposed affecting this regulation through mid-February, 1997."

A Major UFO encounter

The following article was printed in the BORU Journal, No.2, Fall 1996 published by the Butler Organization for Research of the Unexplained, 118 Beach Road, Chicora, PA. 16025.
September 10-11, 1995-Butler, PA/ Butler Twp., PA Butler County: One of the most major UFO related events ever to occur in Western Pennsylvania, this multiple witness sighting took place in the city of Butler and around Butler Township. A chronology of this astounding event is as follows:

8:15 PM- The initial reports received by BORU came from 10 individuals on Main St. in Butler. The witnesses at this location report seeing a bright light which was described as a bright star or planet. After a few minutes, a large triangular-shaped object became visible. The object had five "window" structures with the largest one in the center. Bright yellow-white light was emanating from the windows. Witnesses also reported seeing an additional smaller object with the same configuration. The smaller object had the same red, blue, green and yellow flashing lights around the perimeter. Several of the eyewitnesses viewed the object through bincoculars. The smaller object disappeared to the East and the larger object drifted very slowly towards the West for about 30 minutes. Next the large object abruptly shot out a beam of white light from beneath which struck the ground. The object slowly moved towards the West for about 45 minutes before disappearing behind a group of trees. The object was viewed for approximately 2 hours. The eyewitnesses notified the police at approximately 8:30 P.M.

8:30PM-A Pennsylvania State Constable also viewed the object while in Lyndora, PA Butler Township. What appeared at first to be a bright star took shape as a large triangular-shaped object drifting toward Butler City. The object was described as having bright white lights at each of the corners and small red and green lights towards the front. The detailed flight pattern given by the observer denotes that the object slowly moved from the downtown Butler area to the intersection of PA 8 and McCalmont Rd. From there the object moved towards East Butler then back across Butler city towards the West. The entire duration of this sighting lasted approximately 40 minutes.

9:05 PM-Several eyewitnesses reported that the police had a serious

interest in the object. Individuals who monitor public safety radio transmissions in and around the Butler area report to BORU that police were dispatched to the tier parking garage in Butler city to get a better look at the object. While at the garage, officers reported looking at the object through binoculars and reporting to the dispatcher. The dispatcher by her own admission over the radio reported receiving numerous phone calls concerning the object. At approximately 9:10 PM , the object shot a beam of light at the officers on the roof of the tier parking garage. The frenzied officers reported the unusual light beam back to the dispatcher.

9:15 PM-Several witnesses report seeing a triangular object shoot beams of light toward the ground. The event was witnessed from a parking lot at a shopping center near the near the intersection of PA 356 and PA 68.

12:00 AM-At this time, the police interest is immense. The object suddenly reappears and is spotted by several individuals including police officers at the intersection of PA 356 and North Duffy Rd. Witnesses report that the object moved toward the West and disappeared over the Moraine State Park area.

3:00 AM-The object reappeared a third time and approximately 25 individuals viewed the object from a restaurant on PA 356. Reports from several of the witnesses state that the triangular-shaped object had bright white lights at each corner and periodically moved slowly and hovered as it moved from a SW to NE direction. The sighting lasted approximately 30 minutes.

Sept 11, 1995-Butler Twp, PA Butler County: An individual reported seeing an object hover over his neighbor's house for several minutes. The description of the object was identical to the object seen the previous night. The sighting occurred at **2:35 A.M.** and the witness reported the sighting to the police shortly afterward.

Fireball with Sound Reported

On the evening of January 31, 1997, there were numerous reports of a bright fireball seen crossing the sky in the vicinity of Williamsport, PA, in Lycomming County. The sighting was accompanied by one or more loud explosive sounds. Observations were reported over a large area. More information will be forthcoming.

Lights in sky only flares

During the early morning hours of February 2, 1997, a bright green glow was reported in the sky in Indiana County. A check around the area soon made it apparent that the observation was localized, and a short time later it was determined that the source of the odd lights were from flares being fired during a military exercise being conducted by a local unit.

Looking back

August 8, 1987-At approximately 9 PM, two people in a car are driving near Tylersburg in Northern Clarion County. The driver observed a bright glowing orange object that looked at first like a giant kite. She yelled to her passenger to look at the strange object, who later stated that the object was rising up from the ground, about 50 feet in the air, and about 75 yards from the car. The object when first seen appeared to be made up of a massive amount of electricity as bright flashes from all over the object similar to arc welding was present. But as the object rose, it changed into a different physical form. The object changed from an irregular shape into an elliptical shaped object, still maintaining its orange color. The object hovered, then moved forward in a slow manner. At times when the object appeared to be flying just above the tree tops, the trees never showed any motion, and there was no sound or wind observed. The object was keeping pace with the car, and the witnesses followed the object for a couple of miles. It was as though they were both watching each other. When the car turned left, the object moved over a field and could be seen above the trees. Suddenly the object shot straight up into the sky and moved so quickly that it looked like a big orange dot within seconds. The witnesses believed that it was likely that the object had landed before they first saw it, as the craft was rising when they first observed it. Over the next couple of hours, they heard the sound of jet aircraft flying overhead .

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Project Moon Dust

Chapter 8

The History of Project Moon Dust

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When United States Senator Jeff Bingaman asked the Air Force about a classified project called Moon Dust, Lieutenant Colonel John E. Madison of the Congressional Inquiry Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, wrote, "There is no agency, nor has there ever been, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, which would deal with UFO's or have any information about the incident in Roswell. In addition, there is no Project Moon Dust or Operation Blue Fly. Those missions have never existed."

What the documentation, now available thanks in part to the Freedom of Information Act, and the pioneering work of Clifford Stone, tells us is that Madison's letter to a United States Senator is, at best, inaccurate. The question can be asked was he merely uninformed, or was he purposefully lying to a Senator? Stone, a researcher in Roswell, New Mexico, challenged Madison's response with a series of documents, which had been obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests. He pointed out that documents originally classified as secret and since downgraded, mentioned the code name Moon Dust, and specifically a project for UFO-related materials. It also established as fact the location of the parent unit being at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The response to this documented information was another letter to Senator Bingaman, apparently from Madison's boss in the Congressional Liaison Office. Colonel George M. Mattingley, Jr., wrote, "This is in reply to your inquiry in behalf of Mr. Clifford E. Stone on the accuracy of the information we previously provided to your office. Upon further review of the case (which was aided by the several attachments to Mr. Stone's letter), we wish to amend the statements contained in the previous response to your inquiry."

It is necessary here to suggest that the Air Force had been caught in a lie (or misinformation) to Senator Bingaman because the documents were available to positively refute them? We can look at this as a simple mistake, based on the lack of information available to the Congressional Liaison Office and Lieutenant Colonel Madison. It can be suggested that nothing nefarious was going on here. Madison simply wasn't aware of the classified Project Moon Dust and responded without checking the information, as he should have done.

We could believe that, except for the response written by Mattingley after Madison had been caught. It would seem that once they had been caught, they would be sure their information would be as accurate as possible.

Mattingley, in his letter to Bingaman to correct the previous mistakes, wrote, "In 1953, during the Korean War, the Air Defense Command organized intelligence teams to deploy, recover, or exploit at the scene downed enemy personnel, equipment, and aircraft. The unit with responsibility for maintaining these teams was located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. As the occasion never arose to use these air defense teams, the mission was assigned to Headquarters, United States Air Force in 1957 and expanded to include the following peace-time functions: a) Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), to investigate reliably reported UFOs within the United States; b) Project MOON DUST, to recover objects and debris from space vehicles that had survived re-entry from space to earth; c) Operation BLUE FLY, to expeditiously retrieve Soviet Bloc equipment."

Having access to the previously classified 4602d records, I know that Mattingley's statements are not accurate. By the end of 1953, after the wave of summer sightings in 1952,

after Blue Book had virtually ceased to exist, the 4602d was involved in UFO sighting investigations. Mattingley suggested the change came in 1957, but Mattingley is wrong. The only question is if he was as ill-informed as Madison, or if he was deliberately trying to suggest something else.

Mattingley also wrote, "These teams were eventually disbanded because of a lack of activity; Project MOON DUST teams and Operation BLUE FLY missions were similarly discontinued. The Air Force has no information that any UFOs were ever confirmed downed in the United States."

Again, this simply isn't the truth.; We know from released documents that Moon Dust wasn't discontinued. Its code name was changed after it was compromised. Robert G. Todd, in a letter from the Air Force dated July 1, 1987, learned that the "nickname Project Moon Dust no longer officially exists." According to Colonel Phillip E. Thompson, deputy assistant chief-of-staff, Intelligence, "It, [Project Moon Dust] has been replaced by another name that is not releasable. FTD's [Foreign Technology Division, headquartered at Wright-Patterson] duties are listed in a classified passage in a classified regulation that is being withheld because it is currently and properly classified."

And, we know, from documentation, much of it recovered from State Department records, that Moon Dust teams were notified and dispatched for various cases, some examples of which will follow here. It should be made clear that most of these cases deal with material and wreckage that is clearly of terrestrial origin. The point here is not to prove an extraterrestrial connection, but to confirm the use of Moon Dust teams, which contradicts the statements made by Colonel Mattingley to Senator Bingaman. The messages also confirm Moon Dust interest in UFOs and the involvement of the State Department.

On the night of March 25-26, 1968, four objects fell in an area of Nepal. The American embassy in Kathmandu, in a secret message dated July 23, alerted the 1127th USAF Field Activities Group, which had once been the 4602d, and the 1006th at Fort Belvoir, that they expected full cooperation with the government of Nepal. The subject of the message was... MOON DUST.

It is clear from the messages that the debris was readily identifiable to the staff at the embassy in Nepal. They had seen photographs of three of the items but had not been allowed to inspect the fourth. They noted that a "technical team should not be sent unless visual examination of the fourth object is felt essential."

This is, of course, a backward way of getting to the point. However, the embassy did prove that technical teams were available and that they were dispatched. The composition of those teams was described in another document that surfaced in the various Freedom of Information Act requests made.

Stone provided me with a copy of a document created in November 1961. It seemed to be directing the creation of the reinforcement of AFCIN Intelligence Team personnel. That document, however, is now wrapped in controversy because two versions have been discovered.

First, we must understand what this document is. The problem, according to the opening statement is, "To provide qualified personnel to AFCIN intelligence teams." The document has a section deleted and then, in paragraph 2, subsection C, says, "In addition to their staff duty assignments, intelligence team personnel have peacetime duty functions in support of such Air Force Projects such as Moon Dust, Blue Fly, and UFO, and other AFCIN directed quick reaction projects which require intelligence team operational capabilities (see Definitions)."

It should be pointed out that this document ties Moon Dust, Blue Fly, and UFOs together. It

points out that their assignments already existed, and they were already assigned personnel.

The definitions mentioned appear in paragraph 5. It covers not only those assigned to the teams, but also the terms used in the document itself. What is important here is the fact that "Moon Dust," "Blue Fly," and "UFO" are all parts of the definitions. Moon Dust is defined "As a specialized aspect of its overall material exploitation program, Headquarters USAF has established Project Moon Dust to locate, recover and deliver descended foreign space vehicles."

Although Mattingley defines Blue Fly as an operation to "expeditiously retrieve downed Soviet Bloc equipment," this document suggests that Blue Fly was "established to facilitate expeditious delivery to FTD of Moon Dust or other items of great technical intelligence interest." Certainly, Soviet Bloc equipment would fit into that definition, but it covers other items, including UFO-related debris, as well.

And finally, under definitions, it says, "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO): Headquarters USAF has established a program for investigation of reliably reported unidentified flying objects within the United States. AFR 200-2 delineates 1127th collection responsibilities."

The second version of this document, one that I have seen, is exactly the same as the first, but contains a handwritten note that says it was a draft proposal and that it was never implemented. Robert Todd located this version. It is clearly the same as the first document, which I have in my possession, the difference being a handwritten note at the top. Barry Greenwood of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy suggested to me that the version Stone has, a copy of which he supplied to me, is the same as the version Todd has, with the exception of the handwritten note. According to Greenwood, the two versions are the same, and the source id the same, but someone inside the UFO community removed the handwritten note before releasing it to other UFO researchers. Greenwood seems to suspect Stone of having altered the document for the purpose of advancing his belief in Project Moon Dust and the missions it carried out.

Stone, on the other hand, claimed that he received his version from military sources without the handwritten note. His sources were not the same as those used by Todd, and he didn't receive his copy from Todd. Stone also makes the point that the handwritten note is irrelevant and refers only to the "Action Recommended" section at the end of the document. The other material, referring to "Factors Bearing on the Problem" and the "Discussion" reflects the situation as it already existed. In other words, the discussion about the composition of the teams and their missions was not a suggestion to develop those teams. The "not implemented" statement referred to adding, or tasking, additional Air Force personnel with Moon Dust.

So what we have, then, based on the documentation, including the disputed AFCIN intelligence team documents, are two letters from the Air Force to a United States senator that do not reflect accurate information. Even after being caught once, the Air Force came back with information that was less than perfect. And even if Todd and Greenwood are right in asserting that the November 1961 document was merely a draft, it provides information about the various projects and operations that were in existence at the time.

In fact, the information about the composition of the intelligence teams is corroborated by other documents I recovered through both the Freedom of Information Act and general research conducted through the Air Force Archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

As mentioned elsewhere, I learned that members of the 4602nd and later the 1127th learned parachuting, horseback riding and animal packing, skiing, mountain climbing and various other survival skills. The November document, under "Criteria" notes, "Intelligence personnel can perform effectively only with an adequate background of training and experience. Inadequately qualified personnel in such assignment would be a liability rather

than an asset to successful accomplishment of the mission."

The question that must be asked is if the Moon Dust personnel were ever used. Clearly, since the mission began in 1953 and continues today, as far as we can tell from the information available, we must answer, "Yes." This, too, is a contradiction to the letters from Madison and Mattingley.

Stone, in his response to the Madison letter, enclosed two debriefings of Soviet pilots in which UFO sightings were mentioned. If there was no interest in UFOs, Stone wondered what purpose was served by including that information. Mattingley replied, "Enclosures 3 and 4 of Mr. Stone's letter pertain to debriefings of two Soviet sources who were being interviewed for possible military information of interest. Their recounts of UFO sightings, even though they had occurred many times earlier, were included in the report for historical interest and were incidental to the main purpose of the report."

It is possible that Mattingley, in this respect, was being candid. But the question that can be asked is what historical interest can there be in sightings of objects that, according to the Air Force, do not exist? Why waste valuable time and effort recounting old UFO sightings? Just what was the historical context to which he referred?

Stone, in his rebuttal, argued, "Inclosures 3 and 4 were once classified Air Force Intelligence Reports. Inclosure 3 was IIR 1 517 0002 88, dated November 25, 1987, entitled Soviet Aircrew Sightings of Unexplained Phenomena. This report deals with UFO sightings that occurred in 1984 and later."

Stone asks, and rightly so, "What was the main purpose of these reports?? They deal directly with UFO sightings and make no references to Soviet missiles, or MIGs, or tanks. So what was the main purpose of these reports to which UFOs were incidental???"

So exactly what was Project Moon Dust? Did the Air Force ever activate it? Did the team members ever participate in the retrieval of an alien spacecraft?

We have a time frame for the beginning of the project from Mattingley's letter: 1953. As we have seen from the project's history, this was apparently an outgrowth of the situation in the summer of 1952. If Moon Dust came into existence at that time, to take over the investigative duties that had formerly rested with Blue Book, we have one set of answers. Blue Book was too public and the military was afraid of what might be spilled into the public arena because of that.

We must remember that in that time, at least publicly, the Air Force was telling us that there was no evidence for the existence of UFOs. If they were convinced of the accuracy of that statement, then why form teams to recover the material?

Teams were formed. We've already seen the documentation about it. And I know they were deployed. Again, there is documentation, but there is also personal testimony. Brigadier General Arthur Exon was the base commander at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in the mid-1960s. During an interview I conducted with him in May 1990, he said, "Well, the way this happened to me was that I would get a call and say that the crew or the team was leaving and they knew...There was such and such a time and they wanted an airplane and pilots to take X number of people to wherever...They might be gone two or three days or might be gone a week.

According to Exon, these were officers assigned to the Washington, D.C., area. They would fly into Wright-Patterson on commercial flights and then deploy on military aircraft. Their missions, according to Exon, were to investigate UFO sightings. He mentioned a case in Arizona where the craft had touched down and left a burned area.

These were, according to Exon, priority missions. He didn't ask questions, just alerted the proper facilities and scheduled the flights using their aircraft. It is clear, however, that these were Moon Dust teams engaging in the collection of UFO-related material Exon retired about the time that Project Blue Book was closed. His information doesn't suggest that any activity survived the end of Blue Book. However, it must be noted that Blue Book was based at Wright-Patterson, and if the officers coming into Ohio had been part of Blue Book, they would have already been there. In other words, it suggests an agency outside of Blue Book was interested in UFOs.

The other documents we've seen show that Moon Dust survived the end of Project Blue Book. There are, of course, the State Department records, and Colonel Thompson's letter telling Todd that the name, Moon Dust, had been changed.

Moon Dust became the real investigation of UFOs, the secret study that all of us claimed existed and that the Air Force denied. It was carried out by specially trained intelligence personnel. And, its existence was denied by the Air Force despite the facts.

Now we have all the data.

Kevin Randle

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SECRET PROJECTS

PROJECT BLUE TEAM.

THIS WAS THE FIRST PROJECT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOVERY OF CRASHED ALIEN CRAFT OR ALIENS. IT WAS A U.S. AIRFORCE COMMAND PROJECT.

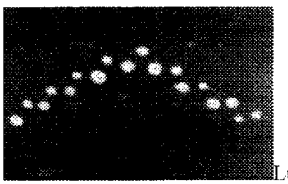
OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS & TOP SECRET PROJECTS.

1948 - 1948 PROJECT SIGN (KNOWN AS PROJECT SAUCER TO THE PRESS).

WAS AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO UFO'S BY THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE CIA. IT WAS A TOP SECRET PROJECT IN THE BEGINNING .IT USED ROCKET EXPERTS , AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS AND AND ASTROPHYSICISTS TO WORK ON THE CASES. IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE ALIEN PRESENCE WAS A THREAT TO THE US NATIONAL SECURITY. IT'S CONCLUSIONS THAT UFO'S WERE REAL & INTERPLANETARY CRAFT. IN AN OFFICIAL REPORT THEY ADMITTED THAT OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM THEIR COULD BE INTELLIGENT

LIFE. THE PENTAGON REBUKED THEIR CLAIMS SAYING THAT IT WAS SCIENCE FICTION FANTASY.

1948 EARLY- DEC 1948 PROJECT GRUDGE. SIGN WAS RENAMED PROJECT GRUDGE - A SECRET INVESTIGATION BY THE ATIC (AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER).ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE THE REALITY OF THE UFO PHENOMENON. DIRECTED BY AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF HOYT VANDERBERG. IT EXPLAINED AWAY ALL SIGHTINGS AS NORMAL ANOMALIES. THIS PROJECT RELIED ONLY ON SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS THAT WERE CONTRACTED BY THE AIR FORCE & OFFICERS IN THE SIGHTING AREA TO PROVIDE A REPORT. THIS PROJECT WAS FUNDED BY THE CIA AND FROM BLACK BUDGET FUNDS.

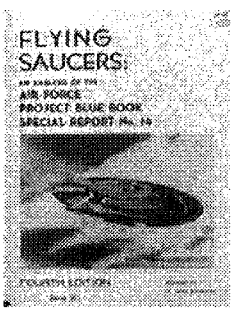

Lubbock Lights,Texas 1952

PROJECT TWINKLE

BASED IN N. MEXICO --- USED CAMERAS & OPTICAL EQUIPMENT WAITING FOR SIGHTINGS. IT LASTED ONE YEAR.

PROJECT SIGMA

1954- WAS FORMED TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH ALIENS.



PROJECT BLUE BOOK

PROJECT GRUDGE HAD AN OVERT COUNTERPART CALLED PROJECT BLUE BOOK- ONLY SAFE REPORTS WERE PASSED ON TO BLUEBOOK . THIS WAS A DETAILED AIRFARE STUDY AND IT WAS ESTABLISHED AS AN AIR FORCE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE TO HANDLE UFO INQUIRIES .CAPTAIN ED.J.RUPELT WAS ORIGINALLY THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, ALSO ON THE TEAM WERE J.ALLEN HYNEK & MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE.

IT EXPLAINED AWAY UFO SIGHTINGS AS HOAXES , HALLUCINATIONS ,VENUS ,OR WEATHER BALLOONS . DISCREDITING

WITNESSES STATEMENTS . THE PROJECTS CONCLUSION " THAT LITTLE IF ANYTHING HAS COME FROM THE STUDY OF UFO'S AND THAT THE LEAST LIKELY EXPLANATION IS THE HYPOTHESIS OF VISITATION BY INTELLIGENT BEINGS " IT WAS TERMINATED IN 1969.

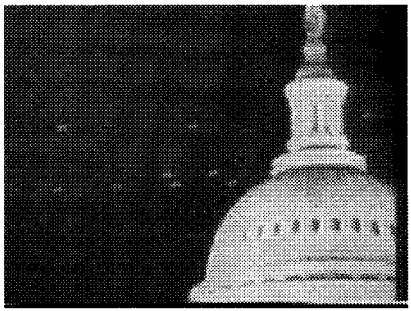
PROJECT MOONDUST

1960'S - A SPACE DEBRIS PROGRAM SET UP BY US AIRFORCE AT WRIGHT PATTERSON BASE. FOR THE RECOVERY OF SATELLITE AND MISSILE DEBRIS . ALSO HAD AN INTEREST IN UFO'S AND COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN RECOVERING OTHER OBJECTS.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OTHER PROJECTS TO DO WITH THIS PHENOMENON .AND I AM SURE THEY ARE GOING ON TO THIS DAY.

THE FBI DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN UFO INVESTIGATIONS UNTIL DR BRUCE MACCABEE FILED A FOIA REPORT.

1950'S UFO WAVE.

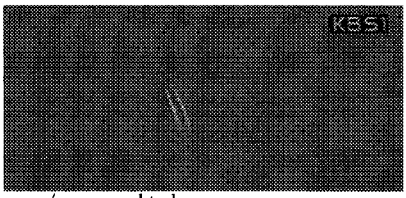


THERE WAS A BIG UFO WAVE DURING 1952 WHERE MANY WITNESSED UFO'S . IT CAUSED CONCERN IN THE MILITARY.THERE WAS A BIG SIGHTING OVER THE WHITEHOUSE IN WASHINGTON DC.IN MID JULY 1952. IT WAS NAMED THE JULY CRISIS . UFO'S HOVERED OVER THE CAPITAL FOR 5 HOURS. THE OBJECTS WERE MOVING AT SPEEDS FROM 120 MILES PER HOUR TO 7, 200 MILES AN HOUR (2 MILES PER SECOND). THIS WAS SEEN CLEARLY ON RADAR.

MANY OTHER SIGHTINGS OCCURRED THROUGH THE 50'S.

RAF BENTWATERS- ENGLAND -1956.

A SIGHTING BY RAF & US AIR FORCE TOOK PLACE AUGUST .WHERE AT LEAST ONE UFO WAS TRACKED BY 3 DIFFERENT RADAR.



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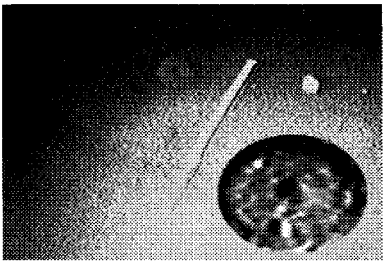
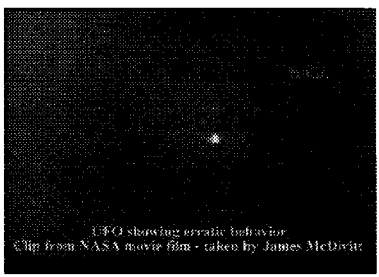
NASA SHUTTLE TEATHER BREAK-STS 75 FOOTAGE.

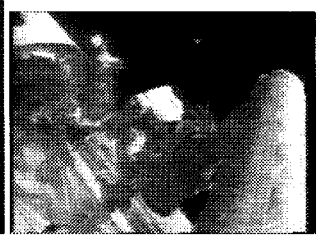


THIS STILL IS TAKEN FROM THE SPACE SHUTTLE . THE VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE SATELLITE TETHER BREAK SHOWS 1O0'S OF OBJECTS,OR LIFE FORMS THAT FLOCK IN AROUND THE 12 MILE TETHER AS IT BREAKS .SOME OF THESE DISC SHAPES MAY BE 1 MILE WIDE .THEY MOVE IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND THE TETHER WITHOUT BUMPING INTO ONE ANOTHER .THESE SAME OBJECTS ARE ALSO SEEN ON THE PREVIOUS STS FOOTAGE .THANKS TO MARTIN STUBBS IN CANADA WE ARE ABLE TO SEE THIS EVENT ON VIDEO .

ASTRONAUGHTS.

FORMER ASTRONAUGHT GORDON COOPER WAS ONE OF MANY TO WITNESS VEHICLES WHILE OUT IN DEEP SPACE . IN 1963 WHILE IN EARTHS ORBIT HE WAS APPROACHED BY A GREENISH GLOWING DISK WITH A FAINT RED GLOW ON ONE SIDE . IT TRAVELED EAST TO WEST WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT SATELLITES DON'T DO . IT WAS WATCHED BY THE TRACKING STATION . NEAR ALL ASTRONAUGHTS HAVE SEEN UFO'S . EDWARD MCDIVIT -- GEMINI 4 - PHOTOGRAPHED AN EGG SHAPED OBJECT WITH A TRAIL .NASA'S OWN LOG SAY'S IT WAS SPACE DEBRIS !HE ADMITS TO SEEING THE OBJECT BUT HE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS ANOMALOUS.





1ST MOON MISSION - CONTROL RECORDED STRANGE NOISES OF AN UNIDENTIFIED SPACE CRAFT .

DISCOVERY MISSION-1989 MARCH A MARYLAND HAM RADIO OPERATOR

PICKED UP THE VOICE OF DISCOVERY PILOT JOHN BLAHAH ---"HOUSTON THIS IS DISCOVERY WE HAVE THE ALIEN SPACECRAFT UNDER OBSERVANCE"

SOVIET MISSIONS

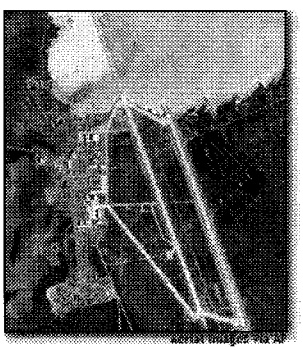
HAVE SEEN MANY UFO'S AND HAVE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE . PHOBOS 1 & 2 -- MARS JULY 1988 RUSSIAN UNMANNED SATELLITE PROBES .

PHOBOS 1 WAS LOST ON THE WAY SUPPOSEDLY DUE TO A RADIO COMMAND ERROR .THEN PHOBOS 2 ARRIVED AT MARS JAN 1989 AND WHEN IT ALIGNED ITSELF WITH PHOBOS THE MARTIAN MOON THINGS STARTED TO GO WRONG .MISSION CONTROL STATED THAT THE PROBE FAILED TO COMMUNICATE WITH EARTH AFTER COMPLETING ITS MISSION . THE LAST TRANSMISSION FROM PHOBOS WAS LEAKED OUT OF THE SOVIET BY A RUSSIAN ASTRONAUGHT COLONEL MARINA POPOVICH , IT SHOWED A HUGE CYLINDRICAL SPACESHIP ABOUT 20 KM LONG , A CIGAR SHAPED SHIP . AFTER THE LAST TRANSMISSION THE PROBE PHOBOS DISAPPEARED . ACCORDING TO THE RUSSIANS IT WAS HIT OR DESTROYED . THE CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT CAST A SHADOW ACROSS MARS SURFACE , THIS SHADOW WAS ALSO PHOTOGRAPHED BY PHOBOS . OTHER PHOTO TAKEN OF MARS SURFACE SHOWED PARALLEL LINES WHICH COVERED AN AREA OF ABOUT 150 SQ MILES THIS AREA WAS A SOURCE OF HEAT RADIATION WHICH DIDN'T APPEAR NATURAL .

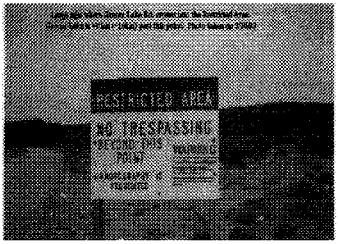
MARS OBSERVER 1992-1993

ANOTHER PROBE THAT APPARENTLY WAS LOST ACCORDING TO NASA . A 337 DAY VOYAGE TO MARS . ITS MISSION TO MAP THE MARS SURFACE FOR 2 YEARS .MID NOV 1993 IT WAS TO BEGIN MAPPING THE SURFACE THEN ON 22ND AUGUST 1993 NASA ANNOUNCED THEY HAD LOST CONTACT WITH THE CRAFT.

AREA 51 / S4 GROOM LAKE NEVADA



AREA51 SATELLITE VIEW



FOO FIGHTERS

Passiac, New Jersey - july 29th 1952 / Photo George

Stock one of several photo's he took outside his shop.

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4
(Revised 5/84)

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To: DI Sec Room 306 Old War Office	**From:** DAS-LA-Ops&Pol1 Room 6/73 Metropole Building
Date: 6 November 2001	**Tel:** Section 40
Your Ref:	**Our Ref:** D/DAS(Sec)/64/3

Subject: **LETTER FROM** Section 40

Our office deals with correspondence from members of the public with regard to "UFOs". The attached letter from Section 40 who has not written to us before, has been passed to us.

As the letter does not actually mention "UFOS" but refers to the Anthrax scare and British agents etc… I thought that perhaps it might be more appropriate for your area to respond?

Rank/ Appointment: E1

Name In Block Letters: Section 40 **Signature:** Section 40

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WEST SUSSEX

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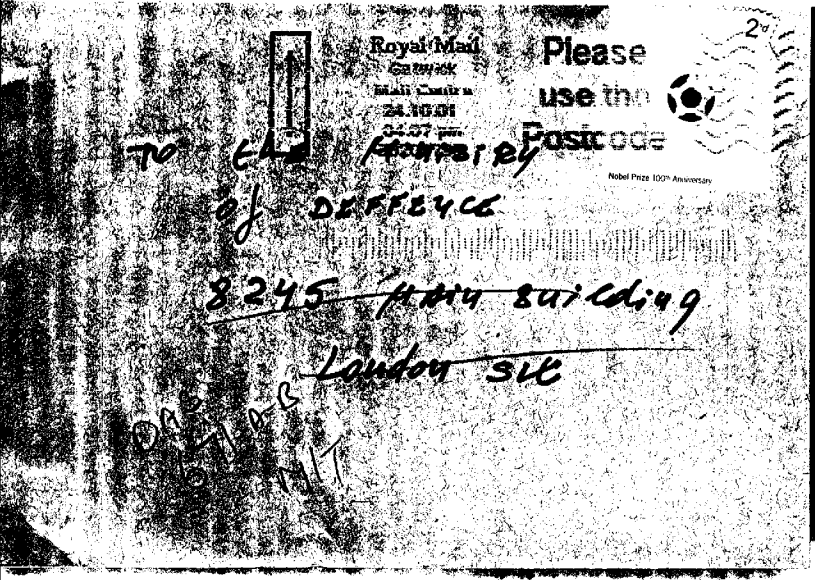
DEAR SIRS
RE - ANTHRAX.

I AM EXTRA VOYANT,
HENCE FEW TIMES CALL
TO MOD.

I pick up it is done
in Michigan by a
young man - ~~or~~ NORWEGIAN
origin - blonde living
with his grand mother.
It is done by bones of
the DEAD. SEEMS to
be young man. PLEASE
follow up!!!
A BRITISH double
agent + your BRITISH

intelligence picks u
the same but Le
more concern to p
on information on
Gorbachov Russia cha
England. I am get
ted up with him!!
He knows Jeue ch
about certain ear
of England but pret
not to know.
Please check one
treble agent of
British intelligence he
is quite voyant but
plays treble role. I
should know, except he
forces me to be double
Agent which I regret
Please boot him out!!
Yours sincerely

Section 40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Nobel Prize 100th Anniversary

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From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace)
Operations & Policy 1
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
29 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 2 October 2001 addressed to Dr Moonie. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence concerning 'unidentified flying objects' and I have been asked to reply.

You will be aware from Dr Moonie's previous letter to Anne Campbell MP, that the integrity of the UK's airspace is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the RAF and any potential threat is responded to at the time. The Ministry of Defence therefore only examines reports of 'UFO' sightings passed to us, to see if they provide evidence that UK airspace might have been compromised by potentially hostile or unauthorised military aircraft. If there is no such evidence we do not attempt to identify precisely what was seen.

With regard to 'The Disclosure Project', we are aware that many people have reported seeing various phenomena and have made testimonies as to their experiences. However, we are satisfied that the procedures that we have in place are sufficient for our defence role and we have no plans to review these testimonies.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

31 Oct

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TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS(Sec) 4 Ref No 7217 /2001

Date 4-10-01

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly; your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 223/99, further information is available from DG Info on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep records of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of **requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice** including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be used on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

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02 October 2001

Dear Dr Moonie

Ref: MART004/011185/SS
EXTRATERRESTRIAL PRESENCE

Thank you for your letter of 24th July 2001. I appreciate you taking the time to respond in some detail to the issues I raised concerning the extraterrestrial presence on Earth. My reason for writing to you again is that I am concerned by the answers I received from the MoD.

You stated that: "We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose...". You should be aware that Lord Strabolgi, representing HM Government in the 1979 House of Lords debate on UFOs acknowledged that there were straightforward explanations. Yet both Lord Strabolgi and yourself have overlooked the undeniable fact that many thousands of sightings have been made by highly qualified military and civilian observers – whose evidence is compelling and whose credentials are beyond question. Documentary evidence made available in the USA under the Freedom of Information Act proves conclusively that UFOs have been the subject of intensive covert study by various secret, compartmentalised groups since 1945.

Your letter stated that there is no need for public hearings as there already exists an MoD channel for the reporting of sightings. I disagree. On the contrary, there are compelling reasons beyond the mere recording of anomalous sightings to hold such hearings.

There exists a growing number of credible persons from military, intelligence and private industry who are now prepared to come forward and provide irrefutable proof of the existence of extraterrestrial craft on Earth. These honourable and patriotic persons feel that it is now appropriate to publicly disclose the reality of ET visitation. Such witnesses are also able to provide evidence of the existence of covert, unacknowledged projects whose purpose has been to study and replicate these craft. The purpose of public, secrecy-free hearings would therefore be to make the ET presence a matter of public record and the first vital step in opening debate about the immense ramifications of such visitations. I'm sure you will appreciate that there is a world of difference between the recording of, say, a few lights in the sky and the disclosure of ET/UFO reality on our world.

I attach three documents which may be of interest to you. Though US-based, The Disclosure Projects objectives clearly transcend mere national boundaries and have obvious global ramifications. Please read these documents with an open-mind, you may be surprised at what you learn.

Project Director, Dr Steven Greer, will be visiting the UK in December 2001 for a series of public lectures. Dr Greer has briefed sitting CIA and DIA directors, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, White House officials and Congressional members and aides. If you and any MoD officials would like to receive a confidential briefing, I should be most pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

For Immediate Release

The Disclosure Project, April 30, 2001,

Contact:

Alfred Webre 604-733-8134

Dr. Steven Greer 540-456-8302

BACKGROUND BRIEFING POINTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS & LEGISLATION

The Disclosure Project is a non-profit research effort that has, since 1993, been identifying top-secret military, government and other witnesses to UFO and Extraterrestrial events.

To date, several hundred such witnesses have been identified throughout the world and spanning every branch of the armed services, the NRO, DIA, CIA, NASA, the former USSR, and other agencies and countries. Over 100 have been videotaped, thus far; 70 have been transcribed into edited testimony. A four hour videotape summary of testimony and an over 500 page briefing document is available that contains excerpts of this historic testimony.

The weight of this testimony, along with supporting government documents and other evidence, establishes beyond any doubt the reality of extraterrestrial life forms, UFOs, or extraterrestrial vehicles, and advanced energy and propulsion technologies resulting from the study of these vehicles.

The testimony and evidence proves that these vehicles have been tracked on radar on many occasion, have landed and/or crashed on terra firma, and have been retrieved and studied by specialized and compartmentalized projects. Advanced technologies which have been identified from the study of these vehicles, once disclosed, will replace currently used forms of energy generation and propulsion. These technologies will enable the earth to attain a sustainable civilization without pollution, energy shortages, or global warming. These technologies are already fully operational. They have been developed within super-secret, unacknowledged special access projects. In short, the definitive solution to the world's energy, pollution, and poverty problems exists within compartmentalized projects that need planned disclosure and relevant legislation.

The programs controlling this issue are operating outside of legally required Congressional oversight. Even Presidents have been left out of the loop, deliberately deceived, and denied access. Therefore, urgent action is needed on the part of Congress, the White House, and other institutions to obtain the necessary oversight and control of these operations to ensure that these now-classified technologies are prepared for disclosure and the eventual near-term application for world cooperative energy generation and propulsion.

A clear and on-going threat to the national security and world peace has arisen because of unauthorized covert actions that have led to the targeting and downing of these extraterrestrial vehicles and to related covert plans to weaponize space. Since it can be proven that we are sharing space with other civilizations, it is critical that a full disclosure of this long suppressed information take place, and that the National Missile Defense System (NMD/BMD/SDI.) be re-evaluated by policy makers in light of these revelations.

There is no evidence that these extraterrestrial civilizations are hostile to humanity or the earth. Rather, the testimony shows that they are very concerned about nuclear and space-based weapons systems, and human warfare. Therefore, a cooperative world policy and law must be immediately established to prohibit the targeting and striking of these vehicles.

Urgent Congressional, White House and UN action is needed to allow any and all witnesses to testify under oath so that a full, honest and open disclosure may occur this year, 2001, including witnesses with high level security clearances.

A US Presidential Executive Order is needed to protect these military, government, and other witnesses, and to declassify secret projects and their related technologies.

The world community needs to research and develop diplomatic programs and protocols, laws and treaties to address this issue and to interface with these civilizations in a manner that is peaceful, non-violent and mutually beneficial.

WE, THE PEOPLE, CALL ON THE U.S. CONGRESS;

*To hold open, secrecy-free hearings on the UFO/Extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth.

*To hold open hearings on advanced energy and propulsion systems related to the subject that, when publicly released, will provide solutions to global environmental and other challenges.

*To enact legislation which will ban all space-based weapons.

*To enact comprehensive legislation to research, develop and explore space peacefully and cooperatively with all cultures on Earth and in space.

Witnesses will present the reality and implications of these issues at a Press Briefing on:

Wednesday, May 9th, 2001
8 - 9 AM - Continental Breakfast;
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Press Conference

The National Press Club Ballroom
529 14th Street NW, 13th Floor
Washington, DC

The Press Briefing will include:
Overview by Dr. Greer; Witness Presentations; Release of Statement for Congress; Questions

For those members of the press that cannot be in Washington for this historic press conference, you may also view the news conference on the Internet since it will be WEBCAST LIVE on May 9th from 9 to 11 a.m. EDT at the following web site:

http://www.connectlive.com/events/disclosureproject

Further information including a Disclosure Executive Briefing Document Summary will be forthcoming on the web at: www.disclosureproject.org prior to the Press Conference.

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MILITARY, GOVERNMENT WITNESSES TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON UFO/EXTRATERRESTRIAL PRESENCE; CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION SOUGHT

On Wednesday, May 9th, over twenty military, intelligence, government, corporate and scientific witnesses will come forward at the National Press Club in Washington, DC to establish the reality of UFOs or extraterrestrial vehicles, extraterrestrial life forms, and resulting advanced energy and propulsion technologies. The weight of this first-hand testimony, along with supporting government documentation and other evidence, will establish without any doubt the reality of these phenomena, according to Dr. Steven M. Greer, director of the Disclosure Project which is hosting the event.

The Disclosure Project, a non-profit research organization, is calling for open Congressional hearings on the UFO/Extraterrestrial presence, and for legislation that will ban space-based weapons. Congressional hearings were last held in 1968 by the House Science and Astronautics Committee (90th Congress, 2nd Session, Committee Print No. 7. "Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects.")

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70 have been transcribed into edited testimony. Videotaped summary of the testimony and an in-depth briefing document with witness transcripts will be available at the press conference.

Among the witnesses attending the event are: John Callahan, former Division Chief of the Accidents and Investigations Branch, FAA; Master Sergeant Dan Morris, former US Air Force and NRO operative with cosmic top secret clearance; Dr. Carol Rosin, space missile defense consultant and former spokesperson for Wernher Von Braun; Major George A. Filer III, former Air Force Intelligence; Graham Bethune, retired Navy commander pilot with a top-secret

clearance; Michael Smith, former Air Traffic Controller, US Air Force; Sergeant Clifford Stone, United States Army; Lt. Col. Robert Salas, former SAC Launch Controller, US Air Force and FAA.

Participants in this phase of the disclosure effort are asking for Congressional, White House and UN action to allow witnesses to testify under oath in open hearings. The group is requesting a Presidential Executive Order to protect witnesses afraid of violating security oaths and to declassify documents and secret projects for the benefit of all world citizens.

"These testimonies establish once and for all that we are not alone. Technologies related to extraterrestrial phenomena are capable of providing solutions to the global energy crisis, and other environmental and security challenges," says Dr. Greer.

The Disclosure team and selected witnesses will be meeting with members of Congress and conducting briefings to address these issues and call for legislation.

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DISCLOSURE AND 9/11

AN ANALYSIS BY

DISCLOSURE PROJECT DIRECTOR STEVEN M. GREER M.D.

As we mourn the tragic loss of precious life on September 11, and as we all pray for justice and peace in the world, let us also rededicate our lives to the task of creating a world in which those atrocious and evil acts can never be repeated. Let us pray for the world and our nation and ask that Providence guide our leaders and protect our soldiers as we unite to create a safe and just world.

Having lived in the Middle East for 3 years, during which time I saw first hand the madness and horror of terrorism, I have no illusions about the scale of the problem we are facing: Those who live in the utmost bigotry, religious fanaticism and evil, bloodthirsty hatred are seldom reached by reason. Those few rabid dogs who threaten the whole of humanity must be restrained, and if necessary put down.

But we must distinguish between short - term remedies, however necessary, and long-term cures. To avert an even graver cataclysm, great care must be taken, and we need to look deeply at the larger causes of the sickness that visited New York and Washington on 9/11.

I have been asked what relation the Disclosure Project may have to the healing of this consuming and potentially lethal illness that has afflicted humanity in this, the millennium of peace. Is the Disclosure Project relevant in this new world?

Yes, more than ever.

For nearly 10 years we have been meeting with senior CIA, Pentagon and political figures, advocating a general disclosure on so-called UFOs, Extraterrestrial Intelligence and related energy and propulsion systems currently held by illegal, 'classified' projects. These projects, unsupervised by the Congress or President, are illegal, rogue, shadowy operations that are a direct threat to both short term and long-term national and world security concerns. Their 'black' funding status deprives genuine security, intelligence and military programs of much needed support and technological resources. And they are withholding from valid, legal projects the new technologies that could both prevent and intercept the catastrophe of 9/11.

The valid, true, legal government of We The People is deprived of both technologies and funding that could have prevented the massive national security and intelligence failure that led to the events of 9/11. While conventional and legal programs are starved for staffing and new technologies, clandestine and rogue black projects are awash in upwards of $100 Billion per year. Largely privatized, these operations have both the means and the technologies to have prevented 9/11. And yet they did nothing.

Why? Because they do not exist. Consider these words of Sen. Inouye: "There exists a shadowy Government with its own Air Force, its own Navy, its own fundraising mechanism, and the ability to pursue its own ideas of the national interest, free from all checks and balances, and free from the law itself."

In the unacknowledged world of such projects (see the book 'Disclosure' by this author) there exist the technologies to monitor, intercept and penetrate the terrorist cells of Osama bin Laden and others. But this is a case of not just the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing: the left hand does not even know the right hand exists.

Such 'shadowy' projects hide within the vast bureaucracy of government, military intelligence, corporate, laboratory and institute operations in the U.S. and abroad - compartmented away from the public, the Congress and usually even the President, CIA Director and Secretary of Defense. The Disclosure Project has penetrated these projects, obtained testimony, code names and facility locations. The illegal nature of such projects, their highly compartmented nature and their large financial resources prevents normal oversight and control by the government of the people. They are able to avoid detection, work in compartmented cells funded by clandestine sources and evade interception by even skilled investigators in the Congress, Department of Defense and CIA. Indeed, their modus operandi are not dissimilar from the very terrorist cells we are trying to penetrate and neutralize.

Let no one interpret this as an indictment of 'The Government', 'The CIA', 'The Pentagon' etc. On the contrary, the point is that the conventional, legal government, military and intelligence community are for the most part the first victims of these operations, not the perpetrators. In fact, in meetings with the head of Intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J-2), the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and the Director of the CIA, I have learned first hand of their frustration and horror at the unchecked power of these rogue operations that undermine our security and make a mockery of the rule of law and the constitution, as Sen. Inouye correctly observed. I am sure 99%+ of the conventional government, military and intelligence community are not only denied access to these projects, but are victimized, blind-sided and hindered by them.

In short, The Disclosure Project stands ready to provide Congressional and other government investigators with the insider witnesses who can expose these operations and put them back under the control of the legitimate government - where they can do the people some good. I have little doubt that such projects possess - and are withholding from the legal government - the means to prevent another 9/11.

Beyond this, in 1994 Dick D'Amato, then senior counsel to the Senate Appropriations Committee, told me personally that with a subpoena power and a top secret clearance, he could not penetrate such rogue projects - and that somewhere between $40 billion and $80 billion per year were going into such unsupervised operations. And that was in 1994 dollars! In the zero sum game of government budgets, this means today upwards of $100 billion per year is being siphoned off into operations of dubious value, which do not benefit - and may erode - our national security.

The operational readiness and competence of our intelligence and military community are being undermined by such 'shadowy' projects - and yet after 10 years of meetings with our leaders in Washington, at the U.N. and in other countries, we still see that nothing is being done about it. We the people, the media and the armed services must demand a change, before it is really too late. Our government, our nation, the people and our courageous men and women in the military and intelligence community need and deserve better. We must stand-down these rogue projects and give back to the people and the people's representatives the means to protect and defend our nation and the civilized world.

But these near-term concerns, though grave, are subordinate to a larger, more fundamental problem: Clandestine projects, largely privatized in the contracting sector of shadowy corporate/government operations, are withholding from the public the definitive cure for the underlying illness: Oil.

We have hundreds of witnesses whose testimony, government documents and related evidence will prove that UFOs exist - and that some of them are made by humans using extraordinary breakthroughs in physics, energy generation and propulsion. In short, the technologies needed to replace the internal combustion engine and fossil fuels already exist in these clandestine projects - projects that we the people have paid for.

Make no mistake about it: We have not needed oil, and especially Mid-east oil, for decades, and we can prove it. And yet the cornerstone of our foreign policy and presence in that troubled region has been directed at securing cheap, abundant and reliable supplies of oil. Again, the conventional government, diplomats, Congressional leaders and so forth are completely unaware of the existence of these new energy and propulsion systems. So they blindly pursue policies to ensure the continued safe supply of that noxious stuff that runs the entire western economy. Unaware of these clandestine projects- projects that hide behind a bogus claim of national security- our leaders do the best they can, with both hands tied behind their backs and a blindfold over both eyes.

This is not to excuse in any way the evil, monstrous and inhuman acts of Osama bin Laden or others of his ilk. There can be no rationalizing such horrific deeds. But we can understand it: Why him, why us, why now: why.

Fanatics like bin Laden are hell-bent on running America out of the Middle East because they view our presence there as a virtual invasion of their land, culture and values. They view us as an imperial power colonizing their region in order to secure cheap oil, and it is resented. To a lesser extent, they are concerned about our support for Israel, but bin Laden himself has made it very clear in numerous speeches that their main concern is getting the US out of Saudi Arabia, the land containing the most holy sites in the Islamic world. For decades, our foreign and military policy- whether in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran or elsewhere- has been driven by our strategic oil and energy interests.

As we learned on 9/11, the price of oil has been much higher than we thought.

While never condoning the evil deeds of bin Laden et al, we must recognize that such malevolence does not evolve in a vacuum. The milieu that gave rise to such atrocities must be understood and corrected.

The good news is that the Disclosure Project can prove that we have a replacement for oil, coal and conventional energy. In a decade we could reach energy independence: bin Laden et al may keep their oil, for we will not need it.

For 50 years, America and the world have had their destiny hijacked by rogue, shadowy projects that have abused the national security act to suppress these energy and propulsion systems. Our foreign policy, oil and energy policy and environmental policy have all been driven by what is hidden in clandestine projects. Our leaders, scientists, policy makers and the people have not known that the definitive solution to the world's energy, environmental and poverty problems have been stolen from us. It is time we take them back.

Things called UFOs have been seen for decades. What are they, where are they from, how do they work. In these answers lie the solution to the world geo-political crisis, third world poverty, oil, pollution and many other pressing concerns. We have the answers. Is anybody listening?

The events of 9/11 are truly tragic: they were preventable. Operationally, we could have and should have intercepted that mission of terror - if only our good and courageous men and women in the military and intelligence world had the resources stolen by rogue projects. And the root cause of the problem - our oil policy and dominant presence in the Middle East- is a problem of our own making. We have allowed these 'shadowy' projects to grow and they have taken from us the definitive solution to the oil and energy crisis.

An old Chinese saying states that 'Unless we change directions, we are likely to end up where we are going…'. As we look at where we are going, can anyone question that we must change directions - and soon?

The Disclosure Project is dedicated to bringing forth the information and top-secret government witnesses so that these rogue programs are returned to the government of the people. We are dedicated to disclosing these energy and propulsion systems that will give us the means to become energy independent. This is a tide that will lift all boats. This is the beginning of a new chapter in human history.

So as we remember those fallen on 9/11, let us see through our tears to a course of action. Let our actions be our remembrance. Let our actions bring forth the means for opening a new chapter in human history - one of abundance, justice, equality and peace. All that we need has been given - and again stolen - from us. Do we have the courage to bring it forth?

The day those terrible events occurred in New York and Washington, I vowed that we must redouble our efforts to disclose the truth. And more: to start a project to disclose and build those new energy and propulsion technologies to forever replace our need for oil. Please join us if you can help. Our actions to build the world anew will be the most fitting memorial to those innocents who left this world on 9/11.

Steven M. Greer MD
Director, The Disclosure Project
www.disclosureproject.org
September 27, 2001
Albemarle County, Virginia

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Section 40
South Kensington
London
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
25 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 14 October 2001. I am afraid that this office does not recruit MOD civil servants directly or deal with matters relating to personnel vacancies. I suggest you write, enclosing your CV to:

CB(Pers)B
Room 411
St.Giles Court
1-13 St.Giles High Street
London
WC2H 8LD

You may also wish to to look for job vacancies in the MOD at your local employment office. I should emphasize, however, that joining the civil service as a MOD employee would be no guarantee of a posting to the Directorate of Air Staff. I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely
Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
ROOM B245
MAIN BUILDING
WHITEHALL
LONDON SW1A 2HB

Section 40
SOUTH KENSINGTON
LONDON Section 40
TEL: Section 40

2001. 10. 14

YOUR REF: D/DAS(Lab) 84/3

Dear Section 40

I am writing to ask if you have any vacancies for an administrative officer. Please find enclosed my C.V.

My skills include Number-crunching and Wordprocessing. I have many years experience in office work.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Thankyou.

Yours Sincerely

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17 OCT 2001
FILE

Section 40
South Kensington
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Tel: Section 40
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Date of Birth: Section 40

CHARACTER

- Decisive
- Determined
- Confident
- Persistent
- Logical
- Methodical
- Direct

EMPLOYMENT

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QUALIFICATIONS

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FURTHER EDUCATION

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LEISURE INTERESTS

Space, Astronomy, the Sea, Countryside, Music, Reading, Science Fiction, Cinema

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Section 40

Winsford
Cheshire
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
24 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Further to our letter of 24 September, I am now able to give substantive answers to the questions contained in your letter of 26 August. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

I will answer your questions in the same order as your letter.

1. 'UFO' sightings reported to the MOD are examined only to see if they provide evidence of an incursion into UK airspace by unauthorised or hostile military aircraft. Once it is established that there is no such evidence, no further investigations are made and the report is placed on our files. These reports are not passed to any other department, organisation or agency.

2. We are aware that many people have reported seeing various phenomena and may be willing to take an oath as to their experiences. However, the integrity of UK airspace is maintained by continuous surveillance by the RAF and the MOD and any potential threat is responded to at the time. We are confident that the procedures we have in place are sufficient for our defence role and there is therefore no need for us to review these testimonies.

3. All significant intrusions in to UK airspace are identified.

4. The UK air defence system has not detected craft with flight characteristics outside of normal parameters.

5. Anything detected that is considered to pose a threat will be investigated.

6. With the start of the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act next year, this department, in common with other Government departments, will be examining what material we hold and what information may be released to the public. Both the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information and the Freedom of Information Act encourage the release of as much information as possible and members of the public are able to request information which has not already been released. Information is only withheld if, for instance, it would cause harm to

defence. With regard to your comment as the classification of UFO data, you may wish to be aware that we know of no material which is classified Top Secret.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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ADGE's comments.

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Re MOD Policy towards Unidentified Flying Objects

26/08/01

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 20th August in reply to my earlier letter of 30th July concerning unidentified flying objects. It was most helpful in explaining current MOD policy on this subject there are however a number of points I would like to make.

1. As the MOD has "no expertise or role in respect of UFO/flying saucer matters" please can you advise as to what departments, organisations, agencies that you pass such matters over to or interface with and points of contact.

2. You state that the MOD knows of no evidence, which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. I simply cannot agree with this statement, there are thousands of witnesses out there some of whom are willing to testify on oath and that would stand up in any democratic court of law as evidence. Many accounts are also cross and multi corroborative and conclusively state the existence of exterrestrial life forms, and craft.
The fact is the evidence is out there, has the MOD had the chance to review the Washington evidence presented?

3. Surely any competent air defence system with significant resources and expertly trained people at its disposal must beable to IDENTIFY ALL significant intrusions into its airspace? — we do.

4. Is the MOD aware of any identified or unidentified craft that penetrate UK airspace but have flight characteristics well outside of normal parameters? NO UK Air Defence System

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This I would say makes it critical that all such craft ARE IDENTIFIED and reported in detail, and considered a potential threat to UK security. Anything detected that is considered to pose a threat will be investigated.

6. Does the MOD have any plans to make UFO reporting data more readily available to the public? The trouble with the freedom of information act is that all the interesting stuff is exempted under the code, and thus kept hidden from the public- so it is still possible for extreme secrecy to prevail on this subject and undermine democracy.
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Section 40

Winsford
Cheshire
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
24 September 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th August concerning MOD Policy towards "unidentified flying objects".

We aim to reply to all letters within four working weeks from date of receipt. However, due to administrative difficulties, I am afraid that we are unable to respond within this timescale.

Nevertheless, you may be assured that you will receive a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours Sincerely

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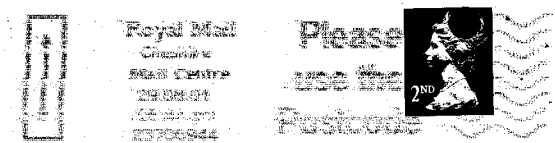

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County Durham
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
24 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects.'

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

Reports from members of the public of sightings are usually made to Police stations, RAF stations and air traffic control centres and are then forwarded to this office. There is also an answerphone in this office where sighting reports can be left. The reports, some of which may be very brief and vague, are considered, as necessary, in consultation with air defence experts to see if they represent any evidence of a potential military threat to the UK. All sighting reports are kept on file within this office for future reference.

In your letter you asked for any files on the subject of 'UFOs'. As is the case with other government files, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files from between 1967-1971, along with any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive, are already available for examination by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. Files from 1972 onwards will be routinely released to the Public Record Office at the 30 year point.

With regard to the release of information from the files not yet available in the Public Record Office, the Ministry of Defence operates in accordance with the existing Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code), which encourages the provision of information unless its disclosure would, for example, cause harm to defence, invade an individual's privacy, or if it would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to a request. Information requested is supplied wherever possible providing it does not fall under one of the exemptions in the Code. If you are interested in a limited amount of material from these files, for instance, you have a particular date or sighting in mind, then we may be able to be of further assistance.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40
DARLINGTON.
CO DURHAM Section 40

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in the hope that you may be able to help me in a project I am starting. I am doing a study on U-F-O-s. This is no crackpot scheme it is going to be done seriously.
I am sick of media and tv programmes going on about crashed alien spacecraft the government cover ups and all the rest of the garbage and propaganda they are slowly feeding to the public
The aim of my project is to gather as much information as possible on the subject. Reports, photographs, etc.
And to find an answer just as to what people really are seeing.

I think most UFOs can be explained and eventually made into known objects.
I would also like to ask what the procedure is at the M.O.D should they recieve a report of unexplained aerial activity?
Who deals with them?
How does it affect national security?
Any files I could have would be of great assistance to me.

Thankyou so much,

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Recycled Paper

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Metropole BDS.

London.

sent Photocopy of file + 2 previously withheld docs (Cradle returns)

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Section 40
Sheffield
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
24 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your two letters dated 10 October 2001, which were sent to this office. We are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

As requested, please find enclosed a number of papers on the Rendlesham Forest incident that have recently been released under the Code of Practice on Access of Government Information. Some have been sanitised to protect the privacy of those who have corresponded with the Ministry of Defence. Three documents have been withheld under Exemption 2 of the Code which relates to "internal opinion advice, recommendation, consultation and deliberation".

If you are unhappy with the decision to withhold documentation and wish to appeal against this decision, you should write in the first instance to Ministry of Defence, D Info Exp, Room 819-B, St.Giles Court, 1-13 St.Giles High Street, London, WC2H 8LD, requesting that the decision be reviewed. If following the internal review you remain dissatisfied, you can ask a Member of Parliament to take up the case with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) who can investigate on your behalf. The Ombudsman will not, however, consider an investigation until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours Sincerely
Section 40

Declassified file

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS & Sec **Ref No** 7446 **/2001**

Date 16/10/01

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly; your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 223/99, further information is available from DG Info on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep records of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of **requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice** including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be used on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

DAS 102No. 16 OCT 2001 FILE

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

Section 40

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Sheffield Section 40

10.10.01.

Dear Sir

I need to have sight of the Nerdletson file D/Ser(AS) 12.12.1 Oct 82 which has been destroyed. Can you send me a copy or E mail a copy to me Please. My address is above and my E mail is

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Yours sincerely

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[redacted]

AIR HISTORICAL BRANCH
TRANSIT SERIAL
No. 100
11 OCT 2001

Sheffield [redacted]

10.10.01.

DAS
102No. .....
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FILE 18 OCT 2001
FILE

Dear Sir

I have found out that the Read Report file D (Sec (AS) 12/12/1 Oct 1952 has been declassified and is available. This file covers the events at RAF Woodbridge when it was under US control. I would be grateful if a copy of the file could be sent to me or sent to my E mail address [redacted]

The file covers the incident at the base in late 1978 when something possibly was forced down in the nearby forest. [redacted]

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MD 20814
USA

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
23 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail dated 26 September 2001, which was passed to this office, concerning research you are doing for the Discovery Channel in the U.S. on a show about "unidentified flying objects". We are the focal point within the MOD for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. I am afraid, therefore, that due to our limited interest in these matters, we do not recommend witnesses of 'UFO' sightings or 'UFO' organisations. I am sorry to send what I know will be a disappointing reply.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Refs by 25 Oct

UFO's

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS4(Sec) Ref No 7106. /2001

Date 28 Sept 01.

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

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DAS Sec

Demon [redacted]

Secure Connection - ministers.demon.co.uk

Message: [redacted]

Originally from:	Section 40 [redacted]	**Originally to:**	public
Date:	Wed, 26 Sep 2001 17:33:29 -0400		

Subject: Info

Hello

My name is Section 40 and I am doing research for the Discovery Channel in the US on a show about U.F.Os. I am attempting to find some credible information regrading witnesses /persons from England scene in the show . I was wondering if your organization could be of assistance or prehapse point me to other sources that would have access or knowledge in this area. You can contact me by my telephone number or by mail.

Thanks in Adance

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] MD 20814 USA

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Demon Internet Home Page

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Your Reference
Our Reference D/DAS/64/3
Date 17 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 6 September 2001, which was passed to this office. We are the focal point within the MOD for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects.'

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

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I attach for your information a list of all reports of 'unidentified flying objects' reported to the Ministry of Defence for the year 2000 along with a map of their geographical spread throughout the United Kingdom. I should however emphasise that these figures relate to reported sightings of unidentifiable aerial activity; the vast majority of which will have mundane explanations such as aircraft lights, weather balloons etc...

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

I hope you find this useful for your project.

Yours sincerely
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REPORTS OF 'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS ' TO MOD
2000

01/01/00	Tenbury Wells	Shropshire
03/01/00	Evanton	RossShire
04/01/00	Oxford	Oxfordshire
05/01/00	Swindon	Wiltshire
09/01/00	Crewe	Cheshire
09/01/00	Barnstable	Devon
12/01/00	Bootle	Merseyside
13/01/00	Motherwell	Strathclyde
14/01/00	Guildford	Surrey
17/01/00	Cottesmore	Leicestershire
17/01/00	Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway
19/01/00	Birmingham	
20/01/00	Balgonie	Fife
21/01/00	Southampton	Hampshire
21/01/00	Balgonie	Fife
23/01/00	Spalding	Lincolnshire
23/01/00	Birmingham	
29/01/00	Dibden, Nr Southampton	
01/02/00	Colchester	
01/02/00	Dundee	
02/02/00	Melksham	
02/02/00	Hull	
06/02/00	Bideford	North Devon
10/02/00	Leeds	
11/02/00	Banff	
11/02/00	Aberdeen	Scotland
11/02/00	Bowness-on-Windermere	Cumbria
13/02/00	Pontefract	West Yorkshire
13/02/00	Bradford	
13/02/00	Leeds	
14/02/00	Balgonie	
19/02/00	Little Town	West Yorkshire
20/02/00	Mitcham	Surrey
23/02/00	Edinburgh	
25/02/00	Newport, Wales	
26/02/00	Holloway, London	
01/03/00	Bradford	West Yorkshire
03/03/00	Southampton	Hampshire
03/03/00	Wirral	
07/03/00	Wellingborough	
14/03/00	Wythenshawe	Manchester
16/03/00	Darlington	
17/03/00	Blairgowrie	Tayside
18/03/00	Pickering	North Yorkshire
18/03/00	Falmouth	Cornwall
20/03/00	Leeds	Yorkshire
20/03/00	Wainford	Suffolk
25/03/00	Leeds	
25/03/00	Oxford	

REPORTS OF 'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS ' TO MOD
2000

29/03/00	Weshpool, Powys	
31/03/00	Birmingham	
04/04/00	Bury	
05/04/00	Barnettsby	Lincolnshire
07/04/00	Bellerby	Leyburn
13/04/00	Cross Keys	Newport
16/04/00	Manchester	Lancashire
16/04/00	Leeds	Yorkshire
17/04/00	Meppershall	Bedfordshire
26/04/00	Whitby	Yorkshire
01/05/00	Marlow Bottom	Bucks
08/05/00	Glasgow	
21/05/00	Havant	Hants
28/05/00		Oxon
28/05/00	Sittingbourne	Kent
29/05/00	Gravesend	Kent
05/06/00	Oxon	
05/06/00	Great Yarmouth	
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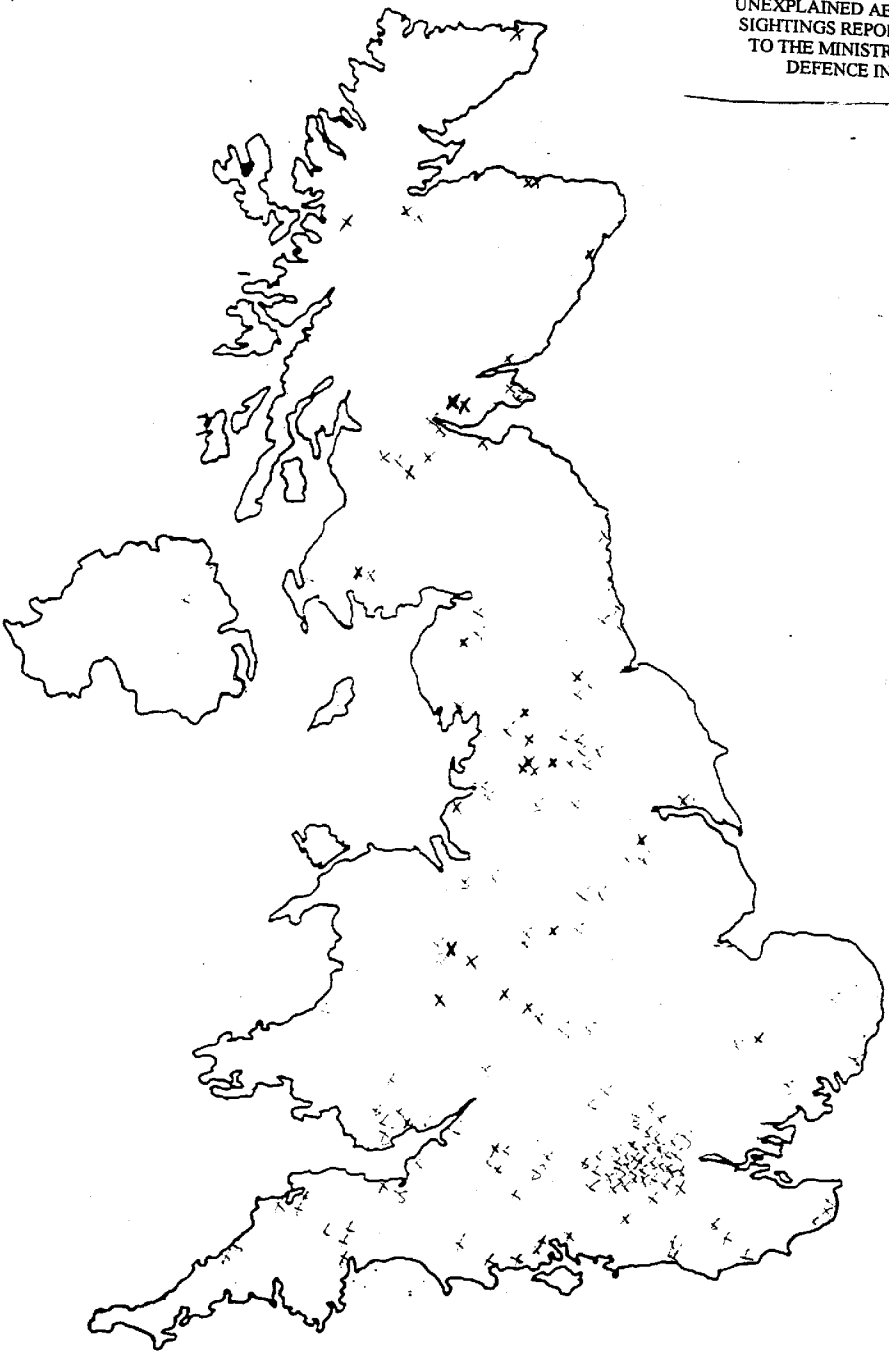

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Lichfield,
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6/9/01

Dear Section 40

I am doing a project on UFO's and aliens as port of my G.C.S.E English and would be most grateful for any information you could let me have so that I can include it my work.

Yours Sincerely

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From: Section 40, Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace) Ops & Pol 1, Room 6/73
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Section 40
Batley
West Yorkshire
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
16 October 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your two letters, dated 31 September and 1 October, respectively. As requested, please find enclosed a number of papers on the Rendlesham Forest incident that have recently been released under the Code of Practice on Access of Government Information. Some have been sanitised to protect the privacy of those who have corresponded with the Ministry of Defence.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40
Batley,
West Yorkshire,
England, Section 40

E-mail: Section 40
Tele: Section 40
Date: 1. 10. 2001.

Dear Section 40

I wonder can you possibly be of some assistance. I have read recently in the press that the Ministry of Defence has released a number of files relating to the alleged UFO incidents outside of RAF Woodbridge in December 1980. A colleague of mine has given me your address in the hope that you might be able to assist me in obtaining copies of these files.

If you could supply copies of all of the files in question concerning this incident I would be extremely grateful and they will be invaluable for my on-going research into this incident.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40
British UFO Research Association.

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Section 40
Batley,
West Yorkshire,
England, Section 40

E-mail: Section 40
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Date: 31.9.01.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wonder could you possibly be of some assistance. I have read recently in the press that the Ministry of Defence has recently released several files containing quite a number of documents which are related to the alleged UFO sighting in and around RAF Woodbridge in 1980.

I would therefore respectfully like to request a copy of all of these recently released documents in order to assist with my continued research into this subject.

I would like to thank you for your kind co-operation with this request and I look forward to receiving the documents in question in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

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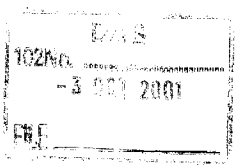

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
15 October 2001

Dear Section 40

I would like to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your recent letter to the Directorate of Air Staff, written in reply to ours of 10 September.

Yours sincerely,

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Having looked this up, I had a paper copy though it can't discount a simple acknowledgement was sent.

Section 40

MOD. Native American Rights Fund.

Great news for my people, especially those still on reserves!

In 1994, in Gt Yarmouth-Norfolk UK, at 7a.m Television News Desk, I observed that five large "laboritories" were sighted at regular intervals - round the borders of Norfolk.

Other small craft have been sighted by local Police Force and other members of the community of Great Yarmouth since then. The Hot-Line to BUFORA alerted London Division as to their presence here.

They are here specifically to sterilise the over-in-bred Norfolk race of whites. They will give birth. Shy

wrongful means) only, to such badly deformed babies - they will not be worth saving. Tax-payers money will stop being wasted on this irresponsible procedure altogether.

The extinction of white Anglo's; 'Project, White Plague' appears to be well on it's way, by my own avid observations - already!

First, Norfolk people perceive themselves to be above the Law.

They are the major health-hazard to this whole planet - Their mental diseases are deadly and dangerous. Murders, child-abusers, cruelty to animals etc., etc; etc: Incest is illegal. I see

its results everywhere around here in Gt Yarmouth, Kings Lynn and so on.

Sub-normals are given highly paid jobs i.e. Solicitor Firms, Borough Councils, D.S.S., Job Centre. These retards are given the right to private and confidential details of the Publics' personal backgrounds.

I personally have been accosted by two retards in the Police Force!! I was struck dumb by their cruelty! Gt. Yarmouth and Norwich Sc!!!

Crime is out of control here. Well - it was - until I put my foot down really hard with the white population. They are very careful to keep out of my way

these days.

Portsmouth, Hampshire UK, is another 'bug'-hutch, Wales is overrun with mental institutions.

Sense interbreeding again. My people are already well informed of the imminent and permanent ~~of~~ extinction of these white, inbred trailer-trash, world-wide.

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Section 40 [redacted]

PS. I can assure you all, that the "scientists" of these under-cover "laboratories" are not space aliens, gods or angels. They used me, my higher intelligence to get to

the bottom of the mystery.
The mystery is; where do
these whites come from? They
cannot make sense of them.
They - the "scientists" are not
the only ones. The American
Indian is too logical for
the white man. Too down to
earth and well-balanced.
That's why they burn witches,
healers, shamans? Well - I'm
one of those witches and we're
back - you bastards.
Not only that - white man, my
"familiars" the Big Cats are
occupying your country, from
all around the Planet. The black
panther is here often.

Section 40

We plains people are on the increase once more.

Norfolk and other whites went to plunder and spread their diseases to the high lands — America, Australia.

I am Scandinavian (Viking) and American Indian (Navajo) And I've been in the UK for 66 years — right in enough year. Viking and witch.

The very people Norfolk are still guilty of offending.

The white-man has had his run. He will soon be retired.

Portsmouth, under occupation in the 1970's Norfolk under the 1950's no

Hamshire was occupied through the 1960's Wiltshire for example. Then in 1980 they became undetectable - no sightings anywhere (bewilderment from the Spanish and as I predicted the UFO's returned in 1984

I left Horndean, Portsmouth in 1985 and arrived (after a great deal of angst with these Anglo's) in Norfolk 1989 Norwich 3 years (Hell on Earth) now here in Devils Island (Gt Yarmouth) since 1993. More disquieting activity from white rabbit, till just lately. The "Cat" out among the "Pigeons"!

All this stems from Norfolk
London, Portsmouth
South coast of UK
East coast Anglia.

I want reperation for my own
personal treatment at the hands
of these whites. Section 40 [redacted]

Billy the Kid was obviously one
of their ancestors!

My Fee:.... £1,000,000 wanted now.
by me.
They should all have been made
to walk in my moccasins
for 66 years. USA and UK.

List of Offenders. 1963 — 2001

(Nov. 2nd 1931 [redacted] Murderer

[redacted] Con Artist. uses the mentally ill and elderly for his own ends, Address:

[redacted]

Common Thief. 15th July (40's)

[redacted]

Nov. 2 - 1961 [redacted]

Also deranged and dangerous. Others just heroine addicts alcoholics, dealers, thieves in general

Early 30s Nov 27th [redacted] Dangerous Schitzophrena (Secondary.) Alcohol, drugs and a retard. Kings Lynn.

[redacted] Norwich.

UFO! (Inbred trailer trash) GBH, theft fraud and

Vodaphone Co. Fraud and/or incompetence or both. A mess.

Northgate Hospital
Calthorpe House
Herring House Trust. } (Admiralty House Social Workers, retards, Dodgy, all of them. (pushers) Drugs running

Incompetence, psychiatrists, struck off from their own countries and over here in UK.
Hellesdon Hospital Norwich.

St James's Mental Hospital
Locksway Road Eastney
Portsmouth Hampshire
People inside wrongfully sectioned and detained.

Section 40 [redacted] abuser.
Psychiatrist.

Magdeline Estate Yorkston
Ft Yarmouth
A typical midwest hill-billy hick town.
Gems, alcohol, drugs
retards, subnormals and
dangerous.

All of them living under
the pretence of White, Western
Christian Civilisation

Liberties Pub. Landlord & owner
A blonde tart Rutger Hauer
type. Housing benefits fraud.
[redacted] Thug Shady
[redacted] The Mitre & Public
No 10. Slum landlord related
to Chief of Police?
Landlord thinks he's
above the Law! Not in my
book, he ain't!
There is so much trouble in the
World. If the white Anglos and
Europe, Italy & Spain had stayed
in their own countries and got
their own acts together, the rest of
the world would be flourishing
now. [redacted]

You Sgt Yarmouth (Norfolk) people
breed in order to exercise your
own kind of "Satanic Rites" on
each other - while your idiot-
brained social workers kidnap
the happy children of loving
and innocent parents.

You are all dead men -
walking.

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
10 September 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letters of 30 August and 2 September concerning 'unidentified flying objects'. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

In your letter of 2 September you commented on the article in the Eastern Daily Press about the alleged 'UFO' incident in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980. When the Ministry of Defence was informed of these events, all available substantiated evidence was looked at, in the usual manner, by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 20 years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. A number of papers concerning these events have recently been released to members of the public under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information and these were what were referred to in the newspaper article.

You may wish to be aware that the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows

of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Finally, we have received an undated letter from you, addressed to Inspector Section 40 which appears to have been sent to us in error. This is duly returned.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Ministry of Defence
Air Staff UK + USA

N.A.R.F. Colorado
USA

Section 40

Gt Yarmouth,
NORFOLK
Section 40

September 2nd
2001

Re: Recent Disclosure, Eastern Daily Press.
August 30th 2001 Front Page.
and page 10

My mission is accomplished.
Now I can tell everyone what
UFO really are and why they're
here in East Anglia since 1980.
Portsmouth Hampshire Hornsea,
Courtlain, Cosham, Petersfield,
Waterlooville, since before 1946 and
up until 1980 when they left
Hampshire.

I left Hampshire to Come
to East Anglia in 1989 and I
have been observing the mentality

the behaviour of Anglo-European since before 1947.

I am Navajo and have been closely and at first unwillingly connected - along with my father - with UFO activity - world wide.

In 1978, three days before Christmas, I knew what was about to happen in Horndean, Portsmouth, Hants. From Jan 1st 1979 - 1980, Horndean and outlying districts as previously mentioned - we were inundated with UFO - "strangers" in our houses, poltergeist-type activity, children in the immediate area behaving strangely. Mysterious mayhem

everywhere. We were all affected.

Anyway - since I've been in East Anglia it has come to the obvious conclusion that it's not a case of "Aliens taking over the Plant" It's the case of the Planet being plundered and devastated by the White Anglo-European.

In short, it is <u>they</u> who are being looked at by scientists from these flying laboratories and shuttle crafts, (surveillance) and having their genes altered and in that their genes are too far gone, deformed; sterilisation is the only answer. Your

domesticated humans and animals are diseased and carriers of disease. They are sub-normal, retards and in extreme cases, psychopaths

You were all warned centuries ago about your human behaviour which has deteriorated and is now out of control.

Your marauding Anglos are the true aliens on your planet and you have to be controlled by culling and sterilisation. Its the only answer.

Adolph Hitler had the right idea but in his European madness destroyed the wrong race.

R.I.P.

Section 40

It's been a really long haul

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Inspector Section 40
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Lgt Yarmouth,
NORFOLK UK

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Yours Yf. Section 40
Section 40

Dear Inspector,

I have just sent my second report off to the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Agriculture, New Mexico USA, Washington D.C. Main Office of Native America. USA.

I have spent over half a lifetime as an American Indian Investigator in the U.K., In the almost impossible endeavour to find the reason for the totally illogical mental activity of Anglo Europeans. As their mental processes are, (as every expert on health, mental & physical)

know that (to put it colloquially) if the brain cells aren't functioning on all 8 cylinders, neither is the physical body. Hence— the deformities all round.

The attempted "taming" of wild Indians and all aborigenals has been a total distater.

The white male caucasian, mainly, only sees everything they walk into— with no-one's permission, (especially ours. Native Americans) as something to be conquered, possessed, isolated and controlled. They do it, not only to other humans but wild life, Mother Nature and the excuse, reason for it all, the world-wide

suffering is down to money as the authority, ruling our lives.

We Aboriginals, were living a good, innocent and intelligently, efficient life. Before we had ever heard of your God, whom you blame for everything you do - and the godless, evil power of gold metal, silver and paper - thereby stripping the Planet of the lungs of the Earth. Brazil for-one. The trees - wood-paper.

Your own natural leaders told you not to worship gold and all it's implications and connotations. Yet, just like the spoilt children of your own country Europe/UK.

you all went off immediately and did it!!!

How on God's Earth do you whites, imagene how we-I for example- who are older than America,) managed without you. You have vandalised, plundered the Earth and pirattised the oceans. Made slavery the only apparent option for all the natural people of this planet who are <u>not</u> freaks of nature, like the pale-face-blue and pink-eyed blonde albino. Lack of pigment goes hand in hand with lack of intelligence.

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Navajo Tribes

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Gt Yarmouth,
Norfolk Section 40
August 30 2001

To whom it may and should concern:

Re. UFO Activity World Wide.

First - I have the 'job' of forcing all people responsible for the safety of others - into the "light."

I am on the Anglo-American X Files (since 1979). I am American Indian, Navajo, born and bred "In captivity" in Portsmouth Hampshire Gt Britain. March 13th 1935. At the age of twelve during June 1947, I and my petrified parents were visited by something or someone - maybe more than one.

unidentifiable "strangers". They or 'it' stayed at our address;

Section 40 [redacted]

Portsmouth Hants for a fortnight.

Since that fortnight is worth of 'supernatural activity', which seriously upset my parents of mixed marriage, but brought me out of childhood depression, my whole life has been one of mystery and encounters of 1st, 2nd and 3rd kinds. I am a shaman and a powerful one.

I have always had very stable and reliable down-to-earth witnesses to my paranormal UFO experiences. They - the

white people were and are, feeling threatened by it all.

I never was threatened, not even by Men in Black.

I am approved of by these visitors and they are obedient to the letter - to my wishes.

"We are <u>not</u> here to harm anyone". You people are the ones who do harm - everywhere White Western Christian (so-called) Civilisation has been bringing devastation to this amazing planet Earth for hundreds of years. The last World War II was the last straw. <u>My</u> message to your white-man is -

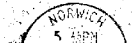
'Jack' it in.

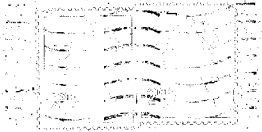
We American Indians. Aboriginals are children of Earth and Water look at you - who are you?

Vandals, liars and rapists of Mother Earth.

Signed: Section 40 [redacted]

American Citizen of Native America. First Nations NAVAJO.





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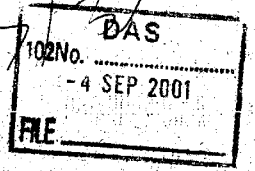

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Norfolk

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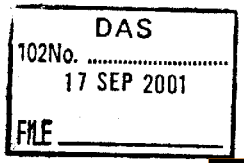
Money is the only authority on
your world — isn't it?



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Dear Ma'am,

You really have a way of missing the point don't you?!

I have warned people in this country and America many times that their insane way of life is being closely watched at all levels by my people.

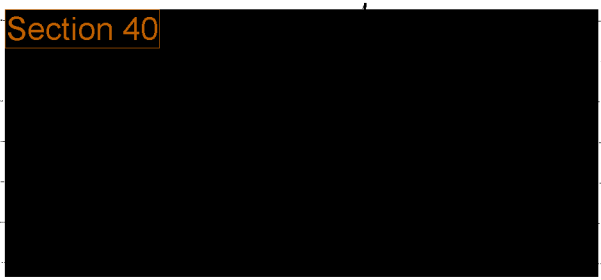
The white-Anglo looks askance when he's told what he's doing is illegal, unlawful and regards us as people from Cloud Cuckoo Land? On the contrary — you Anglos

have instigated Hell-on-Earth, for all the Aboriginal Races American, Australian — not to mention other Indigenous Races who did not need or want your ways of life, your opinions or your Christian hypocrasy and evil, deceitful, dishonest religions.

I warned President Bush nearly two months ago that "if he refused to stop desecrating my country with his greed and cancer-producing oil wells and other Industrial War on my land, America and elsewhere, he would incur my

wrath. Voila - the Whites have done it yet again.

Shape up or ship out.



Mr. George Bush, Whitehouse,
President of America
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

If any of my Innocent Ones died in the massacre
I hold <u>you</u> entirely responsible for corporate
murder.

YO-HEY-O-HEE.

Never, never underestimate the
supernatural powers of
a Warrior Chief Shaman

You "cowboys" are arrogant, pompous,
Pig ignorant and sick in the head

with Greed. Gold Fever is
the disease of the West.
The East is the Cure X
Roswell NM.

The Holy Bible certainly prophecied great Truths:

"The Sins of the fathers are visited on his descendents, children, children's children" and so on.

That rings a mighty big bell to me amongst Norfolk in-breds! of Great Yarmouth.

Epilogue.

As thick as two planks and a bloody, mind-boggling Menace!

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Monmouth
Monmouthshire
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
25 September 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 9 September, which has been passed to the Ministry of Defence. This office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects.'

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

In your e-mail, you asked for copies of any files containing papers relating to "UFOs". Perhaps it might be helpful if I briefly explain the Public Records Act. As is the case with other government files, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files from between 1967-1971, along with any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive, are already available for examination by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. Files from 1972 onwards will be routinely released to the Public Record Office at the 30 year point.

The Department receives, on average, about 400 sighting reports from members of the public each year and a similar number of letters. Therefore, I hope you will appreciate that it would not be practical for us to provide you with copies of such a vast amount of material. If, however, there are specific dates or sightings which you are interested in, we may be able to be of further assistance.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Low flying/UFOs
Email

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS (REC) **Ref No** 66660 **/2001**

Date 12/9/01

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly; your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

DAS
102No. .....
13 SEP 2001

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

Section 40

Demon [redacted]

Secure Connection - ministers.demon.co.uk

Message: [redacted]

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Hi                                                                    =
                  Section 40 [redacted]                               =
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                        Monmouth                                      =
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                         Monmouthshire                                =
                  Section 40 [redacted]

My name is Section 40 [redacted] And i was wondering if it would be =
possible to have some copys of files on UFO'S and Unexplained Phenomena. =
As i am very interested in this, and like to research on UFO'S and =
Unexplained Phenomena.

Well thank you for your time.

bye

P.S. My address is at the top right corner.
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Section 40
Mt Marion
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Your Reference
Our Reference D/DAS/64/3
Date 24 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 8 May 2001 addressed to the Secretary of State for Defence, which has been passed to this office. As you know, this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects.'

As requested, please find enclosed a number of papers on the Rendlesham Forest incident which have recently been released under the Code of Practice on Access of Government Information. Some have been sanitised to protect the privacy of those who have corresponded with the Ministry of Defence.

Yours sincerely,
Section 40

28/09

UFOS/Low Flying.

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DA4 (Sec) Ref No 6496 /2001

Date 3/9/01

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MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

Section 40

8/5/2001

To whom it may Concern,

I would like to request any information you may have about the Pentwater Incident of 27 December 1980

Thank you,

Mt. Marion, NY 12456
United States

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Mr Marion, NY 12452
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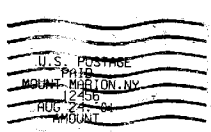

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You may wish to be aware that the Freedom of Information legislation has now received Royal Assent and is known as the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is expected to come into force across the public sector between 2002 and 2005. Until then, all requests for information held by the public sector will continue to be handled under the current Code.

Yours sincerely
Section 40

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BOOTHILLÉ
NORTHAMPTON

8/9/01

Section 40

DEAR SIR

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SEND ME ANY NEW FILES ON (RENDLESHAM FOREST INCIDENT) 1980

I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE RELEASED SOME NEW DOCUMENTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THIS WOULD HELP ME STUDY THE BENTWATERS WOODBRIDGE INCIDENT

YOURS

Section 40

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12 SEP 2001
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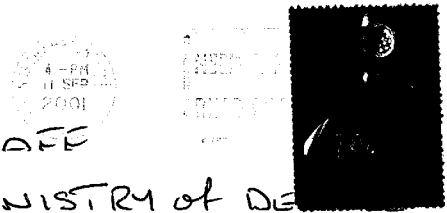

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
20 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 27 August regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. I will address your questions in the same order as your letter.

First you asked for copies of 'UFO' sighting reports made to the Ministry of Defence by civilian Police Officers and RAF personnel, concerning an incident on 31 March 1993. These are attached for your information. The personal details have been removed to protect the confidentiality of the individuals concerned. As you will be aware from my previous letter, the MOD's only interest in 'UFO' reports is whether there is any evidence that UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. In this case, air defence personnel within the MOD were contacted about these reports, at the time, and they were satisfied that there was nothing in these reports of defence concern.

You then talk about the MOD's liaison with the US Defence Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency, and the involvement of the Government Communications Headquarters. Air defence personnel within the MOD are consulted where necessary but this does not involve any of the agencies you have mentioned.

Next you mentioned the chain of events that you believe are followed when a 'UFO' sighting report is made to the MOD. These reports are not treated in the way that you describe and it may be helpful if I explain how they are treated. All reports sent to MOD are forwarded to this Directorate. Where appropriate we may consult branches within the MOD which have an interest in air defence matters. Once the air defence staff confirm that the report contains nothing of defence interest, no further investigation is made and we do not attempt to identify what was seen. You may wish to be aware that to date no 'UFO' report received has produced any evidence of anything of defence significance.

In your letter you mentioned Flying Complaints Flight (FCF) and DI955. You may recall from my last letter that until 1992 FCF co-ordinated 'UFO' reports before forwarding them to us, but FCF no longer have any involvement in the collection of these reports. You mention DI955 and some reports were copied to the Directorate of Intelligence Scientific and Technical (DIST).

However towards the end of 2000, DIST decided that these reports were of no defence interest and should no longer be sent to them.

You also asked whether RAF personnel would be able to release a copy of a 'UFO' sighting report they had received that had been sent to this department. Whether Station records are released to the public would be a matter for the individual RAF Station, however, I expect that if such a request were received, the request would be forwarded to this department for a response.

Finally you asked about the collection of 'UFO' sighting reports from RAF Stations and Police forces. We have not unearthed any record of any instruction being sent to Police forces in the UK. They may and do send details to us and examples I have seen are in the form of a statement. There is no formal internal instruction to RAF stations, however, they tend to follow the generic form an example of which is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MILWAUKIE, OREGON Section 40
USA

FROM Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff
4a1 MINESTRY OF DEFENCE
Room 8245, Main Building, Whitehall
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ENGLAND

27-July-2001

Dear Section 40

I would like to thank you very much for your very informative return reply.

Here, there are a few questions that if possible through the kind assistance of the MOD, some can be found.

Here, I am looking into a sighting of a unknown air craft of triangular shape on or about 31- March-1993 at 1:05 AM London time. The first alleged sighting occured or was reported by on duty Police Constable's from Barnstaple, Devon. The police did witness a solid structered triangular shaped air craft with idenifying flashing lights, one on each corner of the air craft. The air craft was sighted by several overlapping jurisdictions of Constables, while out patrolling their assigned area county wide road or street area. The air craft was visually sighted and as well as being tracked on Radar.

If possible , could you look into this matter and determin if some of the original sighting reports from the civillian police and the RAF sighting reports can be released minus the name of the witness omitted from the incident report, as this would be a invasion of that individuals personal privacy and the fact that all such reports are recieved in strict confidence.

Here, there is the subject of the MOD and their liaison with the U.S. Defence Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency. The Defence Intelligence Agency Liaison branch at the Minestru of Defence or (DIALL) is located at Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ. From your department, can you access their files to answere weither they have a official interest in these unknown lihgt/UFO/air craft sightings, which are passed thru to your organization. or are they restricted from obtaining documentation on such incidents because there reports are forwarded in confidence and are of a confidential nature.

On the paragraph on the incident of 31-March-1993, it was reported that some RAF base,s had also sighted both visually and on radar. I would like to obtain a copy of the RAF reports if releasable, also on the matter of these Liaisons with these US Intelligence organizations. Can you release their official MOD office addresses if possible

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31 AUG 2001
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It is understood that the old procedure use to be, the UFO incident reported and chaneled through Flying Complaints Flight (FCF were sent to File opened and investigation activated. Notification sent to provost marshal's office, Northumberland Avenue, followed by regular reports. Provost marshal's office forwards memos/instructions etc, back to DI955), who in turn issues memos/instructions ctc, back to the provost marshal's office, who in turn instruct FCF. There would be no general direct contact between DI955)B and FCF, but on occasion, in very important cases, FCF and DI(550b staff could work well together. The Security Service (MI5) could also become involved in certain cases. DI(55)B would in any event report to the Security Service (MI5) HQ, Curzon Street, London, who would in turn liaise with the Prime Minester, depending on the nature of the investigation.

4. On the subject of these incident reports which are sent to your office, are these seports of a confidential nature. That is if a RAF CO sends in a incident sighting report and the news media is aware of this report, is the RAF CO free to release a copy of the sighting incident report to the news media represenetive upon a request being filed by that particular individual, prior to the MOD Defence Implecation investigation, also if the investigation proves that no threat occured of a defence significance. Is the RAF CO free to then release as a press briefing a copy of the incident report. Are there specific instructions and guidlines on exactly can be discussed about such reports out side of your official organization. As a example, can a British civillian visit a military base and obtain a copy of such a report from the designated Public Affairs spokesperson at that base. Not knowing how your regulations are enforced, I have no real good knowledge of such matters. i have heard of this Official Secrets Act, exactly what is this regulation and how would it apply to these reports.

Is there a instruction paper on how these reports are to be collected by military personnal and Police Constable, s, I can I obtain a copy of the document. If your organization is not able due to buget or other restrictions answere any of the questions in this letter of inquiry. There is another British MOD agency at Personnel and Logistics (Legal Services)(PL(LS)L1), Room 3/18, Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BP. There has been the publishing or passing a white paper on Open Government. This is their agency address which might assist your department people if additional information is needed.

Please send a return reply and thank you very much.

Sincerly:

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF

POLICE FLIGHT

ROYAL AIR FORCE
FINNINGLEY

Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN9 3LQ

Tel. Doncaster [redacted]

Please find enclosed a report of an unidentified flying object

[redacted]

cc:

UNSANATISED PAPERS

F[redacted]2286/016

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting. 30TH MAR93 2130 5MINS

B. Description of Object. ONE. GLASS BOTTOM. TWO ROWS OF BRIGHT LIGHTS ALONG ITS SIDE. UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH SHAPE DUE TO INTENSITY OF LIGHTS

C. Exact Position Observer. PENNINE MOORS IN AREA KNOWN AS ~~PENTNG~~ PENNINE SLOPES AT BIRCH WOOD IN AREA OF PENISTON

D. How Observed. SIGHTED WHILST DRIVING CAR

E. Direction in which Object was first seen.

F. Angle of Sight.

G. Distance. , THEN ~~[redacted]~~ TRAVELLED TO OBJECT UNTIL UNDERNEATH IT . APPROX 200M.

H. Movements. STILL TILL APPROACHED THEN MOVED TOWARDS WOOD AREA UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT

I. Meteorological condistions during observation.
FINE DRY CLEAR

J. Nearby Objects.

K. To whom reported. PC [redacted]

L. Name and Address of Informant. [redacted]

[redacted] BARNSLEY [redacted]

M. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

N. Other Witnesses. 2 POLICEMEN WITNESSED SEEING BRIGHT LIGHTS FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AT 0117 HRS, TRAVELLING FROM PENISTON TOWARDS SHEFFIELD. VPC [redacted] PENISTON POLICE STATION [redacted] GOTHORPE POLICE STATION

O. Date and Time of receipt of Report. 3/PC [redacted]
30 MAR 93 2147 HRS

P. Is a reply requested. YES

[redacted]

Signed

Name

Rank SGT Tel No

Date 31 MARCH 93

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COS/87/2/Sy

RAF Police Flight
RAF Cosford
Wolverhampton
West Midlands
WV7 3EX

Mar 93

OC RAF Police Flt

Sir,

POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTINGS

1. I have to report that at RAF Cosford on 31 Mar 93 at 0115 hours in company with Cpl [redacted] Section 40 RAF Police, I was on mobile patrol of Leeming Road, adjacent to the Gravel Car Park when I saw two bright lights in the sky above the Airfield. The lights appeared to be flying at great velocity in a South Easterly direction at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The lights were circular in shape and gave off no beam. They were creamy white in colour and constant in size and in relation to each other.

2. I brought the vehicle to a standstill and pointed out the lights to Cpl [redacted] Section 40 switched off the vehicle engine and we both got out of the car and observed the lights. There was no sound of any engine noise despite there being no wind and the sky being free from cloud. The lights were observed over-flying the Unit and away towards the Wolverhampton area. A slight red glow could be seen from the rear of the lights as they disappeared from view over the horizon. The lights were visible for approximately one minute.

3. Myself and Cpl [redacted] Section 40 then returned to the COC and I contacted RAF Shawbury. I was informed that there were no aircraft flying from there.

4. At 0125 hours, I contacted ATC at RAF Lyneham and was informed that there were no known aircraft in the area of Cosford.

5. At 0127 hours, I contacted RAF Brize Norton and was informed the same.

6. At 0128 hours, I was informed by the Ord Cpl, Cpl [redacted] Section 40 that [redacted] Section 40 Rugeley, Staffordshire had reported seeing the same lights over Rugeley. Four members of [redacted] Section 40 party had also witnessed the lights. [redacted] Section 40 had followed the lights which he described as being cream in colour at an altitude of 900-1000 feet and an estimated size of 200 metres. He could hear a humming noise as the object flew directly above him. [redacted] Section 40 stated that he believed that the object landed in an area known as Hazelslade but when he approached he could not find any signs of the landing. [redacted] Section 40 was instructed to inform his local Civil Police Force, which he did, and during a subsequent conversation, it was established that a Constable from Staffordshire Police had visited [redacted] Section 40

7. At 0130 hours, I informed West Mercia Police, [redacted] Section 40 of the sightings.

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8. At 0140 hours, I informed HQ P&SS (UK), Cpl Section 40 of the incident.

9. At 0142 hours, I informed RAF West Drayton, Lt Cdr Section 40 of the incident, and he confirmed that there was no military aircraft of any kind in UK airspace and there had not been since 0001 hours.

10. At 0143 hours, the Senior Air Traffic Controller at Birmingham International Airport was contacted, and he confirmed that there were no civilian aircraft in Cosford Airspace and had not been for some hours.

11. At 0215 hours, OC RAF Police Flt and the Ord Off, Flt Lt Section 40 were informed of the incident.

12. At 0250 hours, Section 40 RAF Shawbury Met Office, contacted Cpl Section 40 and stated that he had seen two lights in the sky at RAF Shawbury. The lights were first sighted approximately 15-20 kms away and Section 40 observed them travel towards him over the Airfield moving erratically at hundreds of miles per hour unlike any aircraft. He described the lights as appearing to be searching for something. He heard a low humming noise and watched the object for 5 minutes until it disappeared from sight in a southerly direction. Section 40 stated that he had been a Met Officer for 8 years and had never seen anything like it before.

13. At 0300 hours, Cpl Section 40 contacted a Section 40 the Met Officer at Bristol Airport, who stated that similar lights had been seen there at 0055 hours. He had initiallly put the llights down to adverse meteor activity but in the light of the subsequent reports recorded it as unidentified.

14. At 0310 hours, West Mercia Police were made aware of the further reports and would contact Staffordshire and Avon & Somerset Forces to correlate the reports.

15. At 0330 hours I resumed normal duties.

Section 40
Cpl Section 40
RAF Police

Section 40

RAF POLICE SITUATION REPORT.30-31 MAR 93.

DOB NO	DATE / TIME	PERSON REPORTING	OCCURRENCE	ACTION TAKEN
702/1/93	31 Mar 93 0115 hrs	RAFP Patrol	**POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTING.** Reports sighting two white lights overflying the Unit in a South Easterly direction at a height of 1000 feet. The velocity of the lights suggested fast jets, however, no collision beacons could be seen.	1. ATC units at Lyneham, Brize, Shawbury, Birmingham and West Drayton contacted and it was established that no Aircraft were flying. 2. All details passed to W.Mercia Police and P&SS.
	0125 hrs	Section 40 Rugeley	Reports the same lights in the Rugeley area flying erratically. He had followed the lights and seen them land at Hazelslade. He had got within 200 feet of what he described as flying saucers, but on entering the area they had landed could not locate them. Report recorded by Ord Cpl.	3. Section 40 contacted Staffs Police, who attended the scene. 4. Ord Off and OC Police informed.
	0250 hrs	Section 40 Shawbury Met Office	Reports to the Ord Cpl that lights of the same description had been seen in RAF Shawbury Airspace heading South.	5. Section 40 reported that the lights could not be Aircraft of a known kind.
	0300 hrs	Section 40 Bristol Met Office	Report that the lights had been seen there also. Initially it was presumed they were meteorites, but in light of other sightings could offer no explanation and recorded the sighting as unidentified.	6. Avon & Somerset Police were informed by Airport Staff. 7. West Mercia Police were informed of the further sightings and will correlate all reports. 8. Report submitted by Cpl Section 40

OC POLICE
31 MAR 1993
RAF CONFORD

FEED DIRECTION

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

CWD148 31/0959 090C1185

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 310720Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 310110Z MAR 93. 30 SECONDS
B. TWO, POSSABLY THREE. STARSHAPED WITH VAPOUR TRAIL WHEN MOVING, YELLOW/GOLD AND BRIGHT
C. MOORSWATER, LISHEARD, CORNWALL. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH
F. ABOVE
G. N/K
H. STATIONARY THEN MOVING STEADILY
J. CLEAR
L. POLICE
M. SGT [redacted] Section 40 ISKEARD, CORNWALL
N. POLICE OFFICERS

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O. SEEN BY OTHER POLICE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT DEVON AND CORNWALL
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With the Compliments of the
Chief Superintendent

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	31ST MARCH 1993, 0110 HRS. DURATION 45 SECS – 1 MINUTE
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2 OBJECTS, APPEARANCE CONSTANT IDENTICAL TO STARS
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	DRIVING WEST ON A38 @ MAP REF 6006MILES NR. CINCLEARD. STOPPED + ALIGHTED FROM CAR + 230 GS MADE FURTHER OBSERVATIONS FROM A STATIONARY POSITION.
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)	DUE NORTH
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	APPX 2 O'CLOCK
G	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	INESTIMABLE
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	BOTH LIGHTS MOVED VERTICALLY COMMENCED ON PARALLEL COURSE, THEN CURVED AWAY FROM BEARING NORTH – SOUTH
I.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	CLEAR, DRY, STILL 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)	NOTHING

K.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	WITNESSED BY POLICE OFFICER + REPORTED TO DUTY WPC CONTROL ROOM SERGEANT [redacted]
L.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
M.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	14+ YEARS POLICE SERVICE.
N.	Other Witnesses	VARIOUS POLICE OFFICERS IN DYFED, CORNWALL + WALES.
O.	Date, Time of Receipt	17/4/93.
P.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NONE.
Q.	Remarks	AN UNEXPLAINABLE EXPERIENCE WHICH I AM UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR BY NORMAL EXPLANATIONS.

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Witness Statement

Statement of Section 40 [redacted]

Age if under 21 0 21 (if over 21 insert 'over 21').

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 31st **day of** March **19** 93

Signature Section 40 [redacted]

I am a Sergeant in the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary stationed at Section 40 [redacted] in Cornwall.

At about 0110 hrs on the morning of Wednesday 31st March 1993 I was on duty in uniform and driving a marked Police vehicle along the A38 at Looe Mills near Liskeard travelling in the direction of Dobwalls.

This was naturally during the hours of darkness and the weather was fine and dry, with some patchy cloud; the moon and a number of stars being visible. I was unaccompanied.

As I began to negotiate a sweeping uphill left hand bend at the bottom of Lantoom Hill, I became aware of what appeared to be two 'stars' just above the horizon in the approximate position of "two o'clock". They were due North of me and motionless in the sky. My attention was drawn to these "stars" because apart from being in a part of the sky where there are usually no stars, they were of a darker hue bordering on yellow instead of silvery-white. They were reasonably close together but as I could not begin to estimate their distance from me, I likewise cannot estimate how far they were from each other.

As I negotiated the bend I continued to observe them when I suddenly saw them begin to move what appeared to me vertically upwards. They maintained a parallel course and identical speed and as they approached the "one o'clock" position they began to leave vapour trails. I brought my car to a Section 40 [redacted] d off the engine and got out. My location now was

approximately 100 yards the [redacted] side of the lay by outside Lantoom Quarry, map ref 230 650.

My view of these objects was very good; the sky being clear, and they continued their ascent still at an identical speed to each other and still on a parallel course. I realised that they were not ascending vertically but rather curving overhead and heading due South. As they gained in height the vapour trails became much more pronounced. I was still unable to estimate their height because of their small size (identical to a star in the night sky) but I believe they were very high. As they passed directly overhead at "12 o'clock high", the heavens at this point were bright and moonlit and I could see that there was nothing between the objects apart from empty sky. They were definitely two separate objects.

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As the objects continued on a dead straight north south course, they seemed to be travelling at a similar speed to a high flying passenger jet aircraft. I lost sight of them owing to the high ground of the quarry immediately on my left.

During the total duration of this sighting, which was between 45 seconds and 1 minute, my observation of these objects was continuous and uninterrupted. There was no sound whatever, the night being very still with no traffic.

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FEED DIRECTION

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CAB123 31/1257 090C2197

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 311220Z MAR 93

FROM RAF CHIVENOR
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENAL
A. 310120L MAR 93
B. 3. LARGE. VERY BRIGHT LIGHT
C. BRAUNTON BURROWS/OUTDOORS/WALKING
D. NAKED EYE
E. OBJECT FLEW OVER BURROWS FROM SOUTH AND SEEMED TO LAND IN SAND DUNES
F. NIL
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NIL
L. REPORTED TO RAF CHIVENOR OPERATIONS ALSO SEEN BY POLICE PATROL PASSING BURROWS IN CAR

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M. [redacted] BRAUNTON. DEVON
N. NIL
O. POLICE OFFICERS PLUS FRIENDS
P. 311230L MAR 93
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAP 1 DI 55

FEED DIRECTION

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CWD151 31/1002 090C1243

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 310730Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 310110A MAR 93. 2 TO 3 MINUTES
B. TWO, VERY BRIGHT, CIRCULAR WITH TAILS, WHITE IN COLOUR
C. GELLIGAR COMMON TREHARRIS, MERTHER TYDFIL
D. NAKED EYE
E. OVERHEAD MOVING NORTH
F. LOW, APPROX 100-200 METRES
G. OVERHEAD
H. VERY SLOW
J. CLEAR
L. POLICE
M. PC Section 40 MERTHYR TYDFIL, CENTRAL POLICE STATION, Section 40
Section 40
N. NONE

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O. OTHER POLICE OFFICERS
P. 310154A MAR 93
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CYD 1 DD GE/AEW
CAP 1 DI 55

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CAA/NATS.

WITH COMPLIMENTS

Please find enclosed letter from the Staffordshire Police, I have spoken to the Dept. of Transport, Civil Aviation Section who suggested I send to N.A.T.S. as it has nothing to do with DTI/BNSC.

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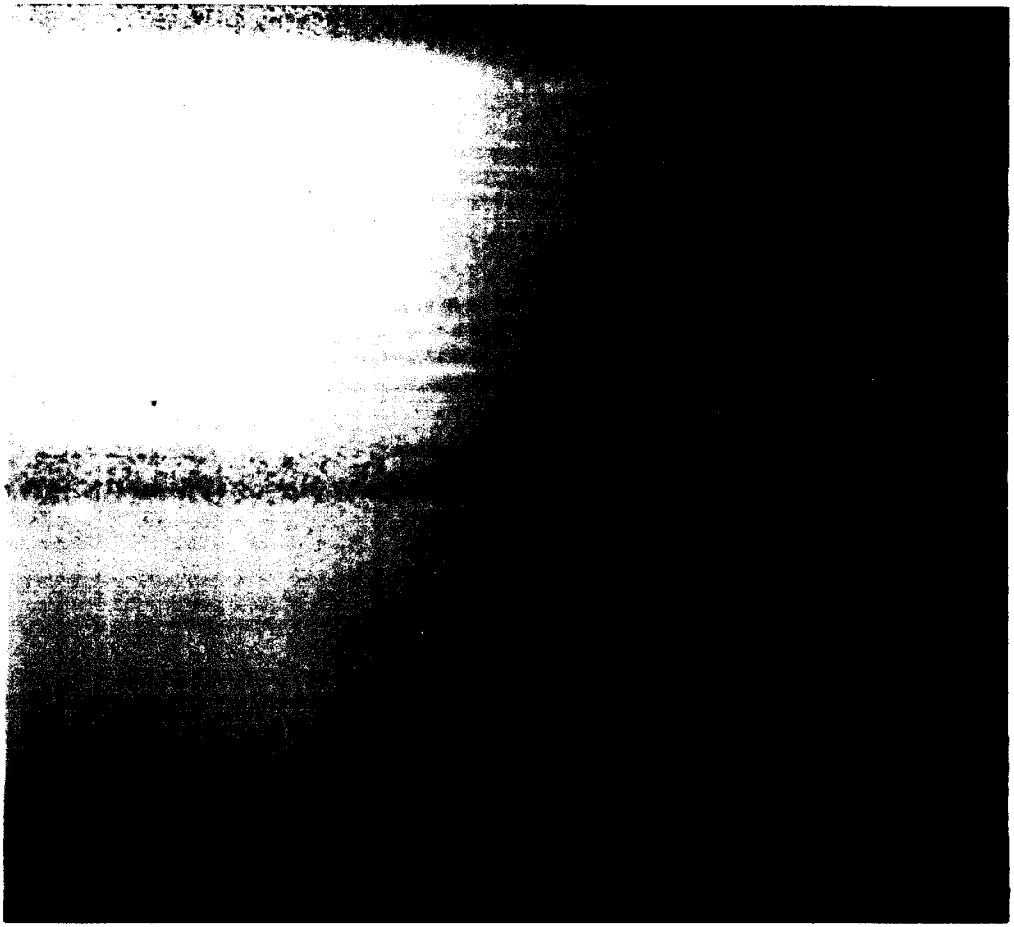
SECRETARY AND LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE

CAA
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

Section 40

CAA House
45-59 Kingsway
(main entrance Kemble Street)
London WC2B 6TE

Telephone: 071-379 7311
Fax:
Telex: Section 40



Official communications to be addressed:- "Officer in Charge" (address as below)

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Telephone: Section 40

Our Ref. CAN/JC/SAT

Your Ref.

Police Station,
Wolverhampton Road,
Cannock,
Staffs.
WS11 1AW

7th May, 1993

Department of Trade and Industry,
National Air Traffic Control Services,
1 Victoria Street,
London SW1H OET

Dear Sirs,

I attach hereto copy reports received from my officers in connection with alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Superintendent.

Scottish (Air Staffs) 2a
MOD
Main Building
Room 8245
Whitehall
London SW1A

FAO Section 40

The person dealing with this correspondence is:

Form No. 65

Staffordshire Police

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

FROM: P.C. [redacted]

STATION: RUGELEY

TO: SUPT. [redacted]

DATE: 31.3.93

SUBJECT: U.F.O. REPORT

1. With reference to the attached report by P.C. [redacted] concerning a U.F.O. being sighted in the Brereton Area of Rugeley, more information has been received by myself from a Cpl [redacted] of the Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford.

2. Cpl [redacted] has informed me that from enquiries he has made he has further sightings of the U.F.O. in Bristol at 0100 hours by an [redacted] at Bristol Airport, at Ternhill Barracks at 0200 hours by two guards on duty there and at R.A.F. Stafford where two guards also saw it travelling at a speed of approximately '400 knots' on a very low flight path.

3. Cpl [redacted] has informed me that he has liaised with R.A.F. Shrewsbury, at [redacted] who informed him that he had seen a U.F.O. in the sky travelling at high speed but riding erratically at different attitudes. He observed it for approx. 15 minutes until it went off at speed (400 knots) in a southern direction.

4. Enquiries have been made with all aviation centres and there was no activity in the area at all by any military or civil aeroplanes.

5. All the above information has been recorded at R.A.F. Cosford and a separate report has been compiled by Cpl [redacted]

6. If any more information is required it can be obtained from The Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford Tel. No. 0902 372393 Extension [redacted]

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Form No. 65

Staffordshire Police

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

FROM: P.C. Section 40 **STATION:** RUGELEY

TO: SUPERINTENDENT Section 40 **DATE:** 31st March, 1993

SUBJECT: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. At 0149 hours on Wednesday 31st March, 1993 a Section 40 of Section 40 Brereton, Rugeley, reported to Rugeley Police Station that he had sighted a U.F.O. in the Brereton area. The informant was visited and the following details were obtained:

A TIME - 0109 hrs
DATE - 31.3.93
DURATION OF SIGHTING - Approx. 1 minute

B DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Shape - Oval
Size - Approximately 150 metres in length
Colour - Shiney. Unable to state colour.
Brightness - The object had lights at each end which were cream and very bright
Sound - Loud humming noise.

C EXACT POSITION OBSERVED

The informant sighted the object whilst stood in the garden of his home address.

D HOW OBSERVED

Naked eye

E DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN

The informant saw the object over the Stile Cop area of Cannock Chase.

F ANGLE OF SIGHT

Approximately 45 degrees

G DISTANCE

Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile

H MOVEMENTS

Moved away into the distance slowly

J METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Dry and Clear

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K NEARBY OBJECTS

Housing and industrial estate

L TO WHOM REPORTED

R.A.F. Cosford and Rugeley Police Station

M NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

Section 40
Section 40 Brereton, Rugeley

N ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

It is not thought that the informant has ever made any previous reports of a similar nature in the past.

O OTHER WITNESSES

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Section 40 Rugeley

P DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT

0149 hours 31.3.93

Q IS A REPLY REQUESTED

Yes

2. In accordance with Force Standing Order E4 1:1 I would ask that this report be forwarded to:

Department of Trade and Industry,
National Air Traffic Control Services,
1 Victoria Street,
London SW1H OET.

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Superintendent Section 40

(1) This report, together with the report from P.C. Section 40 Section 40 dated 31st March, 1993, is forwarded for your information and subsequent transmission to the Department of Trade and Industry at the above address.

Section 40

13.4.93 Inspector

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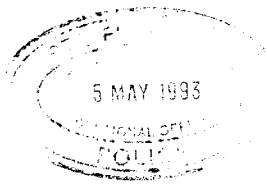
Chief Superintendent [redacted] Department,

1. I would ask that a copy of this report be forwarded as outlined in Minute 1 (2) above.

[redacted]

26 April 1993



Chief Inspector

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Superintendent [redacted] Cannock.

1. This type of report need not be referred to Headquarters and may be forwarded direct to the Department of Trade and Industry.

[redacted]

5th May, 1993.

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF

POLICE FLIGHT

ROYAL AIR FORCE
FINNINGLEY

Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN9 3LQ

[redacted]

Please find enclosed
Sanitised
Papers.

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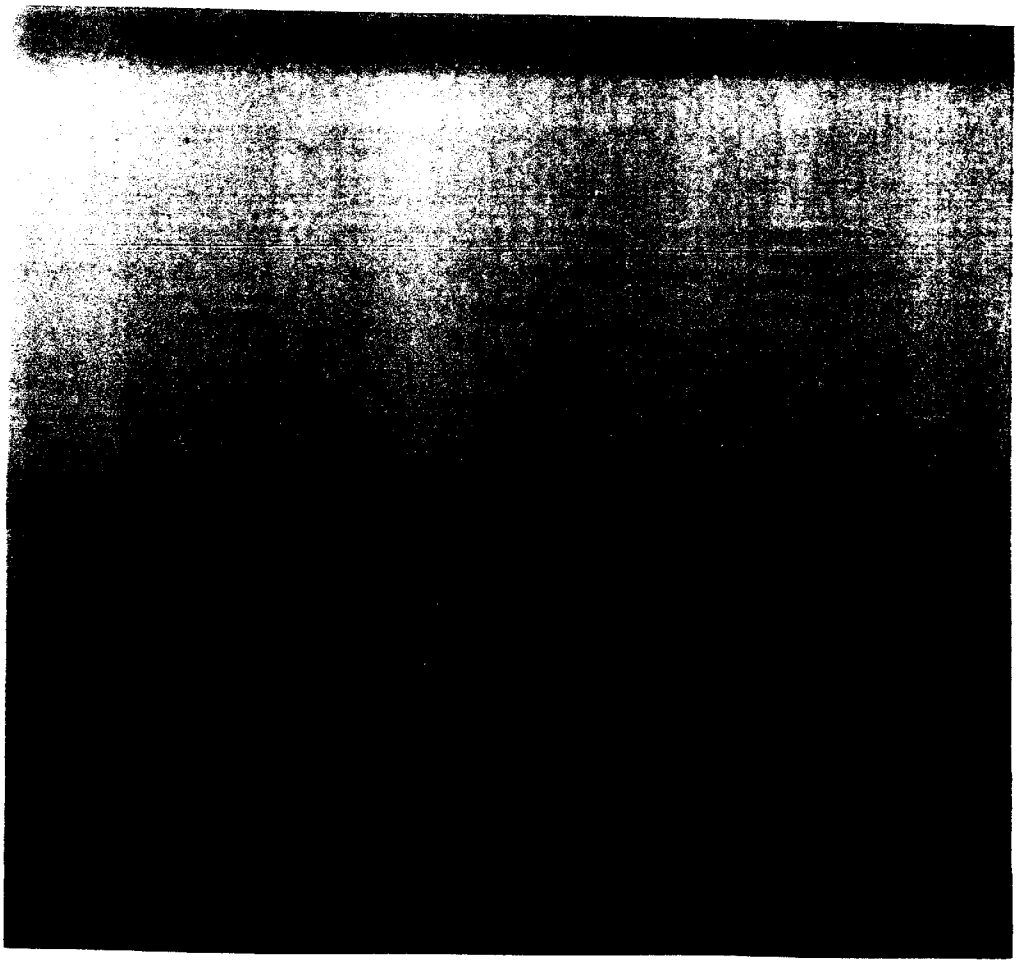

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting. 30TH MAR93 2130 5MINS

B. Description of Object. ONE. GLASS BOTTOM. TWO ROWS OF BRIGHT LIGHTS ALONG ITS SIDE. UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH SHAPE DUE TO INTENSITY OF LIGHTS

C. Exact Position Observer. PENINE MOORS IN AREA KNOWN AS ~~PEITNE~~ PENNINE SLOPES AT BIRCH WOOD IN AREA OF PENISTON

D. How Observed. SIGHTED WHILST DRIVING CAR

E. Direction in which Object was first seen.

F. Angle of Sight.

G. Distance. , THEN ~~DRIVE~~ TRAVELLED TO OBJECT UNTIL UNDERNEATH IT . APPROX 200M.

H. Movements. STILLTILL APPROACHED THEN MOVED TOWARDS WOOD AREA UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT

I. Meteorological condistions during observation. FINE DRY CLEAR

J. Nearby Objects.

K. To whom reported. PC [redacted]

L. Name and Address of Informant. [redacted]

M. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

N. Other Witnesses. 2 POLICEMEN WITNESSED SEEING BRIGHT LIGHTS FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AT 0117 HRS, TRAVELLING FROM PENISTON TOWARDS SHEFFIELD, I/PC [redacted] PENISTON POLICE STATION [redacted]

O. Date and Time of receipt of Report. 3/ PC [redacted] GOTHORPE POLICE STATN
30 MAR 93 2147 HRS

P. Is a reply requested. YES

Signed [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Date 31 MARCH 93

Rank SGT Tel No

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COS/87/2/Sy

RAF Police Flight
RAF Cosford
Wolverhampton
West Midlands
WV7 3EX

Mar 93

OC RAF Police Flt

Sir,

POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTINGS

1. I have to report that at RAF Cosford on 31 Mar 93 at 0115 hours in company with Cpl [redacted] RAF Police, I was on mobile patrol of Leeming Road, adjacent to the Gravel Car Park when I saw two bright lights in the sky above the Airfield. The lights appeared to be flying at great velocity in a South Easterly direction at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The lights were circular in shape and gave off no beam. They were creamy white in colour and constant in size and in relation to each other.

2. I brought the vehicle to a standstill and pointed out the lights to Cpl [redacted]. I switched off the vehicle engine and we both got out of the car and observed the lights. There was no sound of any engine noise despite there being no wind and the sky being free from cloud. The lights were observed over-flying the Unit and away towards the Wolverhampton area. A slight red glow could be seen from the rear of the lights as they disappeared from view over the horizon. The lights were visible for approximately one minute.

3. Myself and Cpl [redacted] then returned to the COC and I contacted RAF Shawbury. I was informed that there were no aircraft flying from there.

4. At 0125 hours, I contacted ATC at RAF Lyneham and was informed that there were no known aircraft in the area of Cosford.

5. At 0127 hours, I contacted RAF Brize Norton and was informed the same.

6. At 0128 hours, I was informed by the Ord Cpl, Cpl [redacted], that a Mr [redacted], [redacted], Brereton, Rugeley, Staffordshire had reported seeing the same lights over Rugeley. Four members of Mr [redacted] party had also witnessed the lights. Mr [redacted] had followed the lights which he described as being cream in colour at an altitude of 900-1000 feet and an estimated size of 200 metres. He could hear a humming noise as the object flew directly above him. Mr [redacted] stated that he believed that the object landed in an area known as Hazelslade but when he approached he could not find any signs of the landing. Mr [redacted] was instructed to inform his local Civil Police Force, which he did, and during a subsequent conversation, it was established that a Constable from Staffordshire Police had visited Mr [redacted]

7. At 0130 hours, I informed West Mercia Police, WPC [redacted] of the sightings.

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8. At 0140 hours, I informed HQ P&SS (UK), Cpl [redacted], of the incident.

9. At 0142 hours, I informed RAF West Drayton, Lt Cdr [redacted], of the incident, and he confirmed that there was no military aircraft of any kind in UK airspace and there had not been since 0001 hours.

10. At 0143 hours, the Senior Air Traffic Controller at Birmingham International Airport was contacted, and he confirmed that there were no civilian aircraft in Cosford Airspace and had not been for some hours.

11. At 0215 hours, OC RAF Police Flt and the Ord Off, Flt Lt [redacted] were informed of the incident.

12. At 0250 hours, Mr [redacted], RAF Shawbury Met Office, contacted Cpl [redacted] and stated that he had seen two lights in the sky at RAF Shawbury. The lights were first sighted approximately 15-20 kms away and Mr [redacted] observed them travel towards him over the Airfield moving erratically at hundreds of miles per hour unlike any aircraft. He described the lights as appearing to be searching for something. He heard a low humming noise and watched the object for 5 minutes until it disappeared from sight in a southerly direction. Mr [redacted] stated that he had been a Met Officer for 8 years and had never seen anything like it before.

13. At 0300 hours, Cpl [redacted] contacted a Mr [redacted] the Met Officer at Bristol Airport, who stated that similar lights had been seen there at 0055 hours. He had initiallly put the llights down to adverse meteor activity but in the light of the subsequent reports recorded it as unidentified.

14. At 0310 hours, West Mercia Police were made aware of the further reports and would contact Staffordshire and Avon & Somerset Forces to correlate the reports.

15. At 0330 hours I resumed normal duties.

[redacted]
Cpl [redacted]
RAF Police

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Section 40

RAF POLICE SITUATION REPORT.30-31 MAR 93.

DOB NO	DATE / TIME	PERSON REPORTING	OCCURRENCE	ACTION TAKEN
702/1/93	31 Mar 93 0115 hrs	RAFP Patrol	**POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTING.** Reports sighting two white lights overflying the Unit in a South Easterly direction at a height of 1000 feet. The velocity of the lights suggested fast jets, however, no collision beacons could be seen.	1. ATC units at Lyneham, Brize, Shawbury, Birmingham and West Drayton contacted and it was established that no Aircraft were flying. 2. All details passed to W Mercia Police and P&SS.
	0125 hrs	Mr [redacted] Rugeley.	Reports the same lights in the Rugeley area flying erratically. He had followed the lights and seen them land at Hazelslade. He had got within 200 feet of what he described as flying saucers, but on entering the area they had landed could not locate them. Report recorded by Ord Cpl.	3. Mr [redacted] contacted Staffs Police, who attended the scene. 4. Ord Off and OC Police informed.
	0250 hrs	Mr [redacted] Shawbury Met Office	Reports to the Ord Cpl that lights of the same description had been seen in RAF Shawbury Airspace heading South.	5. Mr [redacted] was certain that the lights could not be Aircraft of a known kind.
	0300 hrs	Mr [redacted] Bristol Met Office	Report that the lights had been seen there also. Initially it was presumed they were meteorites, but in light of other sightings could offer no explanation and recorded the sighting as unidentified.	6. Avon & Somerset Police were informed by Airport Staff. 7. West Mercia Police were informed of the further sightings and will correlate all reports. 8. Report submitted by Cpl [redacted]

OC POLICE
31 MAR 1993
RAF [illegible]

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CWD148 31/0959 090C1185

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 310720Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 310110Z MAR 93. 30 SECONDS
B. TWO, POSSABLY THREE. STARSHAPED WITH VAPOUR TRAIL WHEN MOVING, YELLOW/GOLD AND BRIGHT
C. MOORSWATER, LISHEARD, CORNWALL. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH
F. ABOVE
G. N/K
H. STATIONARY THEN MOVING STEADILY
J. CLEAR
L. POLICE
M. SGT [redacted] LISKEARD, CORNWALL
N. POLICE OFFICERS

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O. SEEN BY OTHER POLICE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT DEVON AND CORNWALL
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With the Compliments of the
Chief Superintendent

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	31ST MARCH 1993, 0110 HRS. DURATION 45 SECS – 1 MINUTE
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2 OBJECTS, APPEARANCE CONSIDERED IDENTICAL TO STARS
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	DRIVING WEST ON A38 @ MAPLE LODGE MILLS NR. CLYDEBANK. STOPPED + ALIGHTED FROM CAR + 230 GS MADE FURTHER OBSERVATIONS FROM A STATIONARY POSITION.
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)	DUE NORTH
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	APPX 2 O'CLOCK
G	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	UNESTIMABLE
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	BOTH LIGHTS MOVED VERTICALLY UNWARDS ON PARALLEL COURSE, THEN CURVED RIGHT ABOUT 45° BEARING NORTH – SOUTH
I.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	CLEAR, DRY, STILL 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)	NOTHING

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K.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	WITNESSED BY POLICE OFFICER + REPORTED TO DEVON + CORNWALL CONTROL ROOM
L.	Name & Address of Informant	SERGEANT [redacted]
M.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	14+ YEARS POLICE SERVICE.
N.	Other Witnesses	VARIOUS POLICE OFFICERS IN DEVON, CORNWALL + WALES.
O.	Date, Time of Receipt	17/4/93.
P.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NONE.
Q.	Remarks	AN UNEXPLAINABLE EXPERIENCE WHICH I AM UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR BY NORMAL EXPLANATIONS.

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Witness Statement

Statement of [redacted]

Age if under 21 0 21 **(if over 21 insert 'over 21').**

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Dated the 31st **day of** March **19** 93

Signature [redacted]

I am a Sergeant in the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary stationed at Liskeard in Cornwall.

At about 0110 hrs on the morning of Wednesday 31st March 1993 I was on duty in uniform and driving a marked Police vehicle along the A38 at Looe Mills near Liskeard travelling in the direction of Dobwalls.

This was naturally during the hours of darkness and the weather was fine and dry, with some patchy cloud; the moon and a number of stars being visible. I was unaccompanied.

As I began to negotiate a sweeping uphill left hand bend at the bottom of Lantoom Hill, I became aware of what appeared to be two 'stars' just above the horizon in the approximate position of "two o'clock". They were due North of me and motionless in the sky. My attention was drawn to these "stars" because apart from being in a part of the sky where there are usually no stars, they were of a darker hue bordering on yellow instead of silvery-white. They were reasonably close together but as I could not begin to estimate their distance from me, I likewise cannot estimate how far they were from each other.

As I negotiated the bend I continued to observe them when I suddenly saw them begin to move what appeared to me vertically upwards. They maintained a parallel course and identical speed and as they approached the "one o'clock" position they began to leave vapour trails. I brought my car to a halt, switched off the engine and got out. My location now was [redacted]

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approximately 100 yards the Liskeard side of the lay by outside Lantoom Quarry, map ref 230 650.

My view of these objects was very good; the sky being clear, and they continued their ascent still at an identical speed to each other and still on a parallel course. I realised that they were not ascending vertically but rather curving overhead and heading due South. As they gained in height the vapour trails became much more pronounced. I was still unable to estimate their height because of their small size (identical to a star in the night sky) but I believe they were very high. As they passed directly overhead at "12 o'clock high", the heavens at this point were bright and moonlit and I could see that there was nothing between the objects apart from empty sky. They were definitely two separate objects.

At about this time I became aware of what I believed to be a third object visible only by its vapour trail which was considerably less obvious than the vapour trails of the other two objects. This third object seemed to be travelling to the right hand side of the left hand obejct (as I was looking up), and slightly to the rear of it. It maintained the identical speed and parallel course of the other objects.

As the objects continued on a dead straight north south course, they seemed to be travelling at a similar speed to a high flying passenger jet aircraft. I lost sight of them owing to the high ground of the quarry immediately on my left.

During the total duration of this sighting, which was between 45 seconds and 1 minute, my observation of these objects was continuous and uninterrupted. There was no sound whatever, the night being very still with no traffic.

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

CAB123 31/1257 090C2197

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 311220Z MAR 93

FROM RAF CHIVENOR
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENAL
A. 310120L MAR 93
B. 3. LARGE, VERY BRIGHT LIGHT
C. BRAUNTON BURROWS/OUTDOORS/WALKING
D. NAKED EYE
E. OBJECT FLEW OVER BURROWS FROM SOUTH AND SEEMED TO LAND IN SAND DUNES
F. NIL
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR SKY
K. NIL
L. REPORTED TO RAF CHIVENOR OPERATIONS ALSO SEEN BY POLICE PATROL PASSING BURROWS IN CAR

PAGE 2 RRDAIA 0013 UNCLAS
M. MR [redacted] BRAUNTON, DEVON
N. NIL
O. POLICE OFFICERS PLUS FRIENDS
P. 311230L MAR 93
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FEED DIRECTION

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

CWD151 31/1002 090C1243

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 310730Z MAR 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 310110A MAR 93. 2 TO 3 MINUTES
B. TWO. VERY BRIGHT, CIRCULAR WITH TAILS, WHITE IN COLOUR
C. GELLIGAR COMMON TREHARRIS, MERTHER TYDFIL

D. NAKED EYE
E. OVERHEAD MOVING NORTH
F. LOW, APPROX 100-200 METRES

G. OVERHEAD
H. VERY SLOW
J. CLEAR

L. POLICE
M. PC [redacted] MERTHYR TYDFIL, CENTRAL POLICE STATION, SWAN STREET, [redacted]

N. NONE

O. OTHER POLICE OFFICERS

P. 310154A MAR 93
BT

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BNSC

CAA/NATS.

WITH COMPLIMENTS

Please find enclosed letter from the Staffordshire Police, I have spoken to the Dept. of Transport, Civil Aviation Section who suggested I send to N.A.T.S. as it has nothing to do with DTI/BNSC.

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SECRETARY AND LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE

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STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Telephone: Section 40

Our Ref. CAN/JC/SAT

Your Ref.

Police Station,
Wolverhampton Road,
Cannock,
Staffs.
WS11 1AW

7th May, 1993

Department of Trade and Industry,
National Air Traffic Control Services,
1 Victoria Street,
London SW1H OET

Dear Sirs,

I attach hereto copy reports received from my officers in connection with alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Superintendent.

Secretariat (Air Staffs) 2a
HOD
Main Building
Room 8245
Whitehall
London SW1A

FAO Section 40

The person dealing with this correspondence is:

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Form No. 65

Staffordshire Police

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

FROM: P.C. [redacted]

STATION: RUGELEY

TO: SUPT. Section 40 [redacted]

DATE: 31.3.93

SUBJECT: U.F.O. REPORT

1. With reference to the attached report by P.C. [redacted] concerning a U.F.O. being sighted in the Brereton Area of Rugeley, more information has been received by myself from a Cpl [redacted] of the Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford.

2. Cpl [redacted] has informed me that from enquiries he has made he has further sightings of the U.F.O. in Bristol at 0100 hours by an [redacted] at Bristol Airport, at Ternhill Barracks at 0200 hours by two guards on duty there and at R.A.F. Stafford where two guards also saw it travelling at a speed of approximately '400 knots' on a very low flight path.

3. Cpl [redacted] also informed me that he has liaised with R.A.F. Shrewsbury, at Mr. [redacted] who informed him that he had seen a U.F.O. in the sky travelling at high speed but riding erratically at different attitudes. He observed it for approx. 15 minutes until it went off at speed (400 knots) in a southern direction.

4. Enquiries have been made with all aviation centres and there was no activity in the area at all by any military or civil aeroplanes.

5. All the above information has been recorded at R.A.F. Cosford and a separate report has been compiled by Cpl [redacted]

6. If any more information is required it can be obtained from The Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford [redacted]

[redacted]

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Form No. 65

Staffordshire Police

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

FROM: P.C. [redacted]

TO: SUPERINTENDENT Section 40

STATION: RUGELEY

DATE: 31st March, 1993

SUBJECT: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. At 0149 hours on Wednesday 31st March, 1993 a Mr [redacted] Brereton, Rugeley, reported to Rugeley Police Station that he had sighted a U.F.O. in the Brereton area. The informant was visited and the following details were obtained:

A TIME - 0109 hrs
DATE - 31.3.93
DURATION OF SIGHTING - Approx. 1 minute

B DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Shape - Oval
Size - Approximately 150 metres in length
Colour - Shiney. Unable to state colour.
Brightness - The object had lights at each end which were cream and very bright
Sound - Loud humming noise.

C EXACT POSITION OBSERVED

The informant sighted the object whilst stood in the garden of his home address.

D HOW OBSERVED

Naked eye

E DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN

The informant saw the object over the Stile Cop area of Cannock Chase.

F ANGLE OF SIGHT

Approximately 45 degrees

G DISTANCE

Approximately ¾ of a mile

H MOVEMENTS

Moved away into the distance slowly

J METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Dry and Clear

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K NEARBY OBJECTS

Housing and industrial estate

L TO WHOM REPORTED

R.A.F. Cosford and Rugeley Police Station

M NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[redacted]

N ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

It is not thought that the informant has ever made any previous reports of a similar nature in the past.

O OTHER WITNESSES

[redacted]

P DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT

0149 hours 31.3.93

Q IS A REPLY REQUESTED

Yes

2. In accordance with Force Standing Order E4 1:1 I would ask that this report be forwarded to:

Department of Trade and Industry,
National Air Traffic Control Services,
1 Victoria Street,
London SW1H OET.

[redacted]

Superintendent Section 40

(1) This report, together with the report from P.C. [redacted] dated 31st March, 1993, is forwarded for your information and subsequent transmission to the Department of Trade and Industry at the above address.

Section 40 [redacted]

13.4.93 Inspector

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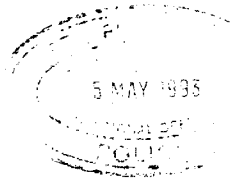
Chief Superintendent [redacted] Department,

1. I would ask that a copy of this report be forwarded as outlined in Minute 1 (2) above.

[redacted]

26 April 1993 Chief Inspector



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Superintendent [redacted] Cannock.

1. This type of report need not be referred to Headquarters and may be forwarded direct to the Department of Trade and Industry.

[redacted]

5th May, 1993.

ENCLOSURE 20 FROM Section 40 [redacted] IS NOW PLACED ON FILE 64/3/14 PT A E7

Enclosure 19
has been moved
to ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~
file 64/3 Pt X E 17

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Section 40
Yeadon
Leeds
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
20 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August concerning access to information on 'unidentified flying objects'. I will answer your questions in the same order as your letter.

You asked for policy on the recording, analysis and public disclosure of information on the following;

1. *Reports of 'unidentified flying objects'.*

The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to access to information on 'UFO' sighting reports, you may wish to be aware that MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967 and generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action on the file has been taken. It was generally the case that before 1967 all MOD 'UFO' files were destroyed after five years as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However, files have routinely been preserved since 1967 and released at their 30 year point to the Public Record Office. Any from the 1950s and early 1960s that survived have also been released. Files from 1971 onwards will be made available annually as they reach their individual 30-year maturity point.

With regard to the release of information from the closed files, the Ministry of Defence operates in accordance with the existing Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code), which encourages the provision of information unless its disclosure would, for example,

cause harm to defence, invade on an individual's privacy, or if it would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to a request. Information requested is supplied wherever possible providing it does not fall under one of the exemptions in the Code. The Freedom of Information legislation has now received Royal Assent and is known as the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is expected to come into force across the public sector between 2002 and 2005. Until then, all requests for information held by the public sector will continue to be handled under the current Code.

2. *Investigation of those reports (hereafter referred to as cases').*

The MOD does not investigate UFO sightings. Where appropriate those within the department with responsibility for air defence matters may be consulted but once it is established that the report contains nothing of defence interest, no further investigations are made.

3 to 6. *Cases in which the identity of the 'unidentified flying object' is determined and poses no threat to national security. Cases in which the identity of the UFO is determined and may/could pose a threat to national security. Cases in which the identity of the UFO is unknown and cases in which the identity of the UFO is suspected or determined to be terrestrial in origin and not a source publicly represented in the United Nations.*

When you talk here of whether the identity of 'UFOs' has been determined, I am unclear as to whether you are referring to unidentified aircraft tracks detected on radar or extra-terrestrial spacecraft. The fact that the precise identity of an aircraft tracked on radar cannot be established does not mean it is an extra-terrestrial spacecraft. There are a number of reasons why aircraft tracked on radar cannot be positively identified. Those that are considered to represent a threat are intercepted and positively identified. The remainder, whilst not immediately identifiable, may be considered friendly by virtue of behavioural characteristics. A request for the release of details concerning such incidents would be likely to be refused under Exemption 1a of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (Information whose disclosure would harm national security or defence), as it relates to the conduct of military operations. If, however, you were referring to extra-terrestrial spacecraft, then the MOD knows of no such cases.

7. *Cases in which the 'unidentified flying object' is suspected or determined to be of extra-terrestrial origin; or comprise extra-terrestrial technology; or be occupied by an extra-terrestrial individual.*

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

8. *Cases in which the 'unidentified flying object' is suspected or determined to be from Earth's past civilisations or future; or comprise technology from Earth's past civilisations or future; or be piloted by individuals from Earth's past or future.*

The MOD has no evidence of any such cases.

9. *Cases in which the 'unidentified flying object' is suspected or determined to comprise technology copied or derived from extra-terrestrial technology or technology from Earth's past civilisations or future (including 'reverse-engineering').*

Please see my answer to question 7.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

20 days - 24 Aug

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Ministry of Defence
Secretariat Air Staff 2
Room 8245
Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1A 2HD

21 August 2001

Dear Sir

Request for access to information on unidentified flying objects and others

Please would you provide me with the following information; or in the event that such requests are chargeable, a schedule of costs; or in the event that there is a formal procedure or application form, details of that procedure or application form; or in the event that the Ministry of Defence do not record/process/store the following information, details of the government department or public body that does; or an explanation as to why the following information is not publicly available:

Policy on (i) recording, (ii) analysis and (iii) public disclosure of information relating to:

1. Reports of unidentified flying objects;
2. Investigation of those reports (hereafter referred to as 'cases');
3. Cases in which the identity of the 'unidentified flying object' is determined and poses no threat to national security;
4. Cases in which the identity of the 'unidentified flying object' is determined and may/could pose a threat to national security;
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Yours faithfully,

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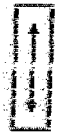

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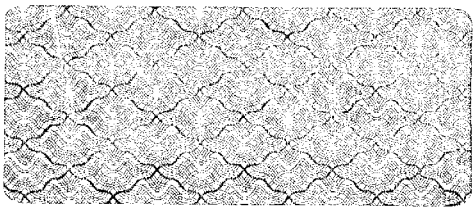

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Section 40
Raulands Castle
Hampshire
Section 40

Your Reference
Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
18 September 2001

Dear Section 40

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Yours sincerely
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Section 40 [redacted]

Rowlands Castle
Hampshire
Section 40 [redacted]

23rd August 200,

Dear Sir,

I have been advised by British National Space Centre to report to you Unidentified flying objects in this area

The conspiracy involving these ufo is causing a lot of worry involving the dumping of toxic sewage Aggressive looking tanks.

away so after, pond to local highway. This fault fully

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Section 40
Chesham
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
14 September 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to the messages you left on our answerphone on 16 August 2001 in which you requested copies of the layout of crop circles and offered your assistance in interpreting them.

There is no evidence to suggest that these phenomena are caused by anything of military concern and the Ministry of Defence does not investigate reported sightings or carry out any research into them. I am therefore unable to provide the information you have requested.

I have sent this letter by fax, as your address was not clear on the answerphone message.

Yours sincerely,

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MESSAGE LEFT ON ANSWERPHONE – 16 AUGUST 2001

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Chesham
Bucks
Section 40

Message: "I would like you to fax me the layout of all genuine crop circles since they began. I may be able to help you solve what they mean. I would appreciate it if you did not talk to anyone else but me."

1214

Message: "I have seen the pictures of the latest crop circles and it is obvious what at least one means. You would have to be thick if you do not know what it means. Please send me a copy of all the genuine ones so I can establish what they are saying."

1218

Message: "Please send me copies of crop circles. I think I know what it all means".

NOTE
Address unclear on the answerphone. Checked postcode with post office and they had two addresses, neither of which sounded anything like this address. Reply to be faxed to telephone number above.

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Southsea
Portsmouth
Hants

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
13 September 2001

Dear Section 40

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Message:

Section 40

As discussed, please see attached a letter that we have received from a member of the public.

I understand that you have a cell that deals with such enquiries and would be grateful if you could take this one on.

Regards

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Section 40
[redacted]
Southsea,
Portsmouth
Hants.

Aug 25th 2001

Dear General Staff

I am a Robot expert

I have outlined to Baroness Thatcher as to why revenge-filled Robots might attack this planet at any moment.

There must be a mixture

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of military diplomacy
and extremely efficient
hi-tec defence capable
of successful engagement
with robot controlled
military systems. If
the robots are sufficiently
angry there might be
terrible human casulties.

Regards

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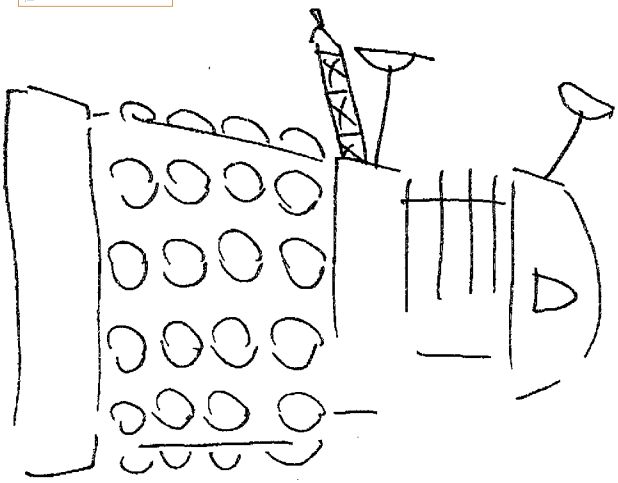

"I war release against the humans"!!!!

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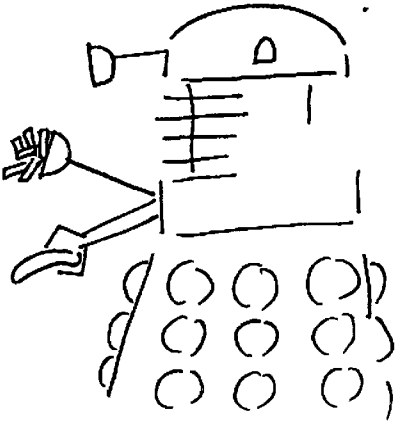
P.S.
Thousands of humans
have so far been killed
by extra-terrestrial
robot attack. How
Generals whose only
military obsession is
attacking Bagdad are
going to explain their
Conduct to the Recording
Angel on the far side
beggars belief!!!

Earth Citizenship

Damn good Sausages by Jove!

Lovely Earth food!



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Section 40
Birmingham
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
12 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter concerning your request for information on 'UFOs'.

First you asked if 800 enclosures would equate to 800 separate sighting reports. Without recalling the files we can not be certain of their contents, but they could contain not only sighting reports, but also MOD correspondence with those who reported the sightings.

You also suggested that the sighting reports could be placed in chronological order to make the files easier to search. We currently hold files covering a 30 year period and it would take a considerable amount of time to call back all of these files and shuffle all the papers in order to put them in chronological order. Also many people report sightings and correspond with us about events months, sometimes years, after they are alleged to have occurred. This would mean files would have to be constantly called back from archives in order to place this correspondence in the appropriate place. The MOD does not have the resources to conduct such a large paper exercise, nor would such a system be practical to maintain. Indeed, it is established practice that files should be left in the state that they were originally created, any interference with this, could result in delays when files are reviewed for release to the Public Record Office.

You then asked about UFO records from the 1950s. The only surviving record that we are aware of from that period, which is not currently in the PRO, is a report from the Directorate of Scientific Intelligence and Joint Technical Intelligence Committee, entitled Unidentified Flying Objects and dated June 1951. This report was recently discovered during a routine review of files which had been retained within the Department beyond 30 years. The report has now been removed from this file and is awaiting clearance for transfer to the PRO.

Finally, you asked if there was a register kept of UFO sighting reports made to the MOD during the early 1950s. We are not aware of any such register.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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DAS4A1(SEC)

From: Info(Exp)-Records1
Sent: 10 September 2001 13:42
To: DAS4A1(SEC)
Subject: RE: Enquiry about UFO files

Section 40

The only record from the 1950s that I am aware of is the infamous DSI/JTIC Report No 7 in DEFE 19/9 (title: Scientific Intelligence). Arrangements have been made to replace the copy on the file with a photocopy and the original has been allocated to DEFE 44 (provisionally DEFE 44/119). The report is waiting PRO clearance before transfer to Kew (hopefully a little later this year).

On the order of files - the Public Record Act lays down no specific instruction.

However, on creation it is good records management practice that filing be in chronological order. When my staff process files, 25 or so years after originally created, they work to the established practice that files be left in the state that they were created. It is unfortunate if this means the filing can be somewhat haphazard.

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-----Original Message-----
From: DAS4A1(SEC)
Sent: 10 September 2001 12:04
To: Info(Exp)-Records1
Subject: Enquiry about UFO files

Section 40

One of our regular correspondents has asked it "any surviving UFO records from the 1950's have been retained by the MOD and re-classified under the thirty-year secrecy rule?". I think the answer is no, any records from that period would be in the PRO, but I thought it best to check with you.

Also he has suggested that we place reports in chronological order to make it easier for them to be searched by us and members of the public (they are currently filed in the order they are received) . I will obviously explain the difficulties of shuffling papers on 30 years worth of files, especially as many people write to us about events that happened months, sometimes years ago and this would result in us constantly calling files back from archives to insert letters in the appropriate place . I would, however, appreciate your advice on whether records have to be kept in date order and once placed on a file can enclosures be shuffled around in this manner. I know the PRO is very keen for files to be released in their original state so is there any instructions under the Public Record Act?.

Section 40

DAS(LA)Ops+Pol1
(DAS4A1(SEC) on chots)

Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff 4a1,
Ministry of Defence,
Room 8245,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
LONDON,
SW1A 2HB

Section 40
BIRMINGHAM,
Section 40

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your previous letter, relating to a request to search archive files for information regarding specific dates when UFOs were reported over the United Kingdom.

You will appreciate that £840.00 in total, which was the amount specified by the Department for looking through and sanitising such reports, if found, is something we personally could not afford at this time, although it may well be that, in due course, we could concentrate on one or two dates, in order to spread the cost over a period of time.

Would we be correct in presuming that the number of enclosures relates individually to single UFO reports; in other words, for argument sake, 8 x 100 enclosures for the 1979 period would refer to 800 separate Sighting reports from members of the public, or would such enclosures be cross-referenced, bearing in mind that they are not filed by date order but how they come into the MOD Department?

Why cannot these enclosures be placed into chronological order, taking into account that access of such documents would be made far easier, not only to interested members of the public but by representatives working within the MOD, who may wish to consult such documents for themselves?

With regard to UFO reports received by the Air Ministry, either from Members of the Armed Forces, or members of the public, can you tell us if any surviving UFO records from the 1950's have been retained by the MOD and re-classified under the Thirty-Year Secrecy Rule? Secondly, was there any register kept recording reports of UFOs made to the MOD during the early 1950's, again, bearing in mind that we understand any surviving records from the 1950's are open to public scrutiny at the Public Record Office?

Could be reports from Public NO
Hrs Room + to our replies + to They are not cross-ref filed in order of receipt
There are over 20 years worth of files, some quite month, sometimes years would need to be considerably shuffling
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Check with
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DAS
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE 15+1 FROM Section 40 [redacted] IS NOW PLACED
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From: Section 40 Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace)
Operations and Policy 1, Room 6/73
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Section 40
Blackpool
Lancashire
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
12 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2001 which has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects.'

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to the incident referred to in your letter, I can confirm that a Search and Rescue helicopter from RAF Valley received a call out at 13:30 on 14 January to search for a crashed micro-light on the Isle of Man. A comprehensive search of the area was conducted, but nothing was found and the helicopter returned to RAF Valley.

I have looked back through our files and can confirm that the only report we received was the one passed to us by Skelmersdale Police which you mentioned in your letter. We received no reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 20 January 2001 from Fleetwood.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

20 days - 19 Sep

LFO

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To MS H Sec **Ref No** 6381 **/2001**

Date 23/8/01

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly; your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 223/99, further information is available from DG Info on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep records of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of **requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice** including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be used on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

Section 40

Section 40
Blackpool,
Lancashire,
Section 40

1st August 2001

Ministry of Defencel,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2HB.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in the hope that you can provide some information concerning the Snaefell mast 'collision' which took place on January 14th 2001 in the Isle of Man. I am researching the incident to see if there may be a connection with several sightings of mysterious aerial objects over Fleetwood a week later on January 20th.

I am aware of the basic facts in that there were two reported sightings of the collision and that nothing was found in spite of a Helicopter being scrambled from RAF Valley, North Wales and also that HMS Sutherland had received an unidentified distress call from the area and had detoured from it's route to Scotland to search the area.

I saw the 'lights' over Fleetwood in January along with my wife, and over the last 3 and a half months I have been living and working in the Isle of Man and so I got to know about both incidents.

I wonder if you could help me with any of the following questions:

1. What sightings or distress calls were received on 14th January in addition to the one from Section 40 in Skelmerdale which the Police said was handed to the MOD and attached to their 'Isle of Man' file.?

2. Was anything recovered?

Any information you can provide would be gratefully received.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

This Enclosure (13)
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to (E 24/1) of this file

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Section 40
Leiston
Suffolk
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
6 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 28 August 2001. Please find enclosed a number of papers on the Rendlesham Forest incident, which you requested under the Code of Practice on Access of Government Information. Some have been sanitised to protect the privacy of those who have corresponded with the Ministry of Defence.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

LEISTON.
SUFFOLK.
Section 40 [redacted]
28th AUGUST 2001

THE DIRECTORATE OF AIR STAFF 4A.
M.O.D. MAIN BUILDING.
WHITEHALL.
LONDON.

Dear Sir

I want to apply for the M.O.D. file on Rendlesham Forest.

I am requesting this through the CODE of PRACTICE on ACCESS - GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.

I thank you if you would please send me this.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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THE DIRECTORATE OF AIR STAFF 4A.

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LONDON.

From: Section 40
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Section 40
San Diego
California
USA Section 40

Your Reference
Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
5 September 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter concerning your paper on the "Radiospectroscopic Study of Astrophysical Photon Source Flares and the SETI". This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'Unidentified Flying Objects' and your letter has been passed to me for reply.

It may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. Our only concern is the defence of the United Kingdom's airspace and we do not study space nor conduct searches for life on other planets. Any reports of sightings of 'unidentified flying objects' received are examined solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that UK airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

I should add that while the MOD remains open-minded, to date we know of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. I have not contacted Section 40 of the British Interplanetary Society, as you requested, as this is not a matter for the MOD.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Rawnsley.

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DASA Sec **Ref No** 6333 **/2001**

Date 22/8/01

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly; your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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Dear Sir

Could you please tell me if you have ever heard of my name before? The main reason why I think that you might have heard of me is because I am the author of a paper which is entitled "Radiospectroscopic Study of Astrophysical Photon Source Flares and the SETI", which was published in the March 1982 issue of the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, in the UK. As you probably already know, SETI is an acronym for Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. In my paper I proposed and analyzed the idea of making a transmitter beam axis alignment into the sky directions opposite from, or 180 degrees away from, the measured sky positions of transient astrophysical photon source flare events such as supernovas, novas, X-Ray and Gamma-Ray bursts, and, most especially, powerful transient radio sources, with a transmitter activation on or about the time of event observation, so as to cause the broadcast signal to be intercepted during the course of the radio astronomical study of the event, or events, assuming appropriate signal processing, at all possible future reception points within the transmitter beamcone - hence the title of the paper. And I also did propose the idea of minimizing the travel distance of the initial contact message signal, using the parent stars as a best - available approximation of the space - time positions of the transmitter and the receiver, with a consequently minimized signal attenuation due to signal travel path length. I will elaborate on this idea upon request. What is your perception of the status of expert opinion concerning my 1982 SETI paper, and my two proposed radio SETI strategies? I could send you a copy of my paper if you would like, but I invite you to analyze my two ideas for yourself, perhaps together with your associates and colleagues, using your own scientific and mathematical acumen. Please do let me know what your conclusions are. There is certainly no question about the inherent scientific value of radio astronomical study of all types of astrophysical photon source flares. There is also no question that radio astronomers should be of course alert to the possibility of alien artificial radio signal detection during the course of all types of radio astronomical operations, in any direction, and at any time. There is a lot of evidence of the occurrence of massive, colossal, explosions, far vaster than supernovas, in the centers of some galaxies, such as M82, NGC 1275 (Perseus A), and in the center of our own galaxy, as well. And I am sure that you have heard about the mysterious brightening of Eta Carina from 1837 to 1845, during which Eta Carina became nearly as bright as Sirius, and then faded. The origins and causes of these mysterious photon source flare events is one of the most outstanding unsolved mysteries of modern astronomy. And finally, are you at all concerned about the clear possibility of some other nation acquiring very large amounts of data and information from advanced aliens via radio waves? I believe that it is possible, although not certain, that such information could quite possibly give its recepients an insuperable military advantage over other nations. Have you ever thought very much about this possibility? I have, and it worries me a great deal. But how do you feel? Please do let me know. I will look forward to hearing from you, and perhaps from your associates, sometime soon.

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San Diego
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P.S. → (OVER)

P.S. - Could you do me a favor, and contact
Section 40 [redacted] the INTERSTELLA
STUDIES editor at the JOURNAL OF THE
BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY, at the B.I.S.
27/29 S. LAMBETH RD, LONDON SW8 1SZ,
ENGLAND UK, and ask him to tell me, and to
tell you, how ~~the~~ he and the B.I.S. really do
feel about their decision to publish my
radio SETI paper in the J. B.I.S., 19 years ago.
~~He~~ and they ~~to~~ will not answer my letters,
but they might answer you, if you contact them.

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
4 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 5 August, addressed to the Ministerial Correspondence Unit, concerning Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton GCB and the Disclosure Project. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs' and I have been asked to reply.

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

With regard to the 'Disclosure Project', we are aware that many people have claimed to have experienced various phenomena. However, the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or, the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Finally, in your letter you asked for information about Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton GCB. I can confirm that Lord Hill-Norton was Chief of the Defence Staff between 1971 and 1973. He has a long standing personal interest in 'UFOs'. The views expressed by Lord Hill-Norton on the subject of "UFOs" are entirely his own personal opinions and do not represent nor reflect the views of the Ministry of Defence.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

UFO

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS 4 **Ref No** 6127 **/2001**

Date 13/8/01

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

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Originally from:	Section 40	**Originally to:**	public
Date:	Sun, 5 Aug 2001 21:27:06 -0700		

Subject: *none*

Please forward to:
The Ministerial Correspondence Unit,
Room 222,
Old War Office,
Whitehall,
London SW1A 2EU

I am a high school civics teacher seeking information on behalf of my history class re:

Admiral Lord Hill-Norton who from 1971 to 1973 was head of Britain's Ministry of Defence. He is said to have given credence to the possibility of extraterrestrials having visited our planet. Can you confirm this? I would love to lead our class in research on this man. Can you help?

I realize I am but a humble teacher and you have more important things to do that muck about in these old tales, but I would be grateful for any help you might offer.

Many thanks,

Section 40
Willits, CA

Additional info below: (fyi)

UFOTruth - http://UFOTruth.listbot.com

A summary of Disclosure Project witness testimony is at: www.disclosureproject.org

A project staff member forwarded these relevant remarks by Five-Star Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, former head of Britain's Ministry of Defense - as to UFO/ET witnesses who had been considered trustworthy enough to that point, to have been given responsibility over nuclear weapons...

<< I heard Lord Hill-Norton speak on one of the television specials, and he made a very profound statement: (I'm paraphrasing) "One of two scenarios is true. Either these people entrusted with nuclear weapons really saw and experienced what they did, or they were mass-hallucinating. Either scenario would and must be of great importance to National and International security." >>

NAMES FROM THE DISCLOSURE PROJECT
WITNESS LIST:

Testimony that Explains the Secrecy:

Brigadier General [redacted] Army National Guard
Reserves
[redacted] US Navy Atlantic Command
[redacted] US Air Force (Ret.)
[redacted] US Marine Corps
Maj. [redacted] III: US Air Force (Ret.)
[redacted] British Ministry of Defense Official
[redacted] US Air Force, Security Officer
[redacted] US Army
Master Sgt. [redacted] US Air Force, NRO Operative
A.H.: Boeing Aerospace Employee
Officer [redacted] British Police
Sgt [redacted] UK Air Force
[redacted] NASA Employee
[redacted]: DIA Official
[redacted] McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Engineer
[redacted] NM UFO Crash Witness
[redacted]: US Air Force
[redacted] Italian UFO expert
[redacted] McDonnell Douglas Career Engineer
[redacted]
[redacted] FAA Head of Accidents and Investigations
[redacted] US Air Force Radar Controller
[redacted] US Navy Radar Technician
[redacted] United Airlines Pilot
Lt. [redacted] US Navy Pilot
Captain [redacted] US Air Force, SAC Launch Controller
Prof. [redacted] US Air Force
[redacted] US Navy
[redacted] US Navy Crypto Communications

Witness Testimony:

Overview:
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Monsignor Corrado Balducci: September 2000

Radar and Pilot Cases:

FAA Division Chief [redacted]
Sgt. [redacted] US Air Force (ret.)
[redacted] US Air Force
Commander [redacted] US Navy (ret.)
[redacted] Senior Air Traffic Controller
[redacted] US Navy
[redacted] Airline Pilot
Sgt. [redacted] (ret.)
Lieutenant [redacted] US Navy (ret.)
Captain [redacted]
Lt. [redacted] US Army
Mr. [redacted] US Army

SAC/Nuke:

Captain [redacted]
Professor [redacted] Lt. US Air Force
Lt. Colonel [redacted] US Air Force (ret.)
Colonel [redacted] US Air Force/AEC (ret.)
[redacted] US Navy
[redacted] US Navy/ National Security Agency
Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] US Air Force
Staff Sergeant [redacted] US Air Force

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Section 40 US Navy Atlantic Command
Lieutenant Colonel US Air Force (ret.),
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Major U.S. Air Force
Section 40 British Ministry Of Defense
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Ministry of Defense
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Captain
Sergeant United States Army
Major-General Russian Air Force
Master Sergeant US Air Force/NRO Operative
(ret.)
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Contractor
Captain US Marine Corps (ret.)
Lieutenant Colonel US Air Force (ret.)
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British Police Officer
Section 40 Former British Foreign Service
Official
Sergeant US Air Force
Former NASA Employee
Section 40 Defense Intelligence Agency (ret.)
US Army
Section 40 McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Engineer,
Senior Policy Analyst, Stanford
Research Institute
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Sr.: US Army (ret.)
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>Many thanks,
>
>MOD Ministerial Correspondence Unit

Looking forward to your response and info. Thanks,

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
3 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent enquiry to the MOD press office. As requested, please find enclosed a number of papers on the Rendlesham Forest incident that have recently been released under the Code of Practice on Access of Government Information. Some have been sanitised to protect the privacy of those who have corresponded with the Ministry of Defence.

Yours sincerely
Section 40

DAS4A1(SEC)

From: DAS4A(SEC)
Sent: 30 August 2001 17:43
To: DAS4A1(SEC)
Subject: FW: Rendlesham

Section 40 if possible I'm sure it would be appreciated if Section 40 could send photocopies off tomorrow. Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: D News RAF
Sent: 30 August 2001 17:04
To: DAS4A(SEC)
Subject: RE: Rendlesham

Thanks.
He is Section 40
Hounslow
Midlesex
Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: DAS4A(SEC)
Sent: 30 August 2001 16:59
To: D News RAF
Cc: DAS4A1(SEC)
Subject: RE: Rendlesham
Importance: High

Just opened Section 40 res we have a set which could be photocopied and sent to him - it's about 70 documents, mostly correspondence from members of the public. Let us have his details and despatch can be arranged.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: D News RAF
Sent: 30 August 2001 16:53
To: DAS4A(SEC)
Subject: Rendlesham

I've had a call from a feelance journalist who "wishes to obtain a copy of the documents on Rendlesham Forest".
If I get his address, can you send him something?

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Section 40
Washington
Tyne and Wear
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Your Reference
Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
3 September 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 12 August.

After making further enquiries within the department I can confirm that two US B1 Strategic Bomber aircraft were authorised by UK MoD to conduct training flights in the North Yorkshire area on 16th October 2000. It is therefore possible that it was one of these aircraft that you observed on the night in question.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely
Section 40

DAS4A1A(SEC)

From: DAS3B1(SEC)
Sent: 28 August 2001 15:28
To: DAS4A1A(SEC)
Subject: Section 40

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In response to Section 40 you should say that the US authorities requested use of UK airspace for 2 x B1 Strategic Bomber Aircraft on 14 15 and 16 October 2000. The MoD authorised the B1 aircraft to use UK airspace. The aircraft were conducting training flights and are likely to have been operating in the area of North Yorkshire as part of this training on the date specified.

The B1 is not strictly a stealth aircraft (unlike the B2 and F117), but it is painted a dark colour and with its wings swept back would look unusual - particularly at altitude. The only airshows B1's attended this summert are RIAT at RAF Cottesmore and RAF Waddington airshow. I have never heard of Sunderland International air show.

I would suggest a short response giving the info in the first para here. We would not want to get into details of airshows, stealth operations etc.

I would be grateful for sight of your final draft.

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Your ref: D/DAS(Sec)/64/2

12 August 2001

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Dear Section 40

I refer to my sighting of a 'UFO' in October 2000.

Your letter of 25 October 2000 refers.

Following your remarks in that letter that it may have been aircraft lights or natural phenomena I made it my 'mission' to establish exactly what it was I saw. I now know that what I saw on the evening of 16th October 2000 over North Yorkshire was the F1 American Stealth Bomber. It did in fact make an appearance at the Sunderland International Air Show this Summer.

It is a known fact that this craft can not be detected by radar which may be why none of the RAF Stations I contacted were aware it was in our air space that night. Whether or not it was in breach of national security is for you to establish. The Americans being our strongest allies I would assume it reasonable for them to occupy our air space for training etc., without the knowledge of all Stations but I would have expected yourselves to have been aware of this. Obviously on this occasion you were not.??.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I trust you will find this letter of interest.

Yours sincerely

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
20 August 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Prime Minister regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

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

Turning to the four points which you asked the Prime Minister to support, I will address these in the same order as in your letter.

1. To hold open, comprehensive, secrecy-free hearings to take military/ agency witness testimony on events and evidence relating to an Extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth.

Anyone, whether they are a member of the public or in the Armed Forces is able to report a sighting to the Ministry of Defence and their report will be examined in light of our defence interest as detailed above. There is therefore no need to hold 'hearings to take witness testimony' on these events.

2. *To hold open hearings on advanced energy and propulsion systems, relating to extraterrestrial phenomena that, when publicly released, will provide solutions to global environmental challenges. These technologies which may now be sequestered behind the National Security Act.*

To date the Ministry of Defence knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. We are therefore unable to comment on 'advanced energy and propulsion systems' which we do not know exist.

3. *To enact legislation which will ban all spaced-based weapons, and to enact and implement international treaty and legal standards prohibiting the weaponisation of space.*

The United Kingdom's position on the military use of space is clear. The Outer Space Treaty places some important limitations on military activity in space, prohibiting the deployment of weapons of mass destruction and military activity on the moon and other celestial bodies. But we do not wish to see a general prohibition on the military use of space. For example, the 1998 Strategic Defence Review confirmed a continuing need for secure satellite communications for the armed forces. We recognise, however, there are issues that countries wish to discuss on space and we support the further consideration of Outer Space by the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva to identify whether there are substantive issues on which further work could be done.

4. *To enact comprehensive legislation to research, develop and explore space peacefully and co-operatively with all cultures on Earth and in space.*

I have explained above our position on the military use of space. While we remain open minded, we know of no evidence to substantiate the existence of extraterrestrial lifeforms and therefore are unable to comment on our future co-operation with these alleged beings.

Finally, I must say that the MOD has no expertise or role in respect of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. We are aware that many people have claimed to have experienced various phenomena and we remain open-minded.

I hope this explains the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DHS 4 **Ref No** 6119 **/2001**

Date 12/9/01

The attached letter, which the Prime Minister has received, has been forwarded to this Department for official action. All correspondence is to be answered within 20 working days on receipt in this Branch. No 10's letter codes are as follows:

A - The letter has been acknowledged by No 10.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No 10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondence and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

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

A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force on January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 223/99 further information is available from DG Info on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep record of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice including details of the correspondence and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be based on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

Section 40

FAO: Prime Minister Tony Blair
Subject: Disclosure Project and release of all classified UFO information

Dear Prime Minister,

On May 9, 2001, one of the largest press conferences in the recent history of the National Press Club was completed. More than 20 military, government and corporate witnesses to unambiguous UFO and extraterrestrial events stated their testimony before the world-wide press.

The recorded testimony of scores of military, government and other witnesses to Unidentified Flying Objects and Extraterrestrial events and projects from around the world establishes the existence of a UFO / Extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth. This recorded testimony consists of dozens of first-hand, often top-secret witnesses to UFO and Extraterrestrial events, internal UFO-related government projects and covert activities, space-based weapons programs, and covert, reverse-engineered energy and propulsion system projects. The technologies that are of an Extraterrestrial origin, when publicly released within a planned transition period, will provide solutions to global environmental and security challenges.

These numerous recorded witnesses constitute only a small portion of a vast pool of identified present or former military, intelligence, corporate, aviator, flight control, law enforcement officers, scientists and other witnesses, who will come forward when subpoenaed to testify at Congressional hearings. Without a grant of immunity releasing them from their security oaths, many such unimpeachable witnesses fear to speak out.

Legislation will ban space-based weapons and will help to transform the terrestrial war industry into a world co-operative military (without space weapons), civil, and commercial space industry. This will provide unprecedented benefits and opportunities to all on Earth and in space. Our generation of voters and leaders are responsible for this once in a lifetime decision - to ban space-based weapons so that we will be permitted to join the peaceful travellers in the universe. Therefore, the undersigned are asking that you sponsor, enact and actively support each of the following:

- To hold open, comprehensive, secrecy-free hearings to take military/agency witness testimony on events and evidence relating to an Extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth.
- To hold open hearings on advanced energy and propulsion systems, relating to extraterrestrial phenomena that, when publicly released, will provide solutions to global environmental challenges. These technologies which may now be sequestered behind the National Security Act.
- To enact legislation which will limit all space-based weapons, and to enact and implement international treaty and legal standards limiting the weaponization of space.

- To enact comprehensive legislation to research, develop and explore space peacefully and co-operatively with all cultures on Earth and in space.

Yours Sincerely,

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Our Reference
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Date
20 August 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 30 July, addressed to Mr Hoon , regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature and I have been asked to reply.

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

In your letter you refer to the 'extreme secrecy that prevails on this subject…', and expressed your 'shock that such things are kept from the general public'. The MOD's interest in this subject is limited to the defence of the UK, as described above, and no secret has been made of that fact. Our files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967 which state that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved and passed to the Public Record Office at the 30 year point. Any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive are already available for examination by members of the public. In addition, the MOD operates under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information. This means that we are committed to providing members of the public with information they require, as long as it is not exempted under the Code. With the start of the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act next year, we will, in common with all government departments, be looking at what further material may be released.

With regard to the 'Disclosure Meeting' held in Washington, in May, we are aware that many people have claimed to have experienced various phenomena and we remain open-minded. However, the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. To date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

UFOs.

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS 4 JNW1 **Ref No** 5943 **/2001**

Date 6 Aug 2001.

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly; your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

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Re Disclosure meeting held in Washington DC 9th May

30/07/01

Dear Mr Hoon,
I personally attended the disclosure events concerning so called UFO's and extraterrestrial vehicles (ETV'S) held in Washington DC in May earlier this year.

I am concerned that there seems to be no change in MOD policy in respect of the evidence that was presented and that the extreme secrecy that prevails on this subject both undermines democracy and damages public trust in government, I was personally shocked that such things are being kept from the general public and while I realise the issues are complex and profound it is surely time to move forward in a mutually agreeable/acceptable way on this subject in the UK.

Perhaps you or your department would like to discuss the issues in more detail, there is also witness testimony available on CD ROM, hardcopy, and video format should you wish to be briefed.

Please be assured that all correspondence will be treated as private and confidential unless agreed otherwise between us.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and hope that the government perhaps starting with the MOD has the courage to start looking at policy changes on this subject and to grasp the opportunity of holding honest, open, and non recriminatory public hearings.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
16 August 2001

Dear Section 40

Further to my letter of 9 August regarding your request for information relating to the defence of UK airspace, I am now in a position to provide a substantive reply.

I will answer your questions in the same order as your letter.

Q1) *What is United Kingdom law governing unauthorised incursions into UK airspace? (Does the UK have an 'air defence identification zone' for example?).*

A1) As far as I can ascertain there are no specific laws governing 'unauthorised incursions into UK airspace'. There is no requirement to notify authorities of entry into UK airspace, in a similar way in which ships are not required to notify their entry into territorial waters. However, diplomatic clearance is required for military aircraft and all aircraft are required to comply with the rules of the air. Thus, for example, any aircraft entering controlled airspace is required to seek clearance from the appropriate control agency. Furthermore, Customs and Excise must be notified at the point of landing.

Q2) *Is it standard practice to allow such incursions to go unchallenged, provided that the aircraft concerned do not engage in hostile acts (including espionage or military reconnaissance)?.*

A2) Any aircraft that is considered to represent a potential threat will be challenged by air defence aircraft.

Q3) *Were the four unidentified aircraft mentioned above all of a recognisable type or manufacture, and if not, how many were not?.*

A3) The four unidentified aircraft were considered friendly and, therefore, no further attempt was made to ascertain specific details.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Our Reference
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Date
9 August 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11th July in which you ask questions relating to defence of UK airspace.

We aim to reply to all letters within four working weeks from date of receipt. However, owing to administrative difficulties caused by our recent move to the address at the top of this letter, we are unable to reply to you within this timescale.

Nevertheless, you may be assured that you will receive a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

DAO/1/13

10 Aug 01

DAS 4A1(Sec)

REQUEST FOR INORMATION – Section 40

1. You asked for information to assist in responding to further questions raised in a follow-up letter from Section 40 dated 11 Jul 01.

2. As far as I can ascertain there are no specific laws governing "unauthorised incursions into UK airspace". There is no requirement to notify authorities of entry into UK airspace, in a similar way in which ships are not required to notify their entry into territorial waters. However, diplomatic clearance is required for military aircraft and all aircraft are required to comply with the rules of the air. Thus, for example, any aircraft entering controlled airspace is required to seek clearance from the appropriate control agency. Furthermore, Customs and Excise must be notified at the point of landing.

3. Any aircraft that is considered to represent a potential threat will be challenged by air defence aircraft.

4. The four unidentified aircraft were considered friendly and, therefore, no further attempt was made to ascertain specific details.

5. I hope you find these responses of use and that they do not prompt a further round of questions.

Signed on CHOtS

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11th July, 2001

Dear Section 40

I would like to thank you for your prompt and helpful reply to my letter of the 15th June. I hope that I am not trespassing on your kindness by asking some supplementary questions, which I hope that you will be able to answer under the terms of the Code of Practice relating to access to government information.

You say that since 1st January 2001, four unidentified aircraft have been detected entering United Kingdom airspace, but were 'assumed friendly based on behavioural patterns'. My questions are:

1. What is United Kingdom law governing unauthorised incursions into UK airspace? (Does the UK have an 'air defence identification zone', for example?)
2. Is it standard practice to allow such incursions to go unchallenged, provided that the aircraft concerned do not engage in hostile acts (including espionage or military reconnaissance)?
3. Were the four unidentified aircraft mentioned above all of a recognisable type or manufacture, and if not, how many were not?

I look forward to hearing from you, as and when you are able to reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Please see attached two letters which we have received from a member of the public, Section 40. Prior to these letters we had not heard of Section 40

Although Section 40 first letter asked some unusual questions, DAO ADGE 1 (Wg Cdr Section 40) was happy to provide the answers. These were factual answers and we were careful to explain in broad terms what they mean (See my letter of 5 July).

However, he has now come back with some more probing questions concerning operational matters in connection with our policing of UK airspace. ADGE1 is concerned about the nature of Section 40 questions and where this may be leading. After all we have no idea who he is. Of particular concern to ADGE 1 is the reference to an 'air defence identification zone' because although he believes this phrase may only be Restricted, it is a NATO term not widely known outside of the aviation community and we would not wish to start discussing such matters with members of the public.

ADGE 1 thinks we will probably have to withhold this information under the Code because otherwise we would be getting into operational matters. However, he has asked if could consult MOD Sy about the nature of this correspondence and to see if they are able to tell us anything about Section 40 (assuming that is his real name).

I would be grateful for your thoughts. We only got this letter today, so we have until 9 August to get a reply to Section 40

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13th July 2001

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I do not see anything necessarily sinister in Section 40 questions (little I do not understand why he wants this information, it may be, quite simply, that he is an enthusiast/researcher/author, etc. etc.).

By all means ask Sy if he is known to him, but question, I think it is for us, not to divulge what questions we can reasonably be expected to answer and then information we should withhold for genuine operational reasons.

Happy to discuss

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Your Reference

Our Reference
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Date
5 July 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 June, addressed to Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, concerning 'unidentified flying objects'. Please note this Department has now changed title to Directorate of Air Staff 4a, as shown above. We are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

Before I answer the questions contained in your letter, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, you may wish to be aware that the Ministry of Defence operates in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, which encourages the provision of information unless its disclosure would, for example, cause harm to defence, invade on an individual's privacy, or if it would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to a request. Information requested is supplied wherever possible providing it does not fall under one of the exemptions in the Code. The Freedom of Information legislation has received Royal Assent and is known as the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is expected to come into force in Spring 2002, when it will supersede the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

In your letter you seem to be confusing unidentified aircraft tracks detected on radar with 'UFOs'. The fact that the precise identity of an aircraft cannot be established does not render it a UFO. There are a number of reasons why some aircraft cannot be positively identified and, in these instances, assumptions have to be made. In the vast majority of cases, unidentified aircraft can be assumed to be friendly by virtue of behavioural characteristics. Any unidentified aircraft acting suspiciously would normally be intercepted. Please bear this in mind when reading the following answers to your questions.

1. *How many times since 1st January 2001 have unidentified aircraft or 'flying objects' been detected approaching and/or entering United Kingdom airspace by air defence radar?*

Since 1 January 2001 fifteen aircraft remained unidentified as they were detected approaching UK airspace by the air defence system.

2. *How many of these aircraft or 'UFOs' have been subsequently identified and found to be harmless?*

Subsequently, nine of the aircraft were positively identified.

3. *How many, if any, have been identified and found to be aircraft of a potentially hostile foreign power?*

None were found to be unauthorised incursions by aircraft of a potentially hostile foreign power. However, it should be noted that there are occasional, pre-notified and authorised movements of civil and military aircraft from potentially hostile nations into UK airspace.

4. *How many, if any, have remained unidentified?*

Of the six tracks that remained unidentified, two never actually entered UK airspace and the remaining four were assumed friendly based on behavioural patterns.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

DAO/1/13

4 Jul 01

DAS 4A1(Sec)

REQUEST FOR INORMATION - Section 40

1. You asked for information to assist in responding to questions raised in a letter from Section 40 dated 15 Jun 01.

2. Section 40 seems to have confused unidentified aircraft tracks detected on radar with "UFOs". The fact that the precise identity of an aircraft cannot be established does not render it a UFO. There are a number of reasons why some aircraft cannot be positively identified and, in these instances, assumptions have to be made. In the vast majority of cases, unidentified aircraft can be assumed to be friendly by virtue of behavioural characteristics. Any unidentified aircraft acting suspiciously would normally be intercepted.

3. Against this background, the answers to Section 40 specific questions are as follows:

a. Since 1 Jan 01, fifteen aircraft remained unidentified as they were detected approaching UK airspace by the air defence system.

b. Subsequently, nine of the aircraft were positively identified.

c. None were found to be unauthorised incursions by aircraft of a potentially hostile foreign power. However, it should be noted that there are occasional, pre-notified and authorised movements of civil and military aircraft from potentially hostile nations into UK airspace.

d. Of the six tracks that remained unidentified, two never actually entered UK airspace and the remaining four were assumed friendly based on behavioural patterns.

4. I hope you find this data of use. As is always the case, there is an inherent danger in providing too much detail to those who do not fully understand our systems and procedures. The detail can easily lead to miscomprehension and an inevitable round of additional questions. With that in mind, I leave it to your judgement as to whether you should use the above facts in your response to Section 40

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15th June 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be grateful if I might be permitted to take advantage of Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, by requesting answers to the following questions.

1. How many times since 1st January, 2001 have unidentified aircraft or 'flying objects' been detected approaching and/or entering United Kingdom airspace by air defence radar?

2. How many of these aircraft or 'UFOs' have been subsequently identified and found to be harmless?

3. How many, if any, have been identified and found to be aircraft of a potentially hostile foreign power?

4. How many, if any, have remained unidentified?

I appreciate, of course, that it may not be possible to supply the answers I am seeking for administrative reasons or reasons of national security. I would, nevertheless, be grateful for a response.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

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Section 40
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Your Reference

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Date
14 August 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mail message of the 13 July in which you requested information about an alleged sighting of an 'unidentified flying object' in April 1998. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to your particular request for information, a search of our files has revealed that we did not receive any 'UFO' sighting reports about this alleged incident. We are aware that articles appeared in *The Daily Telegraph, The Express* and *The Daily Mail,* in April 1998, which made claims that RAF Fylingdales tracked a large unusual craft flying in a zigzag pattern over the North Sea at speeds up to 24,000 miles an hour. However, RAF Fylingdales have confirmed that they did not track any such object. There are, therefore, no documents that I can send to you.

Finally, you may wish to be aware that although the Freedom of Information legislation has received Royal Assent and is known as the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it has not yet come in to force. This is expected to happen across the public sector between 2002 and 2005. Until then, all requests for information held by the public sector will continue to be handled under the current Code of Practice on Access to Government Information. The Code encourages the

provision of information unless its disclosure would, for example, cause harm to defence, invade on an individual's privacy, or if it would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to a request. Information requested is supplied wherever possible providing it does not fall under one of the exemptions in the Code.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

RAF Fylingdales
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FAX Section 40

RAF FYLINGDALES

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To: Wg Cdr Section 40 MOD Main Building **From:** Crew Commander RAF Fylingdales

Fax: Section 40 **Pages:** 05

Phone **Date:** 10/08/01

Re: UFO **CC:**

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Sir,

As requested, please find attached the press reports and internet article for the alleged UFO sighting.

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Section 40

Following your recent enquiry, I asked Fylingdales if they knew anything. No reports had been submitted to Fylingdales, but they did have the attached press cuttings from the Apr 98 timeframe which tie in neatly with your question.

CC AC
10 AUG 2001
RAF

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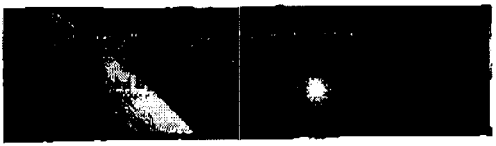

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British Newspapers Say RAF, Dutch Air Force Chased Giant UFO

The London newspapers *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail* reported this week that jet interceptors of the Royal Air Force and the Netherlands Air Force had pursued a giant triangular UFO over the North Sea.

According to the *Daily Mail*, the phased-array radar network at RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire picked up an "unusual craft (that was) tracked flying in a zigzag pattern at 17,000 miles per hour (27,200 kilometers per hour) over the North Sea."

An RAF fighter squadron was sent to intercept the object. The Netherlands Air Force "also tracked the UFO but the two (Dutch) F-16 fighters scrambled to intercept the object were unable to keep up" with it.

The UFO dodged the Dutch fighters, increasing its speed to 24,000 miles per hour (38,400 kilometers per hour), and shot away to the northeast, heading for the Atlantic Ocean.

"RAF officials were said to be baffled by the object... 'It was definitely under control, judging by the various manoeuvres executed,' said a spokesman. 'It appeared to be triangular and was around the size of a battleship (about 900 feet long).'"

According to the *Daily Telegraph*, "Tapes to be shown to British and American experts are said to show objects that change shape and in mid-air and a battleship-sized aircraft traveling at 33 times the speed of sound."

The presentation of the radar tapes will be made in June at the Space Symposium to be

held at the Air Warfare Center at RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire.

The newspaper articles appeared on Monday, April 27, 1998. The RAF Press Office denied that a joint air operation against a giant UFO had taken place, adding, "Yes, there is a conference at the Air Warfare Center at RAF Cranwell in June, but this is to discuss military strategies in outer space -- not UFOs."

The *Daily Telegraph* said Wednesday, April 29, that it stands by its story and its "RAF source."

According to Graham W. Birdsall, editor of the UK's *UFO Magazine*, the "RAF source" is Philip Burden, a former Ministry of Defence employee who served as editor of the in-house RAF publication *RAF News* ten years ago. (See the *Daily Telegraph* for April 27, 1998, "RAF Spots Speeding UFOs with New Radar," and the *Daily Mail* for April 27, 1998, "24,000 MPH UFO Buzzes Britain." Many thanks to Errol Bruce-Knapp, Graham W. Birdsall and Dave Clarke of BUFORA for making the newspaper articles available.)

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French UFOlogists Study "Missing Time" Encounter

French ufologists are studying a UFO encounter four men had back in January in a rural area about 72 kilometers (45 miles) northwest of Paris.

The incident took place near Grisy-les-Platres on January 10, 1998. The town is in the department Val d'Oise, near Genicourt and Pontoise.

D. Bruno, 62, a retired aviation technician for Air France, went on a hunting trip that day with three companions. In two cars, the men drove north on Chaussee (local road) D27.

As they approached Grisy-les-Platres, Bruno reported, "I noticed before me a series of lights as bright as the moon. This was very intriguing as the disposition of the lights in the sky was very strange. As we approached the object, we wondered what it could be. It resembled nothing within the scope of our knowledge."

"The lights consisted of linear luminous portholes from (measuring) 5 by 3 meters spaced on an enormous black mass that was an estimated 45 meters (139 feet) wide, according to my professional experience. The object was at the treetops at a height of 20 meters (67 feet) and hovering over the road. It must have weighed thousands of tons."

"I opened my (side) window in order to hear the sound. I leaned forward the looked underneath the object. The object was truly enormous and blocked my view of the sky. There was a central part of the vast construction that was a lighter shade of gray than the rest, and I thought that it might be a sort of tire -- it was clearly octagonal. I could plainly see more of the enormous lights beneath it. From that moment on, however, I remember no more of what happened."

The next thing Bruno knew, he was driving on D27 four kilometers (two miles) past Grisy-les-Platres. "I stopped the car and was startled to find that I was three kilometers past our rendezvous point. My colleagues were also in the same bizarre state."

10 AUG '01 13:26 FROM COMMCEN FYLINGDALES TO Section 40 PAGE.004

RAF spots speeding UFOs with new radar

BY JOHN INGHAM

BRITAIN'S X-Files may be opened up amid claims of stunning evidence that UFOs fly over Britain.

Tapes to be shown to British and American experts are said to show objects which change shape in mid-air and a battleship-sized aircraft travelling at 33 times the speed of sound.

The details are due to be revealed in early June at a Space Symposium at the RAF's Cranwell staff college.

A senior RAF source claims the mystery craft have been picked up by the latest Phased Array radar at the Cold War listening post at Fylingdales in North Yorkshire.

One senior officer said: "What we have seen are not secret weapons. They are craft of which we have no technical knowledge. We know their shape, speeds and height but cannot explain what they are."

The most spectacular discovery is a craft spotted by Fylingdales and the Dutch Air Force over the North Sea. Described as "the size of a battleship", it zig-zagged at up to 24,000mph for 15 minutes, "as if it wanted to be spotted".

Another tape shows a group of 12 oval objects seemingly change shape, to the amazement of observers.

But the RAF is expected to withhold some X-Files. It is feared they could reveal how sophisticated their new radars are.

Dog barks up the wrong tree

FREE at last, Patchie the terrier who made a trunk call that lasted seven days.

During a walk in the park the dog bolted after a clap of thunder, diving for cover into a 30in hole in a felled oak tree. She remained trapped for a week as her owner Barbara Marcoolyn, of Ipswich, Suffolk, searched for her. Rescue eventually came when another dog picked up Patchie's scent.

10 AUG '01 13:27 FROM COMMCEN FYLINGDALES TO Section 40 PAGE.005

RAF TRACKS MYSTERY CRAFT OVER NORTH SEA ... AND FIGHTERS CAN'T CATCH IT

24,000mph UFO buzzes Britain

THE RAF has tracked a UFO 'as big as a battleship' off the coast of Britain, military sources revealed yesterday.

They said the massive craft was tracked flying in a zig-zag pattern at 17,000mph over the North Sea. It then accelerated to 24,000mph and zoomed off towards the Atlantic.

The Dutch air force also tracked the UFO, but two F-16 fighters scrambled to intercept the object were unable to keep up, it is claimed.

RAF officials are said to be baffled by the object, spotted by the Ministry of Defence long-range listening station on Fylingdales moor in North Yorkshire.

'It was definitely under control, judging by the various manoeuvres executed,' said a source. 'It appeared to be triangular and was around the size of a battleship (*about 900ft long*).'

Radar records of the craft are due to be presented to science and military experts from around the world, who will examine how to exploit space for military purposes at a conference at RAF College, Cranwell, Lincolnshire, in June. Other tapes of the UFO – thought to have been made during the last two years – are being withheld because they give too much information about the radar base's scanning ability.

By DAVID DERBYSHIRE
Science Correspondent

However, military chiefs may release a second series of tapes, reported to show 12 UFOs changing shape in mid-flight.

While the 'battleship' UFO is most likely to be an experimental aircraft or a sighting caused by a freak weather effect, UFO watchers believe it is further evidence that the Earth is being visited by alien craft.

The popularity of TV series such as the X-Files has rekindled interest in flying saucers and conspiracy theories in recent years.

A spokesman for the Fortean Times, the journal devoted to UFOs, psychic phenomena and the paranormal, said: 'The vast majority of strange objects seen in the sky have a more down-to-earth explanation. But most UFO investigators would be very interested in seeing these tapes.' The latest theory gaining popularity among some dedicated UFO watchers is that the military deliberately release stories about UFOs as a 'smokescreen' – and that witnesses are really seeing top-secret experimental aircraft.

The base at RAF Fylingdales has been watching the skies since the end of the Cold War. A large pyramid-shaped, 360-degree radar has now replaced the gigantic landmark 'golf balls' tracking system.

The base has concentrated on tracking satellites and pieces of space junk circling the Earth.

A UFO in science fiction: But are they secretly science fact?

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To: DAO ADGE1
Subject: UFO Incident

Section 40

Someone has asked us for information on an incident that was picked up at Fylingdales in or around April 1998. It apparently involved a UFO travelling over the Atlantic and into British airspace. They believe it was also tracked by the Dutch Air Force. We have nothing on our files about this, does it ring any bells with you? The only incident I can think of is the one referred to by Section 40 but that was on 5 November 1990.

Section 40

Low Flying / UFOs / E Mail.

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS 4 Ref No 5575 /2001

Date 16/7/01

The Secretary of State / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. This office has not acknowledged it.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly; your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

Section 40 [redacted]

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Originally from:	Section 40	**Originally to:**	public
Date:	Fri, 13 Jul 2001 08:49:51 +0100		

Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Sir

I would like to request some information that could possibly be avaiable through the new freedom of information act.

I would like all information that would relate to an incident that was picked up at Flyingdales listening station in or around April of 1998. The incident was of an "unidentified" object that was travelling over the Atlantic and into British Airspace. i believe the object was also tracked by the Dutch Air Force, and consequently I have requested information from them also.

Could you forward all relevant documents that would relate to this incident, to the following address

Section 40
GLASGOW

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This is for research and is non commercial.

Kind Regards

Section 40
Administrator

Less text (20 lines)

Demon Internet Home Page

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Section 40
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
10 August 2001

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter concerning 'unidentified flying objects'. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. I should add that the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous policing of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Policing Area would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time (it might if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft). From that perspective, reports provided to us of 'UFO' sightings are examined, but consultation with air defence staff and others as necessary is considered only where there is sufficient evidence to suggest a breach of UK air space. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

In your letter you talk of your belief that the MOD have been tapping into your computer. As I have already described, the MOD has only a limited interest in 'UFO' sightings and I can assure you that we have no interest in what may be held on individuals home computers.

Finally, you may wish to be aware that the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. To date, however, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

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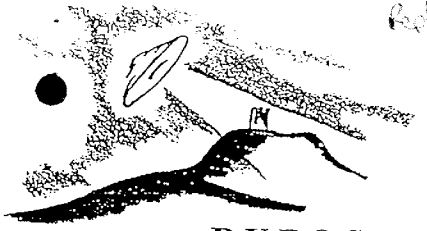

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Section 40
Horwich, Bolton,
Section 40

To whom it may concern,

During the late 70s I had a strange encounter with a craft that shot out of the sea at a tremendous speed off the coast of North Wales, Towyn to be exact. Over the years I have gotten hold of as much literature as possible about the subject of UFOs, and after starting my own UFO studies group I now know that all the Government Departments of this country do try but to no avail to cover up as much on this subject as heavenly possible, EXCUSE THE PUN.
Anyway I just thought that I would send you a little message as you have been tapping into my computer just to find out exactly what it is I know about the South Wales sightings which took place in the 1970s.
If you do your own home work then you would have no reason in which to do this, instead you let people like me do all the running around for you all. Could you please let me know why should we do all this research just so the MOD can reap the benefits and also turn it all around and insult the people of this country by making us all look stupid and debunking what ever we have reported to you, you have millions of pounds at your disposal, use it.!

I also know that you will not reply to this letter as I have written to you before but we will call that my loss ok.
This country that you are supposed to be protecting has been having it's air space invaded, if I can say that, by Extra Terrestrial Technology for over 50 years and you still openly deny it. WHY?
There is no shame in admitting that you made a mistake by covering this scenario up in the first place but poking fun at those people who pay your wages, i.e., the tax payer well that is when I can turn round and say to you that you are out of order.
Anyway back to what I was saying before, UFO reports are an everyday occurrence with one sighting every 13 minutes or so, you know this and so do the honest people of this country like myself so why debunk us all , we are not nutters s you try to make us out to be.
Eventually it will be your undoing as public support will cease.

Thanks for reading this letter even though it will no doubt in one of your tax payers metal bins somewhere.

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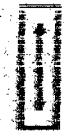

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
9 August 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 30 June addressed to the Prime Minister regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

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

With regard to the article in the July edition of UFO Magazine concerning "The Disclosure Project", we are aware that many people have claimed to have experienced various phenomena. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. However, I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

I hope this explains the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Low Flying / UFOs.

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS 4 Ref No 5463 /2001

Date 11/7/01

The attached letter, which the Prime Minister has received, has been forwarded to this Department for official action. All correspondence is to be answered within 20 working days on receipt in this Branch. No 10's letter codes are as follows:

(A) - The letter has been acknowledged by No 10.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No 10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondence and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

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

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PRIME MINISTER
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Dear Prime Minister,

Hello! I do understand that you must be an extremely busy person with many a priority to deal with. However, I do hope that you will be able to personally read the enclosed magazine and my letter to you. I bought this magazine today at our local Post Office Stores! I am sending you a copy because I found, after having tried to discern much of its contents, that

perhaps some of it maybe worth taking seriously!

I would like to draw to your attention the article 'DISCLASURE' begining on pages 4/5 reported by Graham W. Birdsall. After having read the article, I was left feeling a mixture of astonishment and some anxiety! Perhaps you are already familiar with all that is described in the article? I am of the understanding though, that very often senior figures such as yoursely may not always have access to this information. If that is the case then I would like to make sure that you are now, and have the information

an who and where to contact in the future if necessary!

Of course I would be very interested on your personal ~~an~~ views about what has been written but naturally respect your right to your own opinions and ideas.

Up until now I have considered mysely to be an ordinary mother, housewife and part time waker with the elderly. Always busy shopping, feeding the cats, cleaning out the pet hamster and gardening. I have always listened to local, national and international news, debates and conflicts with genuine concern — BUT this is something different —

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isn't it ???!!! *@!!

yours sincerely
and with very best wishes,

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P.S Perhaps your 'chaps' in Cabinet may be interested in reading the article?

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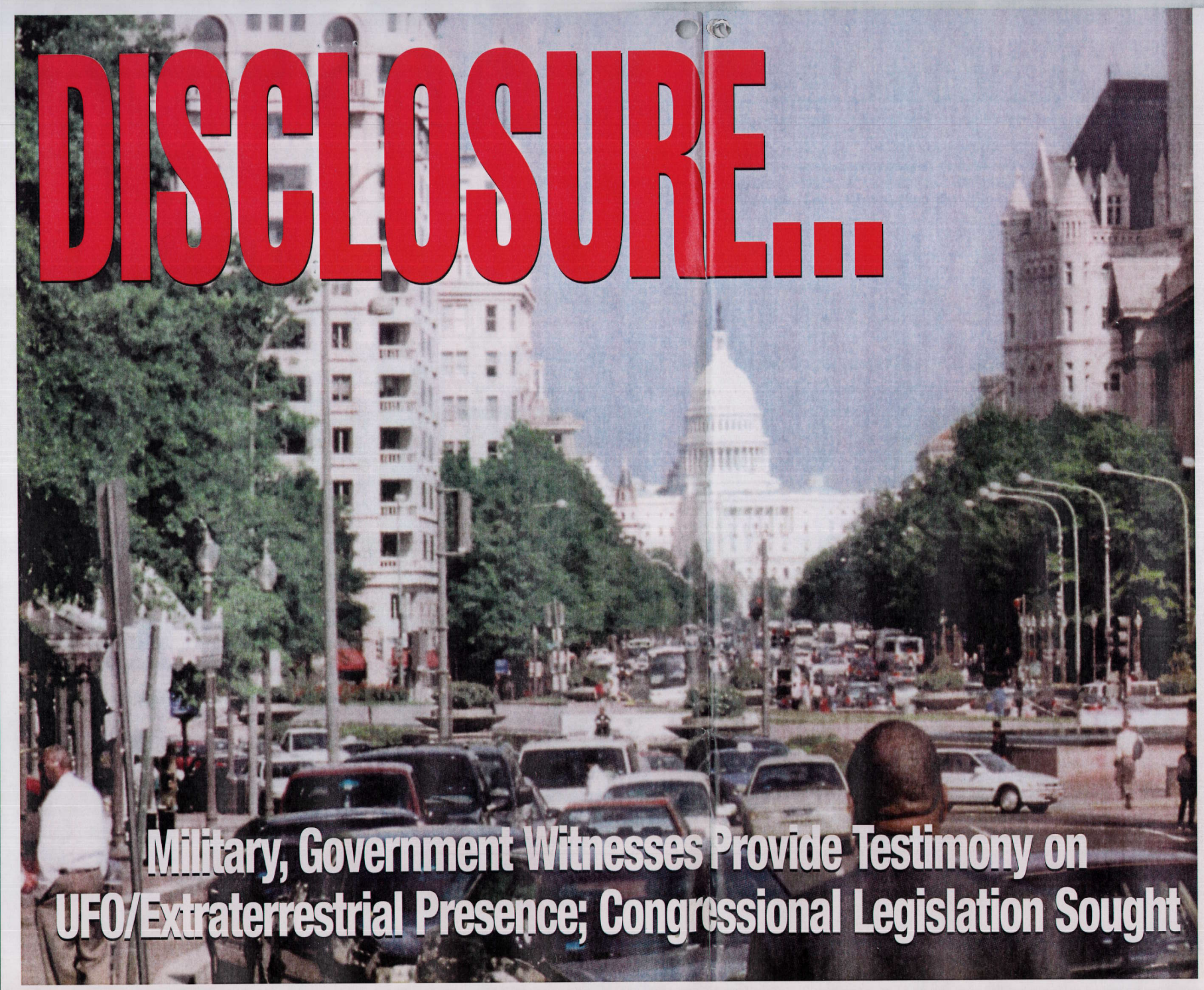

Military, Government Witnesses Provide Testimony on UFO/Extraterrestrial Presence; Congressional Legislation Sought

BACKGROUND

On Wednesday, 9 May 2001, some twenty military, intelligence, government, corporate and scientific witnesses came forward at the National Press Club in Washington DC to establish the reality of UFOs or extraterrestrial vehicles, extraterrestrial life forms, and resulting advanced energy and propulsion technologies.

The weight of this first-hand testimony, along with supporting government documentation and other evidence, would establish beyond any doubt the reality of these phenomena, according to Dr. Steven M. Greer, director of the Disclosure Project, which hosted the event.

Graham W. Birdsall reports...

A long-arranged business meeting with our North American distributors and a clash of dates in our publishing schedule for the impending June issue of *UFO Magazine* prevented my travelling in person to witness this historic gathering.

However, like many hundreds of thousands around the world, I was able to watch the entire proceedings thanks to a live web cam facility.

Also in the audience that day was Newcastle-based UFO researcher, Mark Hall, the only Briton present to see and hear for himself what he and others have since come to judge as some of the most significant 'smoking gun' evidence ever presented.

Mark was able to video tape the entire proceedings while standing alongside representatives of the world's media. Acting as *UFO Magazine's* official representative, Mark would later mix and conduct interviews with some of the key participants, all of whom were extremely cooperative as he attempted to maximise every waking hour in pursuit of informed comment.

On his return to England, Mark travelled to Leeds where, for some 6 hours, we discussed in detail what had taken place publicly, and privately.

Utilising audio/video tapes, photographs, handwritten notes and other materials kindly supplied by Mark, together with data obtained by our website manager, Russel Callaghan, the following testimony barely scratches at the surface of what these and other key witnesses have willingly divulged to the Disclosure Project.

It is part of a process, the aims and objectives of which are not only designed to help educate and inform millions around the world, but to change that world for the better.

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
8 August 2001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail message of 4 July concerning the object you found in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk. I apologise for not replying sooner, but we have recently moved buildings and this has caused some disruption to our normal working practices.

With regard to your question about the USAF base near Rendlesham Forest, you may wish to be aware that there were two RAF bases occupied by US forces in the vicinity of Rendlesham Forest. However, RAF Bentwaters was sold in May 1997 and is no longer Ministry of Defence property. Part of RAF Woodbridge was also sold and the remainder (now known as Woodbridge Airfield) is used by the Army.

I suggest that you do not tamper with the object any further, but hand it in to the Police who will decide if any further enquiries are necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Armed Forces / Email.

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS3(Sec) Ref No 5420 /2001

Date 9/7/01

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Subject: object found at Rendlesham Forest

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I am writing to ask for some advice regarding an object my dog uncovered
whilst out walking in Rendlesham forest Suffolk.

My dog unearthed a black metalic container about 13 incheslong, pearshaped
and flattened on one side which I managed to dig out from theground with a
piece of wood. I was unable to open the container for some timebut eventually
managed to prise it open with considerable effort using a vice.Inside was an
object that looked like a collapsed telescopic fishing rod itappeared to have
a several notches on top that were quite worn as they had beenrubbed
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could not work out what it was for. It lay in my garage for severalmonths and
I again tried to break it open. This time it made a loud cracklingsound and a
burst of white light/purplish light came out of one end. i thoughtit must be
a special sort of torch. I noticed that the area the light had shoneon was
darkened and appeared to have been heated up rapidly.

I have been unable to trace any sort of hand held welderthat can do this and
am concerned about what the item may be. It has''letters'' on one side that
do not appear to be from any language.

I have since learned that the USAF had a base at Rendlesham and am wondering
if they had a break in or have lost an item of equipment although I cannot
work out what they could do with this item.

I hope you can offer some assistance as I am quite confused as to what this
machine is, particularly frustrating is the fact that as a Science Teacher I
am at a loss to explain it.


With thanks.
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