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- Defence Information Management
- The Freedom of Information Act
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Act 2000 - Requests for Information

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Section 40

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Date: 13-8-10

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4	Low Flying		12-06-2006-065755-002
5	UFO		26-04-2006-094428-001
6	UFO		31-05-2006-062457-002
7	UFO		02-06-2006-114206-002
8	UFO		19-05-2006-101047-001
9	UFO		13-07-2006-085624-003
10	UFO		12-07-2006-104157-008
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14	UFO		24-07-2006-103748-001
15	UFO		26-07-2006-075549-003
16	UFO		19-07-2006-154311-007
17	UFO		11-07-2006-163422-012
18	Aircraft Accidents		18-07-2006-070627-001
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**ENCLOSURE TRANSFERRED TO
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Section 40



From: Section 40
Sent: 01 August 2006 15:03
To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-authorised:Freedom of Information Request 20-06-2006-082925-001

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your request for information about the official MOD response to the Rendlesham Forest incident in December 1980. Your request has been considered to be a request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I apologise for the delay in replying.

All of the papers which document the MOD response to events at Rendlesham Forest have already been released and are available for viewing in the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme on the MOD website. If you have not yet seen these they can be found at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme>. We appreciate that there are those who disagree with the MOD's conclusions about these events but we are satisfied that there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern at the time and 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 25 years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect.

If you are unhappy with the response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk).

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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01/08/2006

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 19 June 2006 17:22

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request 20-05-2006-095057

Thank you. May I ask you one further question? What is the official MOD response to the UFO event over Rendlesham forest which took place on two nights in December 1980?

To my knowledge that UFO case has never been given the proper investigation it deserves. Or perhaps you did do a full scall investigation but have kept the TRUE facts from the public. What those base security people saw those two nights back in 1980 was not the light house, it was a black triangular shaped UFO.

Section 40

Section 40 @mod.uk> wrote:

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for a copy of the recently released MOD report entitled "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region".

In order to make the report available to as many individuals as possible the MOD has scanned this large document and placed it on the

MOD website. If you have not yet had an opportunity to see the full report, you may wish to view it at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme>. The MOD makes no charge to view, download or print this information. As the document consists of some 465 pages it would not be an efficient use of public funds to produce and post paper copies to every individual who would like a personal copy and your request is therefore refused in accordance with Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the information is already accessible to you by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute exemption therefore the MOD is not required to apply a Public Interest Test.

If you are dissatisfied with our decision to refuse to comply with your request or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB. (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk).

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With regard to your comments about the contents of the report, I can advise you that the study was conducted purely to establish whether the UFO sighting reports received by the MOD were of any value to the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) and whether there was a requirement for the DIS to see them in the future. Given the conclusion it was decided that there was no such requirement and, since December 2000, UFO reports have not been forwarded to the DIS. We appreciate that there may be those who disagree with the report's findings, but the MOD is satisfied that its conclusions are sufficient for defence needs.

- You also made a comment that the release of the report was to “make the entire phenomena go away from the public consciousness”. I can advise you that the Ministry of Defence understands the public interest in information about UFOs and has embraced the spirit of open government. This report was originally released in response to a Freedom of Information request by a member of the public in the UK. All requests for information are answered as fully as possible and, despite the size and original classification of this report, staff have taken great care to ensure that the majority of this large report is made available.

Yours sincerely,

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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 11-07-2006-163422-012

Expiry: 8 August 2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please let me know whether I could obtain a copy of the Condign Report from your department.

Case for withholding information

In order to comply with this request a colour copy of 465 pages would need to be produced and posted to the applicant. The MOD has already made the document available on the MOD website and we make no charge for viewing or downloading the information. If the applicant does not have access to the internet at home, most public libraries now have internet access for public use. Under Absolute exemption S.21 of the FOIA we are not obliged to reproduce the information in another form.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

Absolute exemption S.21 – Information reasonable accessible to the applicant by other means.

Authorisation

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

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

Signature: **Section 40**

Date: **27/7/06**



From: **Section 40**

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Section 40

Our Reference

11-07-2006-163422-012

Date

27 July 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing in response to your request for a copy of the recently released Ministry of Defence report entitled "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region" otherwise known as the Condign Report. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (also known as UAP) and we are the Department responsible, in conjunction with the Defence Intelligence Staff, for the release of this report.

In order to make the report available to as many individuals as possible the MOD has scanned this large document and placed it on the MOD website at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationScheme/UnidentifiedAerialPhenomenauapInTheUkAirDefenceRegion.htm>. If you do not have access to facilities to download this document at home, most public libraries now have internet connections for public use. The MOD makes no charge to view, download or print this information. As the document consists of some 465 pages it would not be an efficient use of public funds to produce and post paper copies to every individual who would like a personal copy and your request is therefore refused in accordance with Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the information is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

I am sorry to send what will be a disappointing reply. If you are dissatisfied with our decision to refuse information or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB. (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk)

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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12 July 06

[Home](#) [My Cases](#) [Log New Request](#) [Policy Guidance](#) [Help](#)**Request:** Section 40 11-07-2006-163422-012**Days Left:** 20Received: 11 Jul 06
Expiry Date: 08 Aug 06
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Editing the request details will initiate a new search.
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Date request received: 11 July 2006**Applicant Details**

Title:	Section 40	Other:	
First Name:		*Surname:	Section 40
Organisation:			
Applicant Type:	Not Specified	Other:	

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:	Section 40	
Address Line2:	DENBIGH	
Address Line3:		
Town/City:	Denbighshire	
Postcode:	Section 40	Country: United Kingdom
Email:		
Telephone:		Fax:

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Request Details**Response Format Requested:** not stated**Language Requested** ☐ Welsh***Enter the request for information:**

Dear Sir

Please let me know whether I could obtain a copy of the Condign Report from your department. If it is available please also let me have the full postal address. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

To be held by the Helpdesk until allocated.

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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40

Case Number: 19-07-2006-154311-007

Expiry: 11 August 2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I wonder if it is possible to obtain a copy of the "Condign Report". I do not have access to the internet to actually view the report and there are no community facilities I could use as I live in a quite rural area. I don't have access either in my workplace.

Case for withholding information

In order to comply with this request a colour copy of 465 pages would need to be produced and posted to the applicant. The MOD has already made the document available on the MOD website and we make no charge for viewing or downloading the information. If the applicant does not have access to the internet at home, most public libraries now have internet access for public use. A check on the internet has revealed a large library near to the applicant's home which does provide such a facility. Under Absolute exemption S.21 of the FOIA we are not obliged to reproduce the information in another form.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

Absolute exemption S.21 – Information reasonable accessible to the applicant by other means.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40

Signature: Section 40

Date: 27/7/06



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Our Reference

19-07-2006-154311-007

Date

27 July 2006

Nr Rugeley
Staffordshire

Section 40

Dear Section 40

I am writing in response to your request for a copy of the recently released Ministry of Defence report entitled "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region" otherwise known as the Condign Report. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (also known as UAP) and we are the Department responsible, in conjunction with the Defence Intelligence Staff, for the release of this report.

As you are aware the MOD has scanned this large document and placed it on the MOD website at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationScheme/UnidentifiedAerialPhenomenauapInTheUkAirDefenceRegion.htm> in order to make it available to as many individuals as possible. The MOD makes no charge to view, download or print this information. If you do not have access to the internet at home, most public libraries now have internet connections for public use. In your area, I understand that Rugeley Library at 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire (Telephone:01889 583237) have a substantial number of computers and provide free internet access.

With regard to your request for a paper copy of these documents, I should advise you that as the document consists of some 465 pages it would not be an efficient use of public funds to produce and post paper copies to every individual who would like a personal copy and your request is therefore refused in accordance with Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the information is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

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Yours sincerely,

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27 July 06

[Home](#) [My Cases](#) [Log New Request](#) [Policy Guidance](#) [Help](#)**Request:** Section 40 19-07-2006-154311-007**Days Left:** 12

Received: 14 Jul 06

Expiry Date: 11 Aug 06

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Date request received:

14 July 2006

Applicant Details

Title:

Section 40

Other:

First Name:

*Surname:

Section 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type:

Not Specified

Other:

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Staffordshire

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Request DetailsResponse Format Requested: Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

My Ref Section 40/06

Would you please send me a copy of The Condign Report.

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To be held by the Helpdesk until allocated.

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19-07-2006-154311-007

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STAFFORDSHIRE

Section 40

Directorate Of Information
Information Access
Ministry Of Defence

Section 40

Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON SW1A 2HB

Date: Wednesday 12th July 2006

My Ref: Section 40 MOD/2/06

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Availability and Provision Of Information Regarding Unidentified Flying Objects ('UFOs')

I am writing with regard to checking the availability and provision of information relating to the above mentioned subject matter.

The information that I am interested in relates to the so called 'Condign Report', which has been recently released into the public domain through the Freedom Of Information Act, and widely reported in the media.

I did make a brief reference to this report shortly after the release was announced in a separate Freedom of Information request regarding another aspect of my research into Unidentified Flying Objects, with your FOI Directorate and was pointed towards your website to view the full text of the report.

Unfortunately I do not have a connection to the internet to actually view the report, and there are no community facilities I could use as I live in quite a rural area, I don't have access either in my workplace. I have to rely on obtaining all of my research in printed form where this is available from those providing the information which I am interested in.

I would however, very much like to read this released report as from what I have so far read in the specialist media, it contains a lot of information relevant to incidents which I have been researching or collecting data regarding and it also provides analysis of possible explanations for the UFO Phenomena which I have also been looking at and investigating, and so it would further enhance the research which I have been carrying out on the subject.

I wonder if there is any possibility of actually obtaining a copy of this report in it's printed form rather than electronically as previously explained, I am struggling to do this at present.

I fully realise that the report stretches to almost 500 pages and this is quite substantial in terms of time and cost to reproduce. It is with this in mind, that I would be more

than happy to contribute towards the cost of reproducing the report as is necessary, this would not be a problem.

I very much look forward to hearing from you in the near future and as always, your assistance and time is greatly appreciated.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

Section 40
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Investigator Of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena





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Computers in Libraries

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Computers can be booked in advance, if you would find that more convenient. Ring your local library to reserve one at a time that suits you.

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Are you new to the Internet and World Wide Web? Libraries can help you! As well as stocking books for beginners, many libraries offer free sessions to help you get started with using computers. Some libraries offer access to [Learndirect](#) courses and training.

You can use the computers to:

- Surf the Internet
- Word-process a letter or CV
- Create a poster
- Send an email
- Find out more about your hobbies
- Research your Family history
- Listen to the radio
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Please ask at [your local library](#) for full details about computer access, beginner sessions and conditions of use.

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Email: rugeley.library@staffordshire.gov.uk

Opening Times:

Monday: 9am - 6pm
Tuesday: 9am - 5pm
Wednesday: 9am - 1pm
Thursday: 9am - 6pm
Friday: 9am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 4pm



Rugeley Library provides a comprehensive range of resources in addition to book loans. There is a wide range of CD's, CD-Roms, Videos and DVD's to loan plus talking books.

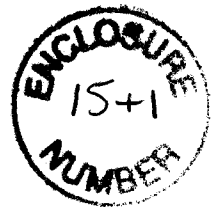
The library also provides free internet access housing a substantial number of computers in addition to photocopying and scanning facilities. Upstairs it has an extensive local history and reference library with access to microfilms . This room also doubles a quiet study area.



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Our Reference

26-07-2006-075549-003

Date

29 August 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your letter dated 1st August concerning your request for a paper copy of the "Condign Report".

As explained in my previous letter the Ministry of Defence has made this large document accessible via our website and therefore is not required by the Freedom of Information Act to reproduce it in any other form. We could not justify the use of public funds on producing paper copies of documents already available. I can only suggest that you contact your local library and ask if they would consider allowing an extended period of access to the internet for you to view the documents or ask a friend if they could print the documents on your behalf.

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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FILE

Section 40

1st AUGUST 2006

DENEHAM
NORFOLK

Section 40

DEAR

Section 40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
DATED 27 JULY 2006. RE "THE
CONDIGN REPORT"

I DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO
THE INTERNET VIA A HOME COMPUTER,
AND ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AT
OUR LOCAL LIBRARY IS RESTRICTED
BY VIEWING TIME. I AM ON
JOBSEEKERS ALLOWANCE SO
CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE IT
PHOTOCOPIED THEREFORE I WOULD
LIKE MY REQUEST LOOKED AT AGAIN.

YOURS SINCERELY

Section 40

AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION



Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 26-7-2006-075549-003

Expiry: 21 August 2006

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Signature: **Section 40**

Date: **27/7/06**



From: Section 40

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Our Reference
26-07-2006-075549-003

Date
27 July 2006

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Norfolk

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Dear Section 40

I am writing in response to your request for a copy of the recently released Ministry of Defence report entitled "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region" otherwise known as the Condign Report. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (also known as UAP) and we are the Department responsible, in conjunction with the Defence Intelligence Staff, for the release of this report.

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Yours sincerely,

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26-07-2006-075549-003

Expiry: 21 Aug 2006

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Section 40

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

PLEASE SEND ME A COPY
OF THE REPORT

(THE CONDIGN REPORT)

THIS IS A REQUEST UNDER
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT.

YOURS SINCERELY

Section 40

AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION



Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 24-07-2006-103748-001

Expiry: 17 August 2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

As I do not have access to the internet I am writing to request, if it is possible, that you send me a copy of the quite recently released Project Condign publication.

Case for withholding information

In order to comply with this request a colour copy of 465 pages would need to be produced and posted to the applicant. The MOD has already made the document available on the MOD website and we make no charge for viewing or downloading the information. If the applicant does not have access to the internet at home, most public libraries now have internet access for public use. Under Absolute exemption S.21 of the FOIA we are not obliged to reproduce the information in another form.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

Absolute exemption S.21 – Information reasonable accessible to the applicant by other means.

Authorisation

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

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

Signature: **Section 40**

Date: 27/7/06



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Our Reference

24-07-2006-103748-001

Date

27 July 2006

Dublin 3
Ireland

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Yours sincerely,

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Date request received: 20 July 2006

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40

Other: First Name:

*Surname: Section 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3: Ireland

Town/City: Dublin

Postcode:

Country: United Kingdom

Email: Telephone: Fax:

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: not stated

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

Dear Sir / Madam,

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Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

To be held by the Helpdesk until allocated.

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Thank you very much for you time and attention and I wish you the very best with your important work in the precarious times we all now live in

Yours faithfully,

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Dublin 3,
Ireland.

Monday, 17 July 2006.

To: Directorate of Information (Exploitation), Info-AccessOPS2/Ministry of Defence, 6th
Floor, Zone F, Section 40 Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

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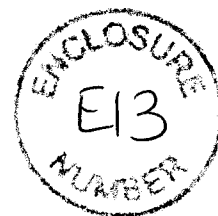
Yours faithfully,

Section 40

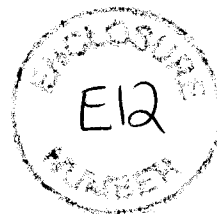
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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 12-07-2006-103411-007

Expiry: 8 August 2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please can you send me a copy of the Condign Report.

Case for withholding information

The information is already available to the applicant on the MOD website. The MOD is not therefore obliged to bare the cost of producing and posting a paper copy of this 465 document.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

Absolute exemption S.21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Authorisation

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

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

Signature: **Section 40**

Date: **13/7/06**



From: **Section 40**

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Our Reference

12-07-2006-103411-007

Lancaster

Lancashire

Section 40

Date

13 July 2006

Dear **Section 40**

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Yours sincerely,

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Expiry Date: 08 Aug 06
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Date request received: 11 July 2006

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name:

*Surname: Section 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3: Lancashire

Town/City: Lancaster

Postcode: Section 40

Country: United Kingdom

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Actions

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

not stated

Language Requested

☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

Dear Sir,

Please could you send me a copy of The Condign Report. It is 460 page printed copy. I Would be most grateful for a copy of this.

Thank you so much.

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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 12-07-2006-104157-008 Expiry: 8 August 2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I was hoping that I could obtain a free copy of the recently released Condign Report.

Case for withholding information

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Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

Absolute exemption S.21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Authorisation

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

Signature: **Section 40**

Date: 13/7/06



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Our Reference

12-07-2006-104157-008

Date

13 July 2006

Ash

Kent

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Date request received:

11 July 2006

Applicant Details

Title:

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First Name:

*Surname:

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Organisation:

Applicant Type:

Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:

Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3:

Ash

Town/City:

Kent

Postcode:

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Country:

United Kingdom

Email:

Telephone:

Fax:

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: not stated

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

Dear Sir,

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I was hoping that I could obtain a free copy of the recently released Condign Report.

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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 13-07-2006-085624-003

Expiry: 9 August 2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please could you send a copy of the Condign report to me.

Case for withholding information

The information is already available to the applicant on the MOD website. It is not clear why he can not download it as he clearly has access to the internet because his request arrived by email. If he has dial-up and it will take a long time, this is not the MOD's concern. Most public libraries have internet facilities and he may wish to pursue this option. As we have made the document available, the MOD is not obliged to bare the cost of producing and posting a paper copy of this 465 document.

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Authorisation

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

Signature: **Section 40**

Date: **13/7/06**



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Hyde
Cheshire

Section 40

Our Reference
13-07-2006-085624-003

Date
13 July 2006

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Date request received: 12 July 2006

Applicant Details

Title:

Section 40

Other:

First Name:

*Surname:

Section 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:

Section 40

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Hyde

Address Line3:

Town/City:

Cheshire

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13 July 06

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Request DetailsResponse Format Requested: Language Requested ☐ Welsh

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Dear Sir/Madam

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I require a hard copy as I do not have the facilities required to download the document from the MOD website.

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From: Section 40

Sent: 13 July 2006 08:58

To: Section 40

Subject: FW: Condign Report 13-07-2006-085624-003 Section 40

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Please see.

Thanks.

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Info-AccessOps5

Section 40

Main Building

From: Section 40 [fsnet.co.uk]

Sent: 12 July 2006 17:38

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: Condign Report 13-07-2006-085624-003 Section 40

Dear Sir/Madam

Please could you send a copy of the Condign report to me at the following address:

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Cheshire

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I require a hard copy as I do not have the facilities required to download the document from the MOD website.

Kind regards

Section 40

13/07/2006



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 19-05-2006-101047-001

Expiry: 16/06/2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I am writing to request if the MOD have any information regarding a UFO sighting. That happened in Gleyrn Ceiriog. Early evening between the hours of 6.00pm-8.30pm on the 4th October 1996. This alleged sighting lasting approximately 1 hour in duration. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Case for release of information

I looked through the relevant file to find some information for this alleged sighting in Gleyrn Ceiriog, but could not find any relevant to **Section 40** request.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

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

Signature: **Section 40**

Date: 14/7/2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for information on an alleged sighting in Gleyrn Ceiriog on 4 October 1996. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in sending this response.

I have examined our records for any reports of the alleged sighting in Gleyrn Ceiriog in October 1996, and have found no sighting reports relevant to your request.

Sorry I could not have been more helpful. If you are unhappy with the response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk).

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

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SW1A 2HB

E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

19-05-2006-101047-001
Expiry: 16 June 2006

Section 40

From: Section 40@aol.com

Sent: 18 May 2006 14:02

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Subject: Ufo Sighting

I writing to request if the MOD have any information regarding a UFO sighting. That happened in Gleyrn Ceiriog. Early evening between the hours of 6.00pm-8.30pm on the 4th October 1996. This alleged sighting lasting approximately 1 hour in duration. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards Section 40

19/05/2006



From: **Section 40**

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Section 40

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Section 40

Our Reference
02-06-2006-114206-002

Date
12 July 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request for details of a UFO sighting report from a civil aircraft mentioned in the Rendlesham Forest documents. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

All of the known surviving papers the MOD holds on the Rendlesham Forest incident were released together in 2002 and can now be viewed on the MOD website. The file note amongst these papers that refers to NATO having received a sighting report from a civil aircraft was written in 1983 and provides no details of which particular area of NATO received this report. NATO is a large organisation and without such details it is impossible to trace this report, particularly so long after the event. I am sorry that I am therefore unable to provide the information you have requested on this occasion.

If you are unhappy with the response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk).

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Yours sincerely,

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Date request received: 01 June 2006

Applicant Details

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Other:

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*Surname:

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

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Address Line3: Cwmbran

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: disk

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

Dear Sir / Madam,

In the recently released MoD documents regarding the alleged Rendlesham OFO incident, your department makes reference to NATO receiving an eye witness account of the incident from a civil aircraft. I am applying under FOIA for all documents you may hold in regards to that eye witness account. Could you please supply aforementioned documents either on disk or in their printed format, whichever is cheaper or more convenient for you. Many thanks.

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

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I suggest a minor amendment to the opening line.
to the line. I have amended.
7th 6/10. (E66)
News of the World Article on UFOs.

We spoke yesterday about the attached article. I have since instituted investigations and attach a press line and Q&A brief which I propose sending to the DPO. This will hopefully put them on the right track should there be further inquiries.

The News of the World story appears to be one fabrication after another. Lt. Col. Halt has not spoken to anyone from the News of the World nor has he been told his career would be in jeopardy if he talked about the incident. The report has not been classified top secret by the USAF. The only report prepared by the USAF is that contained on our files and which is unclassified!

The alleged interview with Sqn. Ldr. Moreland is also a fabrication. He stated that "to the best of my knowledge Lt. Col. Halt is a very genuine person" but gave no details of any conversation he had had with Halt nor did he say "Whatever it was, it was able to perform feats in the air which no known aircraft is capable of doing."

As regards the information allegedly provided by the former security policeman this is completely untrue. The personnel who went into the forest to investigate the lights went on foot - not in a jeep. Only three patrolmen entered the forest, contrary to the report of more than 200 RAF and USAF personnel being present. There was never any question of alien beings. Nor is there any truth in the statement that "Art Wallace" and others were interviewed.

US authorities did not carry out any such investigations but left MOD to carry out its own investigations.

Ops(GF) has checked the question of radar traces with NATO who have informally stated that nothing was seen on any radar recordings although they did receive a report of a sighting from a civil aircraft.

The unfortunate point about the article is the fact that MOD refused to comment on the grounds that it was a matter for the USAF while USAF were saying it was a matter for MOD - an ideal support to the theory of a MOD cover up!

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Section 40

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Our Reference
31-05-2006-062457-002

Date
12 July 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request regarding the total cost to the MOD of UFO research. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the MOD for correspondence about UFOs. I apologise for the delay in sending this response.

First it may be helpful if I explain 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. The MOD examines any reports of 'UFOs' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each 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, I can advise you that the MOD does not carry out research into UFOs or the possibility of life on other planets. We therefore hold no information concerning any such costs. Two civilian staff are employed to record UFO sightings reported to the MOD, respond to public and parliamentary correspondence and answer requests for information as part of their duties. Occasionally, sighting reports may be referred to air defence staff and will be examined by a military desk officer. Details of the specific costs of these tasks are not recorded.

You may be aware that the MOD has recently released a study conducted by the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) entitled "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region". If you have not had an opportunity to see the full report, you may wish to view it on the MOD website at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme>. Some people have interpreted this as "research into UFOs". However, this is not the case. The study was conducted purely to establish whether the UFO sighting reports received by the MOD were of any value to the DIS and whether there was a requirement for the DIS to see them in the future. Given the conclusion it was decided that there was no such requirement and, since December 2000, UFO reports have not been forwarded to the DIS. It is not possible to provide details of the cost of producing this report.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 June 2006 12:08

To: Section 40

Subject: RE: FOI request from ITV News

Section 40

I have passed your email and draft to Section 40 and Section 40 for their comments. Section 40 has none, I am awaiting a reply from Section 40

I only have a couple of comments: Is Section 40 address correct ?? !! and I am not sure if we need to go into so much detail about the author of the UAP report, I would have thought the 4th paragraph could end at "It is not possible to provide details of the cost of producing this report"..and delete the rest of the paragraph.

I'll let you know if I get any comments from Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 June 2006 11:45

To: Section 40

Subject: FOI request from ITV News

Dear All

DAS has an FOI request from Section 40 of ITV News who wishes to know the "Total cost of research, spent by MOD, on UFO research". I expect my answer may shortly be appearing in a feature on an ITV news programme and may attract further media interest. It is therefore important that care is taken when responding to this request.

The simple answer is we don't "research" UFOs so there are no costs. However, myself and Section 40 are employed to deal with UFO reports and correspondence so it seems prudent to mention this although we hold no details of what this costs. In light of the recent release of the "UAP in the UK Air Defence Region" report, Section 40 may also be thinking of this as "research", so I have explained to him the purpose of the study and why it is not possible to provide the costs of the study.

My draft response is attached. In light of possible media interest in this, I would be grateful if you would look at my attached draft and confirm that you are content for this to be sent.

Section 40 the press office already have general UFO lines to take and extensive press lines on the release of the UAP report. Please let me know if you think you will need anything else.

Regards

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12/07/2006



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31-05-2006-062457-002

Date
June 2006

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and divided his time between working for the DIS and working on his company's business. The author left his company on early retirement in April 1998, following which he was employed as a consultant for the DIS until completion of the report in March 2000. During the period December 1996 to March 2000, producing the report was only one of several tasks in which the author was engaged, it is, therefore, not possible to determine how much of his time was divided between producing the report and his other tasks.

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 19 June 2006 16:55

To: Section 40
Section 40 DSTL PTN Section 40 FLEET DCS-FOICELL
MAILBOX; Section 40 Maj ; MDP-HQ SEC PARL C2; AFPAA-HD OF SECRETARIAT; Section 40
Section 40 PTC-AMPSEC-CFOI; Access to Information

Cc: Section 40

Subject: Internet-authorised: FOI Requests flagged by the MOD Press Office and requiring Line to Take

Please note that the following request(s) that are allocated to your area have been flagged by the MOD Press Office as being requests that they would like Lines to Take on prior to any release under FOI. Please pass this information to the desk officers responsible for drafting the replies.

Please can you ensure that LTT are prepared and sent to Section 40 637@mod.uk Section 40 in the Press Office before any release is made. If you do not think this necessary, or you think that the Press Office already has sufficient lines on this subject then please let Section 40 know copying me in. If the request is closed, please let me know.

If you require any clarification of this message then please contact me in the first instance.

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Navy
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25-05-2006-111721-007
01-06-2006-145232-006
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AFPAA
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02-06-2006-165139-007

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02-06-2006-173825-008

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Date request received: 31 May 2006

Applicant Details

Title:

Section 40

Other:

First Name:

*Surname:

Section 40

Organisation:

ITN

Applicant Type:

Media and Journalists

Other:

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested ☐ Welsh***Enter the request for information:**

Total cost of research, spent by MOD, on UFO research.

I wish to be informed in writing whether you have such information and , if so, I seek the disclosure of that information. If the information is covered by any exemptions, please disclose such information as is not covered by the exemptions.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40

Case Number: 26-04-2006-094428-001

Expiry: 25/05/2006

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I would like to receive a hard copy of all reports of ufo's spotted in Scotland.

Case for release of information

I have informed Section 40 about The National Archives.
I have listed in tables, details of the 60 reports of UFO sightings spotted in Scotland.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: D Name: Section 40

Signature: Section 40

Date: 12/7/2006



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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Section 40

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Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
26-04-2006-094428-001
Date:
12 July 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request regarding reports of UFOs spotted in Scotland. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in sending this response. I have sent this request as a hard copy, as your e.mail address no longer works.

I should inform you that the files the MOD holds on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website containing an on-line catalogue of the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) from 1978 to date are currently held by the MOD. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. They are not segregated by geographical area. In order to identify the reports from Scotland for this entire period, it would be necessary to conduct a manual search of thousands of paper records and the costs of such an exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, we can advise you that in order to assist the public, we are compiling a database of UFO sightings reported to the MOD which we intend to publish in the near future. To date, we have completed this for the years 2002-2005 and to date in 2006, and a search of these records has revealed 61 sightings from Scotland during this period. I note that you requested copies of this information, but I should advise you that before we release this information all personal details about the individuals would have to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. I estimate that the cost to do this for all 61 records would also exceed the permitted limits. However, for your information I have prepared a table for each year, containing brief details of each sighting, as follows:-

Reports for 2002:-

01/01/02	22:30	St. Andrews, Fife	Glowing white flashing light.
22/02/02	22:30	Leven, Fife	One object, a white ball, which flashed and became very bright.
13/03/02	20:05	Shotts, Strathclyde	A saucer shaped object with a white tail.
25/03/02	18:50	Newport on Tay, Fife	One bright orange/red cigar shaped object, that was seen over the sea.
30/05/02	01:50	Dumfries	One object that was white and very bright. It was moving vertical, very fast.
10/06/02	01:30	Carron, Morayshire	One flashing object that had blue, green,

			yellow and red lighting.
21/08/02	11:00	Fortrose, Highlands	Small, torpedo shaped object with a white or silver triangular reflector to one side.
26/08/02	00:00	Dundee, Tayside	Strange red and white lights seen through the curtains. Then there was a solid red beam outside for about five to ten seconds.
10/09/02	23:23	Hamilton, Strathclyde	Three objects, each of which had two bright orange lights, in a triangular formation. Seemed to swap places with each other.
10/09/02	19:45	Tibbermore, Tayside	One small, bright, oval shaped object.
11/09/02	10:40	Kirkcaldy, Fife	Three hanging silver rods. They were drifting slowly, then became bright silver and then faded away.
24/11/02	20:00	Bohuntine, Highlands	Round orange shaped object, with pale green lights shining out in all directions. A possible halo.

Reports for 2003:-

08/01/03	22:00	Coaltown of Balgonie, Fife	Changing shape. Strong blue, green and red lights. Pulsating lights. Jumbo Jet sized.
10/01/03		Stirling	Two aircraft type objects flying next to each other. Both had vapour trails.
13/01/03	07:40	Dunkeld, Tayside	Distant object moving from side to side. Bright light, brighter than any star. Went dim from time to time.
19/01/03	18:03	Stonehaven, Grampian	Three bright lights forming a triangle. Hovering not moving.
25/05/03	23:00	Sandyford, Lanarkshire	High and bright object. No anti-collision lights.
25/05/03	23:05	Kilmacoll, Strathclyde	Large, bright light.
28/05/03	23:20	St. Leonards, East Kilbride	Huge white ball that was glowing. Looked like a flying jellyfish.
08/08/03	22:35	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	A star shaped object. Witness watched for a few minutes, then it dropped from the sky like a bomb.
10/08/03	23:15	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	A few round spheres.
17/08/03	23:45	Bonnybridge, Central	UFO sighting.
19/08/03	23:30	St. Seithins, Perthshire	Object with two white lights and one red and one orange in the middle, both flashing.
29/12/03	01:50	Nr Barnton Pk, Edinburgh, Lothian	A steady bright light in the sky, resembling the front of a helicopter.

Reports for 2004:-

02/01/04	04:30	Ayr, Strathclyde	A square red object, pinkish at the front.
17/03/04	22:30	Edinburgh, Lothian	Fast moving bright light.
02/04/04	12:30	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	One sphere.
15/04/04	22:20	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Yellow sphere. Very bright.
16/04/04	22:40	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Yellow sphere.
16/04/04	22:55	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Yellow sphere.
10/05/04	22:47	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Two yellow spheres, going at a tremendous speed.
15/05/04		West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Two spheres.
17/05/04		West Kilbride, Ayrshire	One sphere.
19/05/04	22:20	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Large bright sphere.
25/05/04		West Kilbride, Ayrshire	One sphere.
30/05/04	12:15	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Five bright spheres flying beside each other.
01/06/04	00:00	Hamilton, Lanarkshire	Bright light, flashing and making engine noises.

02/06/04	00:35	Hamilton, Lanarkshire	Bright, white flashing light, making engine noises.
16/08/04	23:35	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Five spheres flying together.
09/09/04	23:20	Dumfries, Dumfries & Galloway	Strange lights over the town.
10/10/04	10:15	Strath Bongo/Glasgow, Strathclyde	A wide test tube shape, that moved from the South East.
12/10/04	20:07	Dumfries, Dumfries & Galloway	Strange lights over the town.
26/11/04	21:00	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	At least 25 yellow spheres, in groups of five, flying North over West Kilbride.
10/12/04	17:25	Broxburn, Edinburgh, Lothian	Ball of fire, with a tail five to seven times the diameter of the ball. Bright orange with a weaker orange tail. Possibly a meteorite.

Reports for 2005:-

15/02/05	01:00	Greenock, Strathclyde	Large yellow conical shape.
06/04/05	23:00	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	One yellow sphere that was very bright and fast. Moving from West to North East.
07/04/05	23:15	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Three spheres, moving from West to North East.
14/09/05	21:15	Lochgelly, Fife	Bright, white lights that were moving in semi circles.
14/09/05	21:45	Glenrothes, Fife	Three to six, bright white lights in circles.
14/09/05	23:15	Crieff, Perthshire	Clear white lights, like a torch, but no beam.
14/09/05	20:50	Letham, Fife	White circles all over the sky.
14/09/05	20:55	Blairgowrie, Perthshire	Three white circles going clockwise and then anti-clockwise.
14/09/05	21:23	Kinross, Perthshire	Two to three bright green and luminous lights circling.
05/12/05	21:15	Dunfermline, Fife	The object looked like a black triangle. Was flying above a passenger jet that was travelling from North to South.
16/12/05	14:10	Peebles, Borders	The object was small and silver. Was flying twice the speed of a military aircraft in a very straight line.
December 05		Harrington, East Lothian	A UFO was seen.

Reports for 2006:-

January 06		Bony Lake, Mid Lothian	There were five orange lights that were quite bright and moving slowly across the sky.
January 06		Bony Lake, Mid Lothian	Four, small, bright red lights were seen moving slowly across the sky.
21/02/06	19:45	Scotland	A blue ball of light, with a tail at the end was seen.
18/03/06	22:45	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	There were two spheres and one was following the other. They looked like they were moving from side to side.
23/04/06	22:00	West Kilbride, Ayrshire	Four golden spheres. They drifted – South to North East. They were definitely solid guided crafts.

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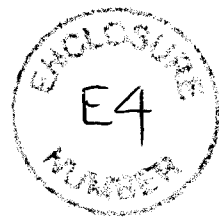
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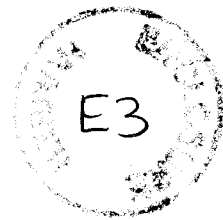
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