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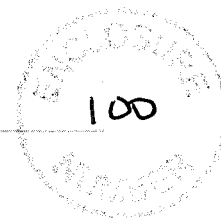
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Section 40



From: Section 40

Sent: 04 March 2009 13:00

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090304-UFO Report Section 40 -U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 01 March 2009 over Farleigh/Warlingham, Surrey. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Farleigh/Warlingham for 1 March 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 02 March 2009 20:18  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Report - Strange Lights in the Sky

I suspect they were meteors (do not believe in ET!), however, my Husband, two young children and I all clearly witnessed some very strange lights in the sky over Farleigh/Warlingham, Surrey last night, (Sunday 1st March) at approximately 7pm.

We were driving home from Selston, Surrey, and heading up Farleigh Road towards Warlingham when we spotted three very bright orange lights in the sky.

They appeared circular, with no tail that was visible, and were travelling at speed towards the East (approx). They were visible for a good 4-5 minutes very brightly, at which pointed they slowly faded and disappeared one by one.

I saw one on it's own first off, which appeared to be just above the tree line ahead, and thought it looked like an orange street lamp, but realised that as we rounded the corner there were two others - they were all high in the sky and together they appeared to be in a triangular formation to start.

We pulled over in the entrance to Farleigh Golf Club and watched as they flew over our head before disappearing. They made no noise, and we could not tell how high they were. Someone pulled over behind us, presumably to watch too, however, we did not speak to them.

Would love to know if these lights have been reported by anyone else and if anyone would know what it was we saw.

Why do we never have a camera when we really need one!

A response would be much appreciated. Many thanks

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Section 40

Elgin  
Morayshire

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

3 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 01 March 2009 over Bishopsmill, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Bishopsmill for 1 March 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

Section 40

# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
1 March 09	18:45	Bishopsmill	Morayshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Lights like little stars in a half moon shape. A bright light at the centre was moving very slightly.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Towards Inverness			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
The bright light in the centre moved very slightly.			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Witness made two reports over a 30 minute period and confirmed the lights had not gone away			



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Gerrads Cross  
Buckinghamshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

03 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 28 February 2009 over Mary Tavy near Dartmoor, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Mary Tavy for 28 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Tom Percival*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
28 Feb 09	21:50	Mary Tavy near Dartmoor	Devon
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Orange lights in the sky. Like fairy lights. Made no sound			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
Walking dog			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Initially thought it might be a helicopter.			



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Aberdeen  
Aberdeenshire

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

03 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 28 February 2009 over Portlethen, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Portlethen for 28 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
28 Feb 09	04:30	Portlethen	Aberdeenshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A big yellow glow in the sky to the south of Aberdeen. About 2500ft high but not aircraft landing lights.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
From Aberdeen towards Porthlethen			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
2500ft high			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
Thin cloud	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Witness lives in flight path for Dyce Airport but does not think it was landing lights.			



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Lelant  
Cornwall

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

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Dear Section 40

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With regard to your particular observation, you may be interested to know that we have also received a report of a UFO sighting over Newquay for 27 February 2009.

I hope you find this information helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
27 Feb 09	21:00	Lelant	Cornwall
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Two orange lights over Hayle Estuary moving at the speed of a helicopter but had no aircraft navigation lights.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Over Hayle Estuary			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Speed of a helicopter.			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



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London

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

03 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 February 2009 over Central London, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Central London for 27 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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[Redacted]

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
27 Feb 09	18:15	Central London	London
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
One white light to the south east that flashes red, green and an off yellow at about 8-10000ft. Another across central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London City.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Binoculars			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
South east and central London. Appear to be on approach path to Heathrow or London City airport			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
Two objects are 3-4 miles apart.			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



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Newquay  
Cornwall

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

03 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 February 2009 over Newquay, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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I hope you find this information helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
27 Feb 09	23:00	Newquay	Cornwall
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Bright orange object travelling west to east across the sky.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Traversing the Cornish sky west to east			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline & Cornwall Polic	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Father			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Never seen anything like it before. Given MoD number by local police.			

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Chichester  
West Sussex  
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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

02 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 21 February 2009 over Arundel in West Sussex. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Arundel in West Sussex for 21 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 27 February 2009 12:52  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** UFO sighting, West Sussex

Dear Sir

Last Saturday night (21 February 2009) my wife and I were driving west along the A27 in West Sussex at about 10.45 pm, between the B2225 turn and Poling Corner, when we saw five bright orange lights in the sky, roughly north-west of where we were. The lights were heading south, and appeared to be over the valley of the River Arun, perhaps somewhat north of Arundel. I could only get a brief glimpse at first, as I was driving, but they appeared to be in some kind of formation, with one in the lead (off-centre) and the other four behind in a loosely rectangular box configuration. It was impossible to judge their height.

About a minute or so later, I pulled over at Poling Corner, on the left-hand side of the road, to get out of the car and watch further (my wife stayed in the car). By that stage, the majority of the lights had disappeared behind the treeline, but then reappeared one after the other, having re-formed themselves into a line, with wide gaps in between. They were still heading south, but were gaining height, with each light dimming before it finally vanished. Each of them moved slowly, taking close to a minute to cover a distance of maybe one to two miles. It took about five minutes for all of them to disappear.

Although occasional traffic on the A27 would have masked sound, I listened hard in the quiet intervals between passing cars, and could not detect any engine noise coming from the lights (there was little wind that evening).

The most likely explanation, I suppose, is that these were military helicopters on a night exercise, but I have had a lifelong interest in aviation, and cannot recall seeing orange navigation lights of this kind.

I would be interested to hear any explanations that you might be able to give!

Yours sincerely

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Chichester  
West Sussex

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Malmesbury  
Wiltshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

02 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 26 February 2009 over Malmesbury, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Malmesbury for 26 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Sam Macey*

Section 40  
[Redacted]

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
26 Feb 09	19:15	Malmesbury	Wiltshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Two lights above the cloud with beams of light coming out from them horizontally. Dotting about like two fireflies. The beams are coming from the lights, not the ground. Seen to the north. The lights are very round and flying in a small area.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
To the north.			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Seemed to be flying in a small area. Too quick to be aircraft.			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Objects were seen at 19:15. Still there at time of phone call (19:38)			

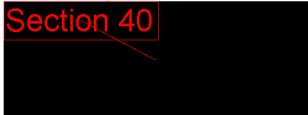
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Oldham  
Manchester

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

02 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 February 2009 over Oldham, Manchester. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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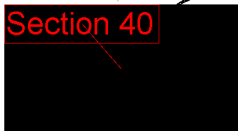
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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Oldham, Manchester for 25 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 27 February 2009 10:04  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Low Flying Complaints

-----Original Message-----

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 25 February 2009 18:31  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: Section 40  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2: Section 40  
txttowncity: oldham  
txtstatecountry: manchester  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 15.45 Ongoing  
txtrequest: first of all it is a ufo i am reporting. i have two seperate footagedes of the object very bright glows red and green but my footage speaks for itself it is still in the sky as i write this but do not know who to contact. this is no joke it is one of the best footages ive ever seen and its still they. i have cause for concern. please reply asap thank you

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Section 40

Bradford  
West Yorkshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

02 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 20 February over Undercliffe, Bradford. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Undercliffe, Bradford for 20 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Tom Pearce*

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**From:** CIO-Access Ops4 Section 40  
**Sent:** 27 February 2009 12:36  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: FOI written request

**Categories:** BAU - DAS

Air,

Normal business.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 20 February 2009 22:18  
**To:** CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** FOI written request

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

txttitle: Section 40  
txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: Section 40  
txtoccupation: learning support assistant  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2: Section 40  
txttowncity: bradford  
txtstatecountry: west yorkshire  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK

txtinforequest: my partner saw some strange lights in the sky behind the clouds and he asked me to have a look too we watched for quite a while at first there were two that seemed to be playing with each other,pretending to crash into each other then they moved out of each others way.then there was a third one that joined in but just seemed to hover below them going back and forth.this was about9.45pm and went on for quite some time.all you could see were lights because they were behind the clouds.at first we thought it might have been some sort of torch but there was no beam behind that you could see and it was not aircraft because there was no noise.



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Section 40

New Ash Green  
 Kent

Section 40

Our Ref:  
 UFO Sighting Report

2 March 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 23 february 2009 over New Ash Green, details of which were sent to us by Kent Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from New Ash Green for 23 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
23 Feb 09	19:17	New Ash Green	Kent
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A ball of light in the clouds, moving slowly and falling apart. Had other white lights coming off it. Made no sound.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Moving slowly.			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Kent Police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Police report no other sightings			

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
22 Feb 09	19:30	Swindon	Wiltshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
80 bright lights over the top of Queen's Hill in Swindon			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Neighbours and 4 other people			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			

NO ADDRESS FOR REPLY.

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Worthing  
West Sussex

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

27 February 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for leaving you details on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

Although you did not leave any details of your UFO sighting, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

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*Your sincerely*

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FILE NOTE:

NO DETAILS GIVEN  
SO NOT INCLUDED IN  
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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

27 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 29 November 2008 over Bloomfield Park, Southgate, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Bloomfield Park, Southgate for 29 Nov 2008.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Tom Armitage*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
29 Nov 08	18:01	Southgate	London
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> A huge glowing orange ball. It hovered over Bloomfield park in a strange way, suspended in air. It moved up and down and then glided diagonally into the sky.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b> N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b> Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b> N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b> N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b> Moved up and down and then glided diagonally into the sky			
WEATHER CONDITIONS	TO WHOM REPORTED	OCCUPATION	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b> N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b> N/A			

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Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

27 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 24 February 2009 over Hartlepool, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Hartlepool for 24 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
24 Feb 09	18:45	Hartlepool	Cleveland
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Saw 4 spaceships that flew over the house into the sky. They had a bright light that fade and was then gone. They returned to the same spot they had come from.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			

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From: Section 40

Sent: 26 February 2009 09:45

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090225-UFO Report Section 40 Warrington-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 15 February 2009 reporting two lights seen over Warrington. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Warrington for 15 February 2009. However, I will check whether military air defence staff are aware of any relevant unusual occurrence and will let you know accordingly.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 15 February 2009 10:26  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Sighting over Winwick

MOD

During the early hours of 15 February 2009 at around 00:15hrs i was with my wife and two friends driving through Winwick Warrington. I was driving and sighted two orange lights in the sky which was hovering over the old hospital site that is now a housing development. The lights were not together but were stationary. We stopped the car and got out to have a look. As we did we saw other people in nearby houses also stood looking at them. There was no noise from them at all. One then began moving and moved away out of sight in a southern direction. The second light stayed in place and then after around 30 seconds also moved away in the same direction. Again there was no noise. It was out of sight within around 15 seconds. There was definitely something strange about it. I am not a real believer in ufos but there is no other explanation. I am a serving detective constable.

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 26 February 2009 09:48  
To: Section 40  
Subject: UFO SIGHTING 15 FEB 09

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I have a UFO sighting from a police officer for 15 Feb 09 at 00:15 over Warrington.

The sighting is in Manchester airports controlled airspace, but I was wondering if any of your contacts had logged an unusual occurrence at that time (Bit of a long shot I know!).

I don't want to spend too much of your peoples time on this one.

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*Walsley* Repl, sent to  
Section 40 26 Feb.  
see reports file

*N.F.A.  
Not in reports from  
of RUC ops*

Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 26 February 2009 09:36  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO SIGHTING

Dear Section 40

As the individual in the MoD responsible for UFOs, I am trying to investigate a sighting I received from a police officer.

The sighting was of two orange lights in the sky above Warrington at 00:15 on 15 February 2009.

Would CAA or indeed Manchester airport be able to identify these lights? Tracking it down through military sources would be a disproportionate cost as we don't hold central records of military flights.

The sighting amounts to no more than a description of two bright lights that moved away in a southerly direction. Whilst it would be nice to identify them, I do not wish to spend too much public money on such minimal evidence. Would you be able to tell me if ATC noted anything unusual?

Could we discuss this? My phone number is below.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 18 February 2009 10:18  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Manchester Airport's controlled airspace. Any military aircraft in there would've been under ATC.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 18 February 2009 10:09  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Section 40

We have a UFO sighting from a police officer for 15 Feb 00:15 hours above Warrington. There were two lights, so that would mean two aircraft.

Can I assume we had nothing in the area at the time?

Is Warrington in a busy commercial flying area?

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**Section 40**

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 15 February 2009 10:26  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Sighting over Winwick

MOD

During the early hours of 15 February 2009 at around 00:15hrs i was with my wife and two friends driving through Winwick Warrington. I was driving and sighted two orange lights in the sky which was hovering over the old hospital site that is now a housing development. The lights were not together but were stationary. We stopped the car and got out to have a look. As we did we saw other people in nearby houses also stood looking at them. There was no noise from them at all. One then began moving and moved away out of sight in a southern direction. The second light stayed in place and then after around 30 seconds also moved away in the same direction. Again there was no noise. It was out of sight within around 15 seconds. There was definitely something strange about it. I am not a real believer in ufos but there is no other explanation. I am a serving detective constable.

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Section 40

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 24 February 2009 14:33  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: RE: 20090224-UFO Report Section 40 South East London-U

Section 40

Many thanks for your speedy and efficient reply.

I think the fact that the MoD has set up an office to deal with UFO sightings says it all really.

I shall keep watching the skies, and have my camera ready to film any unusual objects above London. I shall post them on YouTube for opinions and thoughts.

Thank you for your reply, and, as we know, the truth is out there.

Best Wishes,

Section 40

Subject: 20090224-UFO Report Section 40 South London-U  
 Date: Tue, 24 Feb 2009 12:58:03 +0000  
 From: Section 40  
 To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed reports of 'unidentified flying objects', seen on 22 and 23 February 2009 over south east London. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observations, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from south east London for either night.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 24 February 2009 11:52  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Low Flying Complaints

Section 40

Please see below for your attention.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2009 23:21  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:   
txtaddress1:   
txtaddress2:   
txttowncity: London  
txtstatecountry: London  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 22:52 23 February 2009  
txtrequest: Dear Sir/Madam,



I live by Waterloo, London, on a 10th floor flat overlooking a substantial part of the southern part of the city. I have become quite perturbed over the past couple of nights by UFO's, of which I believe that I have seen 3 of varying sizes.

My profession is that of a CEO of two companies listed on the stockmarket, and so I like to think of myself as a sensible and sane individual.

The sightings involve one object with a white light and alternating red lights at an angle. The object came from south-east London, headed toward Canary Wharf, stopped in mid air, at which point an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at a 180 degree angle with the top light being on the left hand side of the object with the lights moving down toward the bottom right of the angle, before the lights switched side instantaneously and the object went back toward south-east London. Roughly one minute later the object returned in my direction, the red lights continuing to flash alongside it, before it headed north over my apartment and out of sight.

My most recent sighting took place at 22:52 tonight, 23 February 2009. This sighting occurred for four seconds, and was the flashing of a huge object taking up a portion of the sky the size of which I have never seen before. It appeared to be flying low, and had, as I recall, three lights, of which one I believe was a normal white light, and the other two were green lights. It vanished out of my sight almost immediately, and I was unable to track the lights.

If you are able to shed light on either of these two incidents I would be most grateful. I do not proclaim to be an expert in helicopters, but am able to spot one from my window with ease normally.

Many thanks.

Yours Faithfully,

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Section 40

Higham

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

24 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 19 February 2009 over Gravesend, details of which were passed to us by Kent Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Gravesend for 19 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

Section 40

# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
19 Feb 09	19:50	Gravesend	Kent
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A ball of light with a few lights inside. It hovered over Gravesend for some 30 minutes. Too static for a helicopter. It made			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Kent Police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Cousin.			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
telephoned cousin who believed it was over Deering Way			



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 February 2009 08:10

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090223-UFO Report Section 40 Bedford-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 22 February 2009 near Bedford, details of which you e-mailed to us. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Bedford for 22 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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From Section 40

Sent: 22 February 2009 22:49

To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk

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I don't believe in little green men, but:

At just after 19.30, on the North side of Bedford, I saw a sizeable, silent, flickering orange light pass over from NW to SE. I couldn't judge it's height, but it was travelling much faster than the prevailing wind, which is negligible. It looked not unlike I'd imagine a chinese lantern to be apart from the speed of travel. It was much slower than any meteorite I've seen. My wife also witnessed it.

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Section 40

Ipswich  
Suffolk

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

19 February 2009

Dear Section 40

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*Tom Percival*

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Shrewsbury  
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*Yours sincerely*

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Section 40

Colchester

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

18 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 16 February 2009 over Colchester, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Colchester for 16 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Your sincerely*

Section 40

# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
16 Feb 09	19:00	Colchester	Essex
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A bright light that went straight up in the sky above the A12 near Colchester.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
In car			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



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Section 40

Bradford-on-Avon  
Wiltshire

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

18 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 13 February 2009 over Bradford-on-Avon, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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

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I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
13 Feb 09	23:12	Bradford-on-Avon	Wiltshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
An brightly glowing orange ball. It seemed to be a controlled craft. It hovered for a couple of minutes then the light seemed to deliberately fade. It was a few hundred feet up and a quarter of a mile from the house.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/a			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Westerly from the house			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
Couple of hundred feet up.			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Didn't move quickly.			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A		N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Witness views the sky a lot.			



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Section 40

Leigh  
Greater Manchester

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

18 February 2009

Dear Section 40

*Leigh !!*

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 16 February 2009 over Leeds, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
16 Feb 09	19:19	Leigh	Greater Manchester
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A dome shaped orange ball of light. It suddenly took off from a field. It was organic like a jellyfish. Transparent, and you could see its internal workings. It departed swaying left to right and made a droning noise. 150-200ft in the air			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
Outside			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
150-200ft High			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Moved slowly			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Witness is no longer a sceptic			



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Benllech  
Anglesey

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

17 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 February 2009 over Anglesey, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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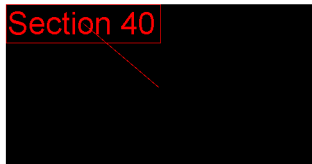
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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Anglesey for 15 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
15 Feb 09	06:30	Bennech	Anglesey
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Strange lights seen over the bay.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Over the bay			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Four other people			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



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Aberford  
Leeds

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UFO Sighting Report

18 February 2009

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Aberford for 15 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
15 Feb 09		Aberford	Leeds
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Witness saw a long light flashing like a laser. Sometimes there were two lights crossing over. This is the third time they have been seen over six weeks.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked eye.			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			

Section 40



From: Section 40  
 Sent: 18 February 2009 10:33  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Release-Authorised:20090218-UFO Report Section 40

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report and photograph of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 February 2009. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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However, you might like to know that we received three other UFO sightings from members of the public for 7 February 2009. One was over Fowey in Cornwall, one over Basingstoke in Hampshire and a third between Norwich and Lenwade in Norfolk.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 10 February 2009 20:22  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** mmm you tell me what i saw  
**Attachments:** Photo-0200.jpg

to whom it may concern,

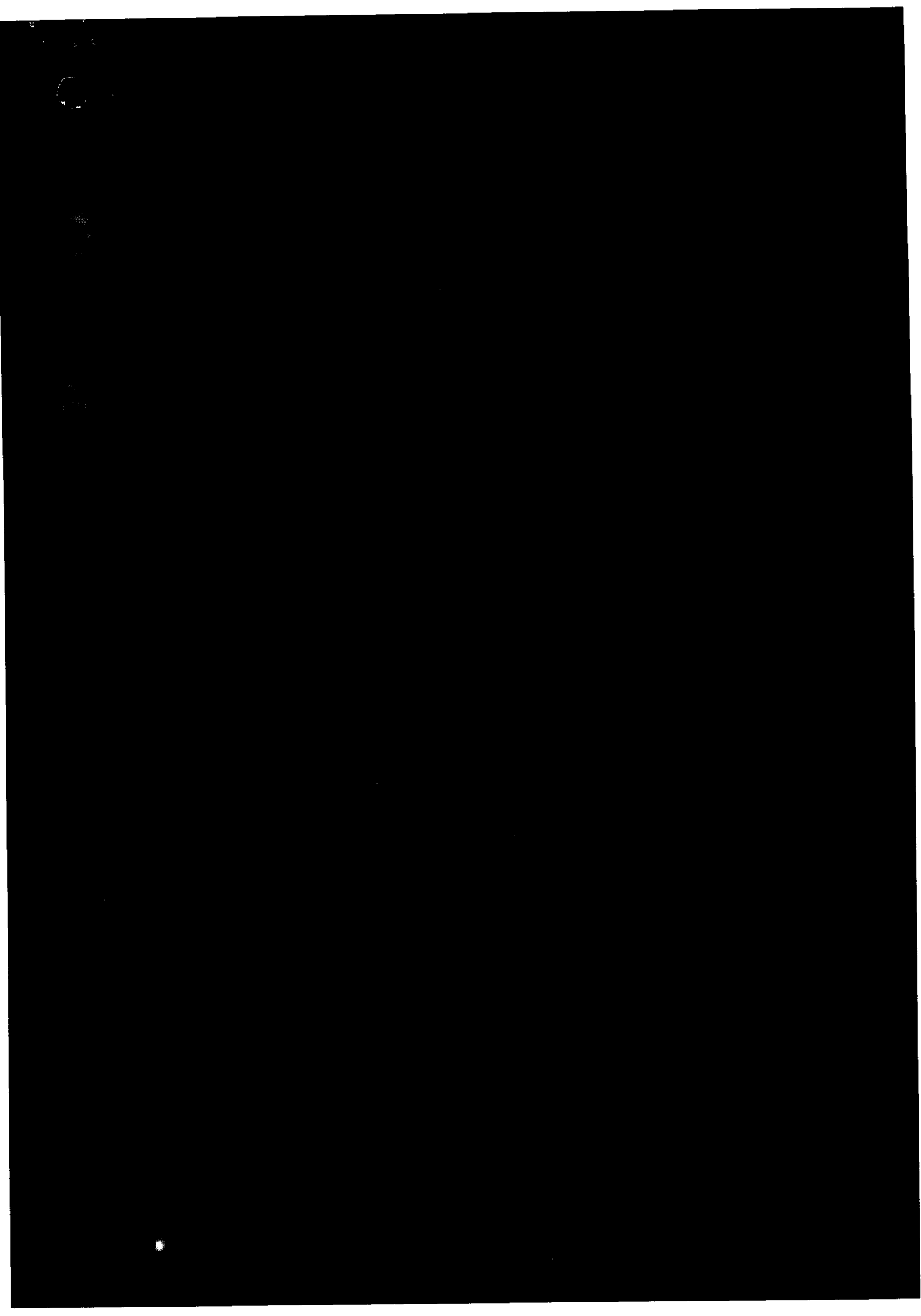
On Saturday 7th of February at 8.05 i took a photo with my phone sorry its not great but its all i had at the time,6 lights some red,some orange and some white all travelling in the same direction so either one big object or 6 single objects,no noise so didn't think it was 6 helicopters,nor 6 aircraft as the lights were not flashing,i don't drink and my wife first noticed them and alerted myself her husband and my daughter all of us have no idea of what we saw,if you can explain please do so as it was a full moon so the sky was well lit up,within twenty minutes the sky was cloudy then clear again,within the next few hours loads of aircraft ( normal aircraft ) were travelling in the same direction,

Regards

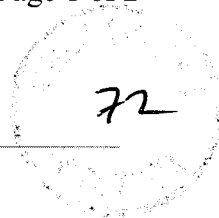
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From: Section 40

Sent: 18 February 2009 09:54

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090218-UFO Report Section 40 Roxwell-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 14 February 2009 over Roxwell. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from the Roxwell area for 14 February 2009.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 15 February 2009 21:17  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** UFO siting - 14th February 2009 Essex

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to report a UFO siting on Saturday 14th February 2009 at approx 20.10.

My partner and I were travelling on the B184 from Chelmsford to The Rodings, in Essex, when we saw a bright orange object in the sky, shortly after we had passed through a village called Roxwell.

The object was high in the sky - the top was rounded, e.g. like the top of a balloon, and it was brighter orange towards the bottom. It appeared to be stationary - unfortunately, we didn't stop to watch the object further. We have never seen anything like it before and cannot think of a logical explanation as to what it could be.

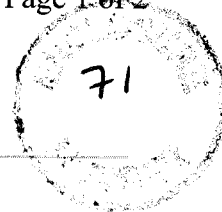
Kind regards

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 18 February 2009 08:02  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Release-Authorised:20090218-UFO Report Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 February 2009 asking what the floating red lights you saw might have been.

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You may also be interested to know that details of UFO sightings received by the MoD for the period 1997-2008 can be found on our website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports".

The MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful.

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
**Sent:** 17 February 2009 09:39  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: foi email request

Section 40

Please see e-mail below from Section 40 Do you wish to log it as an FOI or treat as RB.

TY

Section 40

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** CIO-Access Ops5 Section 40  
**Sent:** 17 February 2009 06:59  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
**Subject:** FW: foi email request

Can I interest you with this request? Do you want it logged as FOI?

Regards

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FOI Helpdesk

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 16 February 2009 23:11  
**To:** CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** foi email request

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

txttitle: Section 40  
txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: Section 40  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtinforequest: I have noticed quite alot of red glowing floating things in the sky. And i am just curious to what they might be have you had any idea of what they could be or have you had any reports of them.

NO DETAILS - NOT  
LOGGED AS VFO  
LIMITED BY DATA  
BUT NOT MORE

# UFO REPORT

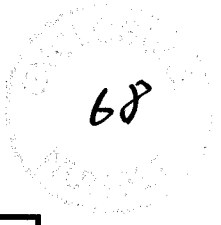
<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
29 Jan 09		Colchester	Essex
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
We keep getting flown over by aliens galore. They are dropping germs and we keep getting colds. Please send the RAF to USAF to stop them.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
N/A			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			

NO ADDRESS FOR RESPONSE

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
8 Feb 09	21:00	Sutton	Surrey
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
5 UFOs. Bright round orange lights. Made no noise. Disappeared in direction on London.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Heading from Sutton to London			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
WEATHER CONDITIONS	TO WHOM REPORTED	OCCUPATION	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			

*NO ADDRESS FOR REPORT*



# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
Jan 09	01:30	N/A	N/A
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Over my house. It was massive. Unbelievable. The noise was incredible. I thought we were under nuclear attack.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
At home			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
Overhead			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
No reply sent. No name or address			

*no address for response*



# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
8 Feb 09	20:00	Ashington	Essex
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Lights in the sky. Definitely not a plane. Very strange.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A		N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			

*No answer for Revise*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b> 10 Feb 09	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b> 21:00 N/A	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b> 	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b> Somerset
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> Bright orange lights continuously going up and down on the horizon. Heading East in the direction of Froome or Wiltshire			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b> N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b> Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b> Heading east towards Froome or Wiltshire			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b> N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b> N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b> N/A	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b> UFO Hotline	<b>OCCUPATION</b> N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b> N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b> 			

*No address for response*



# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
9 Jan 09		Exeter	Devon
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
An object in the sky over Exeter			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Devon Police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
No reply sent			

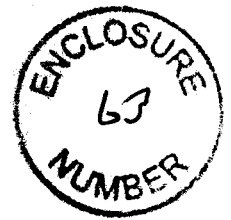
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# UFO REPORT

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Jan 09		Llundudno	Clwyd
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A bright orange light.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
No reply sent			

*No address for response*



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Section 40

Western-super-Mare  
Somerset

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

12 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 10 February 2009 over Western-super-Mare, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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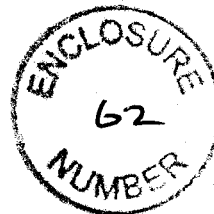
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Western-super-Mare for 10 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
10 Feb 09	22:45	Western-super-Mare	Somerset
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
An orange/yellow object moving NW to SE. Followed by 3 more. No navigation lights and they made no sound. Not that high up. Disappeared into the distance quicker than they arrived.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
Getting into car.			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Heading NW to SE			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
Not that high up.			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Quick			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
Clear night	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



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Section 40

Romsley  
Bridgnorth

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

12 February 2009

Dear Section 40

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Romsley for 5 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
9 Feb 09		Romsley	Shropshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A peculiar bright light. The object was spherical shaped like a satellite. It moved West to East very quickly. Definitely not a satellite, helicopter or light aircraft			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Moving West to east			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Very quick			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 11 February 2009 14:58  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Release-Authorised:20090211-UFO Report Section 40 Malvern-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 5 January 2009 outside QinetiQ, near Malvern. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Malvern for 5 January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful and please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. I am afraid that your report took some time to reach my desk.

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Student

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5th January 2008 between 7pm and 8.30pm sited from outside QinetiQ (near Geraldine Road, Malvern, Worcs), a v-shaped formation (similar to how birds fly) of 7 lights appeared in the sky. It moved very rapidly across the sky, then appeared to rotate slightly and then the lights split up and vanished. This took approx 15 seconds. There was no noise, no visible trails left in the sky and it was a clear night. 2 people with me also saw this. The lights were about the size and brightness of stars.

Do you have any explanation for what it may have been?

Kind Regards,

Section 40 [REDACTED]



Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 10 February 2009 22:20  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Re: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Chesterton-U

Dear Section 40

I have been researching through the letters pages in the local press and it turns out that my fireball was a chinese lantern. It was as described but had totally terrestrial origins.

Many thanks

Section 40



-----Original Message-----

From: Section 40  
Date: 09/02/2009 12:02  
To: Section 40  
Subj: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Chesterton-U

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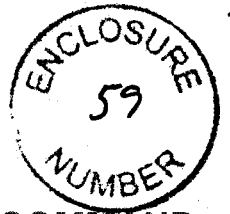
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Section 40

Cropwell Bishop  
Nottinghamshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

10 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 5 February 2009 over Cropwell Bishop, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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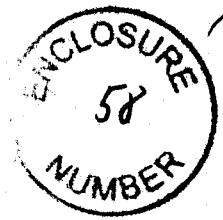
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from that area for 5 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Section 40

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
5 Feb 09	06:30	Cropwell Bishop	Nottinghamshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Series of UFO Sightings. Three orange lights arranged vertically in the sky. No way they could be aircraft. Four sets of them			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Wife			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



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Section 40

Mole End  
Norfolk

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

10 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 February 2009 between Norwich and Lenwade, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from Norfolk for 7 February 2009.

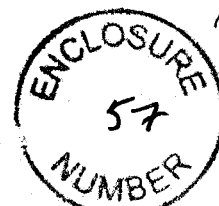
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*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

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7 Feb 09	19:30	Between Norwich and Lenwad	Norfolk
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
10 orange orbs. Orbs had slightly pulsating orange lights. Not like navigation lights. Made no noised.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Moving west to east between Norwich and Lenwade			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
Below cloud cover	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Witness states definitely not military or commercial aircraft.			



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Section 40

Portslade  
Sussex

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

10 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 5 February 2009 over Portslade, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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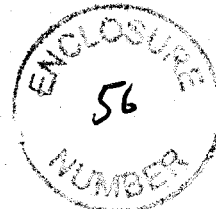
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from Portslade or Brighton for 5 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
5 Feb 09		Portslade	Sussex
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Sic red or orange lights in a large oval shape moving slowly towards Brighton. They made no noise			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
In house.			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Towards Brighton			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Slow			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Rest of family			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Section 40

Swadlincote  
Derbyshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

10 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of fireballs in the sky, seen earlier this month over Swadlincote, details of which have been passed to us by Derbyshire Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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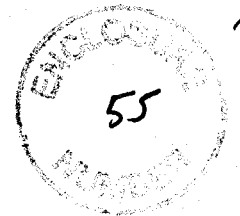
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Swadlincote for February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
Feb 09		Swadlincote	Derbyshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
15 fireballs in the sky. Not aircraft.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Binoculars			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Derbyshire Police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



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Section 40

Fowey  
Cornwall

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UFO Sighting Report

10 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 February 2009 over Fowey, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs. Please accept my apologies if I have got any details wrong, the answerphone came sometimes be difficult to understand.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
7 Feb. 09	22:05	Fowey	Cornwall
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Strange object in the sky. Bright orange in colour with intensity of fire. Like a huge hanglider.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Going over the estuary			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Slow like a hanglider			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 February 2009 09:20

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Old Colwyn-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your two e-mails of 17 January 2009 reporting an unusual object in the sky over Old Colwyn on 26 December 2008. Please take this as a response to both your enquiries.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Old Colwyn and are unable to offer an explanation of what you saw.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 17 January 2009 01:03  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** ufo

like a lot of other people i would like to know what these orange/yellow lights are flying about,iv heard what Squadron Leader Section 40 has to say about them being floating Chinese lanterns,and i think he knows as well as us people that have seen it up close knows it not a Chinese lantern.i saw it hover over old colwyn,north wales 02.30am 26/12/08,it was only 250 mtrs up,was bigger than a helicopter,and silent,had something coming off it like a bar,after 30 seconds started flying off over the sea,15 seconds behind was a helicopter following.for what reasons was the helicopter doing out at early hours of the morning and must of seen something as it was the same hight as the ufo and was a very clear night.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 19 January 2009 09:50  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
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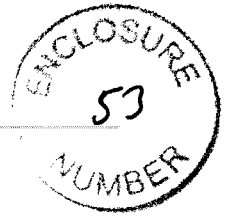
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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 February 2009 11:45  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090209-UFO Report Section 26.9 Southbound-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 31 December 2007 near the M26. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 05 February 2009 19:49  
 To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
 Subject: New Years Eve 2007

Forwarding accordingly, Section 40

From: Section 40  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: RE: New Years eve 2007  
 Date: Thu, 5 Feb 2009 09:08:44 +0100

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Thank you for your email and for telling me about your sighting. No obvious explanation springs to mind.

You may wish to report your sighting to the MoD via their [ufodesk@mod.uk](mailto:ufodesk@mod.uk) email address, or to a private organisation such as the British UFO Research Association:

<http://www.bufora.org.uk/ReportaSighting/tabid/73/Default.aspx>

Best wishes,

Section 40

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 Message Received: Feb 04 2009, 04:48 PM

From: Section 40  
 To: Section 40  
 Cc:  
 Subject: New Years eve 2007

Was never sure who would be interested, but in case someone wants to know;  
 or if it could be cross referenced to anything;  
 (and I would like to know if it could be explained)

We were driving 31/12/07 on the m26 southbound.  
 A square of 4 white lights travelled with us for at least 10 minutes.  
 rotating one way then the other;  
 simultaneously changing in size;  
 like a circle within a circle.

I texted the 'Textperts' at the time to ask if there were any light shows  
 going on for the New Year celebrations. Although as lazer shows go, it  
 would have been a pretty poor display, and I don't see how it could have  
 followed us for so long. There were no beams originating from anywhere;  
 just lights in the clouds.

My mind ran to lights from emergency vehicles for helicopter surveillance  
 or vice-verce although I have no knowledge of these.  
 I don't have any particular belief in UFO's but couldn't come up with a  
 better explanation.  
 I always meant to follow it up, but life overtakes you, and then I came  
 across your name.

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Please feel free to forward this information, if you feel it is worthy,  
thanking you for your time,

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Section 40

Rossendale  
Lancashire

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 February 2009 over the moors near Rossendale. Details of your sighting were passed to this office as the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Rossendale for 6 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 09 February 2009 09:48  
To: Section 40  
Cc:  
Subject: FW: UFO sighting

Section 40 please see message below FYI.

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 07 February 2009 17:05  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: UFO sighting

NOTE: LANCAASHIRE POLICE  
CONFIRMED BY PHONE THAT  
Section 40 IS OK  
FOR US TO WRITE TO HIM

From: Section 40  
Sent: Saturday, February 07, 2009 5:04:53 PM  
To: Section 40  
Subject: UFO sighting  
Auto forwarded by a Rule

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07/2/09

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I had a phone call from the Department for Transport Duty Officer at 2230 on Friday, to report a possible UFO sighting. The sighting was reported by a Section 40 Rossendale, Lancashire, Section 40 to the Lancashire Police (contact Section 40), who in turn reported it to the DfT. The incident number is 1722 of 06Feb09. Section 40 stated that he saw blue and purple flashing lights over the moors, for a period of approximately 30 minutes. No action requested on this, just for info...

I particularly enjoyed your piece on the defence intranet this morning – the diagrams were really special!

Kind regards

Section 40

Resident Clerk

Sec(EC) Ops2

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Section 40

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Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 February 2009 11:03  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: 20090209-UFO Report, Section 40 Exmouth-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 December 2008 over Exmouth. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 06 February 2009 07:32  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Low Flying Complaints

-----Original Message-----

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 05 February 2009 21:42  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: Exmouth  
txtstatecountry: Devon  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 8.22pm 27 December 2008  
txtrequest: U F O Sighting

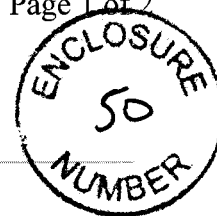
Did anyone else notice a bright orange light travel across the sky (Exmouth) tonight?  
27 December 2008 at approx 8.22pm?

We both saw this light very clearly. There was no sound. It moved across the sky  
erratically, and it cant be explained by an airplane or helicopter.

Do you know of an explanation?

We have captured some of this on a mobile phone, is it possible to use this footage,  
and to examine this sighting in more detail?

Please respond, thank you



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 February 2009 11:34

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Undy-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report and photograph of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 23 January 2009 near Undy. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from the Newport area for 23 January 2009.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 06 February 2009 00:11  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** unusual sighting  
**Attachments:** Image0uf.jpg

Sir, My partner and I saw this object travelling from the direction of Undy, Near Newport towards the Severn Bridge at 20:58 hrs on the 23rd of January 2009.

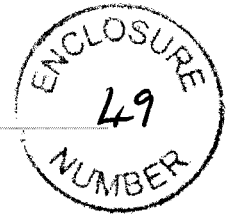
We watched the object approach us at a height of approx 200 to 500 metres. It had a large light on the front. As it came nearer we could see two other small lights one red and one green on either side as if on the ends of wings. However as it passed overhead I could see that the base was a perfect square and appeared to be black in colour. There was a quiet humming sound. After it had passed over head my partner took the attached photograph on her mobile phone. Could you please advise me as to what this object may have been.

Regards: Section 40

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 09 February 2009 11:19  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Release-authorized: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Harlow-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report and photograph of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 17 October 2008 over Harlow. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from Harlow for 17 October 2008.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

NOTE: NO PHOTO  
 ATTACHED TO  
 E-MAIL.

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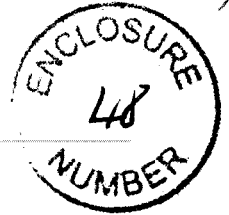
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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 05 February 2009 18:00  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** picture taken at Harlow essex,ufo?

The attached photo was taken on a digital camera on 17 oct 2008 at 1.30 pm, I was taking pictures of clouds to aid my painting,I did not see the object when taking the picture.It wasnt a reflection from anything,&it wasnt a hole in the cloud,so im a bit perplexed as to what it might be.Any comments would be appreciated.regards Section 40

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From: Section 40

Sent: 09 February 2009 12:03

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Chesterton-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report and photographs of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 4 February 2009 near Chesterton. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from the Chesterton area for 4 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 08 February 2009 13:22  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Fw: Orange ball over Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire 04/02/2009

**Attachments:** Kaxata Fireball.JPG; Kaxata Fireball Labelled.JPG



Kaxata Fireball.JPG  
(2 MB)



Kaxata Fireball  
Labelled.JPG (...)

Dear Sir / Madam,  
Please find attached copy of the photo of the fireball.  
There are two photos, one original and the other labelled.  
Many thanks

Section 40

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Section 40  
**Date:** 06/02/2009 9:43  
**To:** <ufodesk@mod.uk>  
**Subj:** Orange ball over Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire  
04/02/2009

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Stoke on Trent  
Staffordshire

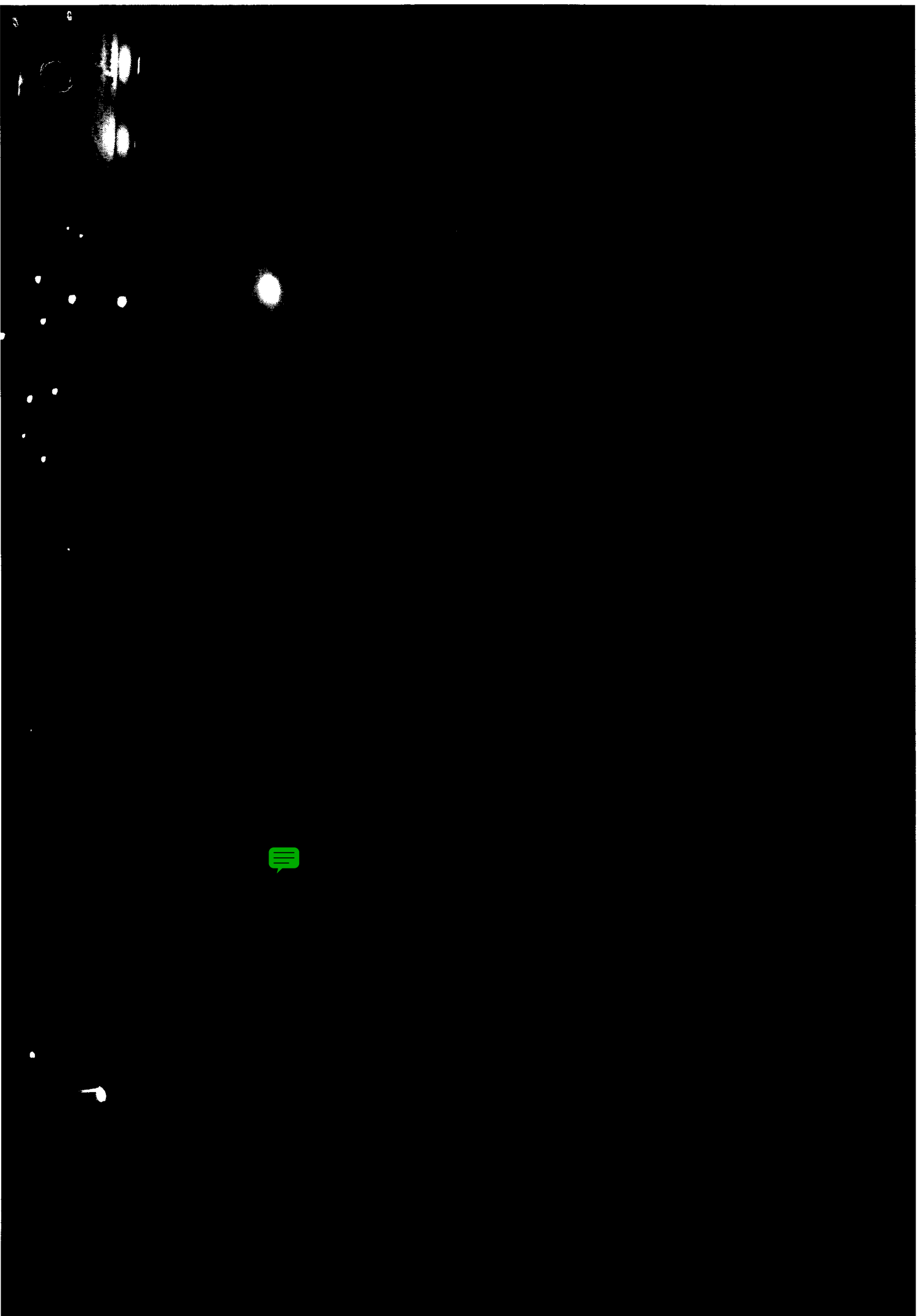
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05/02/2009

Dear Sir / Madam,  
Whilst driving along Wolstanton Road, Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme at 18:32 on 04/02/2009 I noticed an orange light fairly low in the sky.  
At first I thought it was a street light but then realised that it was too high in the sky. It was a dullish orange colour and what made me think it strange was that it was approximately 15-20 times larger than a normal star but at the same time not as bright. I also knew it was not Venus as that is visible in another part of the sky. The object was circular in shape but did not have a defined edge and its surface appeared to have movement or texture much like a small section of the sun's surface but infinitely dimmer.  
I pulled over in my car and pointed the object out to my two children Section 40 and Section 40. Section 40 asked me what it was to which I could only tell her that it might be a fireball as I had heard of these in the press and Section 40 asked 'what's the orange round thing in the sky'.  
I grabbed my mobile phone and tried to take a photo of the object but it did not appear on the photo. I then switched my phone to video camera mode and filmed the object for approx forty seconds. As I was filming, the object looked as though it was beginning to back away from us whilst getting slightly higher in the sky and at this same time it was also reducing in size.  
When the object reached about half the size it was when we originally spotted it an aircraft appeared from my right hand side and appeared to be heading in the direction of the object whilst giving it a wide berth. A few seconds later the object reduced to a pin point of light and then completely disappeared from view.  
On arrival back home I took out my mobile phone and the film I had taken of the object was gone but the photo I had taken remained intact.  
On viewing the photo the ball of light can be clearly seen.  
There are a number of stars in the photo so establishing whether this object should have been there or not should be easily calculable as there are several points of reference within the photo and the exact time and date is known.  
Unfortunately I am having problems attaching the photo to this mail at this time.  
Many thanks

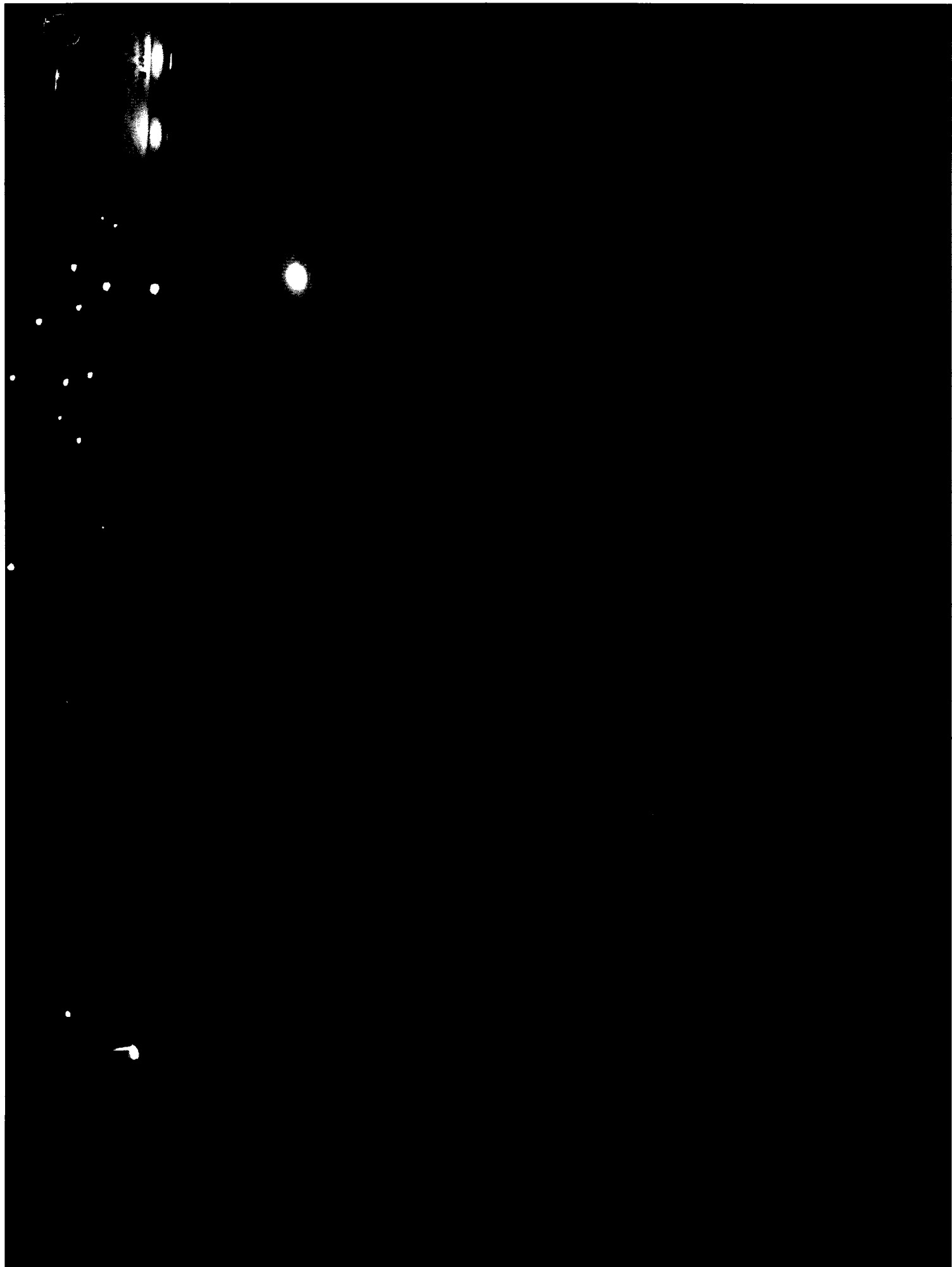
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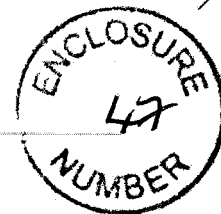
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Chesleton Fireball





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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 February 2009 12:38  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090209-UFO Report Section 4 Basingstoke-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of strange lights in the sky over Basingstoke on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from the Basingstoke area for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 08 February 2009 10:37  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Sighting

Hi, I'm not sure that these were UFOs, but last night on 7 February 2009 I saw 2 strange lights in the sky over Basingstoke in Hampshire.

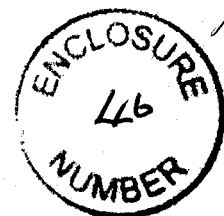
At 11.10pm my partner and I noticed a very bright orange light travelling very fast from North to South East. It was too large and bright to be a plane, it was in view for approx 1 minute then disappeared behind a cloud. We could notice no noise or tail.

At 12.10am on 8 February I noticed what appeared to be an extremely bright, white star, where the orange light had originated. The star seemed to fall out of the sky, towards the ground very quickly. It disappeared within seconds.

If you happen to know what these lights were and could let me know, I would appreciate it.

Kind regards

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 February 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 3 February 2009 over the Thames Estuary, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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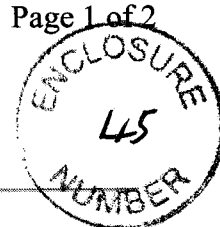
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*Yours sincerely,*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
3 Feb 09	01:00	N/A	Thames Estuary
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Same as the UFO seen over the House of Commons in Feb. 08. matches description The Sun gave.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
N/A			



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 04 February 2009 09:38

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090204-UFO Report Section 40 West Row Suffolk-U

Dear Section 40

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from West Row for 3 February 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 03 February 2009 22:47  
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
Subject: Sighting

Hello

I have just left an answerphone message with you but im a bit shook up so dont know how clear I was.

My name is Section 40, i live at Section 40 West Row, Section 40 telephone number Section 40

At approx 10.10pm this evening I was driving back frommildenhall and was coming up Pott Hall Road when i noticed a fairly bright clear light shooting across the sky from mildenhall, at first glance i thought it was a shooting star but then noticed it was going for quite a while. When it got to just above the road in front of me, (it would have been approx a couple of 100 feet in the air, at a guess, but seemed to be a good 250-300 metres in front of me), i noticed that there were blue lights almost in line with the clear light going across it, they were evenly spaced out and were spinning round, not really fast as I could make them out. It didnt quite hover but slowed down a lot, after a few seconds it disappeared off at approx a 100 degree angle in the other direction. I didnt get a picture as was driving (and nearly crashed watching that).

Has there been any sightings like this around here?

If you wish to speak to me anymore please do not hesitate to contact me. If at work I do not always have my mobile in front of me so leave a message and i wil get back to you.

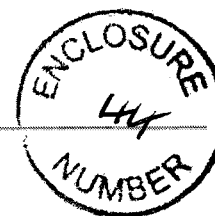
Thank you

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Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 04 February 2009 09:23  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised:20090204-UFO Report Section 40 Livingston-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 January 2009 over Livingston. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Livingston for 25 January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 04 February 2009 07:55  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Low Flying Complaints

Another one from inside Glasgow Airport's control zone, on a Sunday.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2009 11:20  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

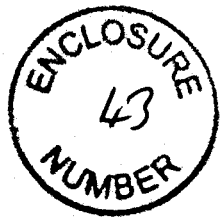
This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2: Howden  
txttowncity: Livingston  
txtstatecountry: West Lothian  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: Sunday January 25th 2009 - 7pm approx?  
txtrequest: Hi,

Don't know if this is a low flying complaint!? What it is, I do not know. I was leaving the gym after training on Sunday night. I stopped in the car park to speak to a friend. While we were chatting, in the sky above us, there was an extremely bright blue circular light. I could tell it was way high up and not low. The light came flying down at about a 45 degree angle, (like it was something falling?, it stopped dead, went shooting upwards again, stopped, then back down at a steep angle again towards the ground. All of a sudden, it vanished. Like I say, it's not a low flying complaint, only the people I mentioned it to said it was probably a shooting star. It wouldn't have moved how it did though surely? Anyway, sorry if I have wasted your time there. I'm not some nut job, I'm quite sane and graduated twice. I can only tell you what I seen. Hope that helps,

Kind Regards,

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Section 40

East Kilbride

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

3 February 2009

Dear Section 40

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings from East Kilbride over the last few days.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

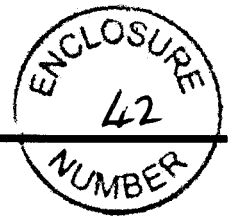
*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Feb 09		East Kilbride	Lanarkshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Five orange lights high in the sky over the house. Disappeared into the atmosphere			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
No specific date given. Retrieved from answer phone 3 Feb 09			

Section 40



From: Section 40  
Sent: 03 February 2009 10:57  
To: Section 40  
Subject: RE: 20090203-UFO Correspondence Section 40

Hi Section 40 thanks for your prompt reply. Having dealt with the MOD in relation to alleged UFO activity in the past, i can appreciate the areas you have covered. We have concluded this particular instance to be a hoax caused by chinese lanterns, and made worse in the publics perception by certain news stand publications. Thank you again for your help. Section 40

Section 40 wrote:

> Dear Section 40  
>  
> Thank you for your e-mail of 2 February regarding a UFO  
> sighting over Nether Poppleton in Yorkshire on  
> 22 January 2009.  
>  
> Firstly,  
> it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MoD)  
> examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives  
> solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence  
> significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United  
> Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air  
> activity.  
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> external source, and to date no UFO report has revealed such evidence,  
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> 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.  
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> extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally  
> open-minded. I should add that to date, the MoD knows of no evidence  
> which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.  
>  
> With  
> regard to this particular sighting, I can confirm that we have  
> received no other reports of UFO sightings from the Nether Poppleton  
> area for 22 January 2009.  
>  
> I  
> am sorry I could not be more helpful.  
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From: Section 40  
Sent: 02 February 2009 15:49  
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
Subject: Enquiry

Sirs.

As part of research I am performing, I am contacting yourselves to acquire additional information.

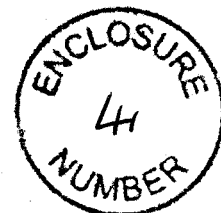
On Thursday 22nd January 2009 at 2230hrs, a report of lights in the sky above Nether Poppleton near York in Yorkshire has been recieved.  
The lights were seen coming from an South Easterly direction to above the village and carrying on Northerly.

I believe we have a explanation for the event, but as part of the process of elimination and fact finding, I ask yourselves if you can offer any information to me regarding objects in the area on that date.

Kindest regards

Section 40

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Section 40

Grimsby  
Lincolnshire

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

30 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of a light in the sky, seen on 28 January 2009 over Grimsby, details of which were passed to us by Humberside Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Grimsby for 28 January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

Section 40

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
28 Jan 09	22:10	Grimsby	Lincolnshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Light in the sky. Other lights falling or dripping from it to the ground. At first thought it was fireworks. Made no noise and was the size of a helicopter.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
In car. Then got out to watch.			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Towards Western Primary School			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Humberside police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Wife and friend			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Report passed to MoD by telephone			

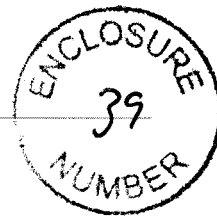


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MAY 1953

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Jan 09		N/A	North Yorkshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Very curious. A very bright light, 4 times that of a star.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
West of RAF Leeming			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
No name given.			

NO NAME OR ADDRESS - NO REPLY



Section 40

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 28 January 2009 11:11  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Re: 20090128-FOI Request Section 45 O Carlisle 29-12-2008-133956-021

MIS-FILEY!

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for responding to my enquiry.

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

My apologies for wasting your time.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

----- Original Message -----

From: Section 40  
 To: Section 40  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 10:16 AM  
 Subject: 20090128-FOI Request Section 45 O Carlisle 29-12-2008-133956-021

Dear Section 40

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

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

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

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 29 January 2009 13:00  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: RE: 20090128-UFO Report Section 40 Brightlingsea-U [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

**Classification:** NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Hi Section 40

Thanks for the email, I didn't really know what to do with it to be honest and only let you know in case it helped in any way, I am not usually a believer in such things but this was strange. I didn't want anyone to think I had "lost the plot".

You were the only people that I could find to tell according to our force policy (mind you I have not made my sighting common knowledge).

Thanks very much for your time,  
 Wendy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 28 January 2009 11:22  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: 20090128-UFO Report Section 40 Brightlingsea-U

Dear Section 40

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Brightlingsea k this year. However, I will check whether military air defence staff are aware of any relevant unusual occurrence and will let you know accordingly.

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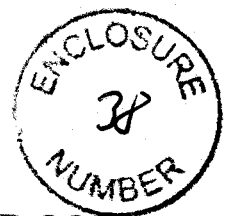
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Tarland  
Aberdeenshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

28 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 19 January 2009 over Tarland, Aberdeenshire, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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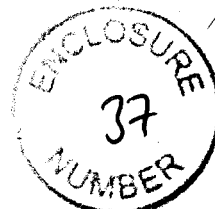
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Tarland for 19 January 2009.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
19 Jan 09		Tarland	Aberdeenshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A bright steady light in the sky. It then just moved and disappeared			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Police, CAA, UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Wife and friend			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Lichfield  
Staffordshire

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Dear Section 40

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Lichfield for 18 January 2009. However, I will check whether military air defence staff were aware of any relevant unusual occurrence and will let you know accordingly.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
18 Jan 09	19:44	Lichfield	Staffordshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> A bright yellow light. It vanished for a few seconds then reappeared.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b> N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b> N/A			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b> N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b> N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b> N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	ATC Birmingham	Air Traffic Control employee	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b> N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b> Checking with CT&UK Ops			



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Hatton Park  
Warwick  
Warwickshire

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

27 January 2009

Dear Section 40

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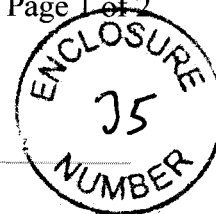
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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Jan 09		Warwick	Warwickshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
An orange glowing object with a red light on the right-hand side.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	ATC Birmingham	Air Traffic Control employee	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Checking with CT&UK Ops			



Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 27 January 2009 08:33  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090127-UFO report Section 40 Bromley -U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with regarding your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 26 January 2009 over Bromley. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 26 January 2009 20:16  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Unusual sighting

Good evening,

I am writing to report an unusual sighting. At approximately 18:15 this evening (26/01/09) I was driving down New Street Hill to Oaktree Gardens in Bromley, Kent. In the sky I saw three orange lights in a horizontal line above the opposite side of the hill – almost as if a pylon had been erected. I turned into Oaktree Gardens and stopped to look between the houses at where I had seen the lights – they were no longer there.

I knocked at my Parents house and noticed the lights again in the sky but now much further towards the Leamington Avenue side of the hill. There were now four lights – two separate at the top of the line and two close together at the bottom. The two at the top maintained their distance but travelled higher into the sky then disappeared. At this point the two at the bottom separated into a horizontal formation, moved higher and then vanished as well.

They moved rather slowly and there were passing planes which must have seen this happening.

I am keen to know if anyone else has reported this, or if there is a confirmed simple explanation. My father witnessed everything following the point at which I knocked. We are both of the impression that this was not aeroplanes.

Regards

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 27 January 2009 09:20  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20010126-UFO Report Section 40 Bristol-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 24 January 2009 over Bristol. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Bristol for 24 January 2009.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 25 January 2009 00:17  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Sat Jan 24

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be interested to know if any unusual phenomena have been reported in the sky over Bristol on the night of Saturday, January 24, at about 11.05pm.

My friend and I were walking home from a dinner party in Henleaze tonight and saw a large object travelling at high speed directly above us. It seemed to be spherical in shape and bright orange in colour. It appeared to be moving at a fairly low altitude, as it was much bigger than any planes or helicopters I have ever seen. It had no flashing lights of the sort used by standard aircraft but instead glowed brightly all over, resembling a large firefly or, my friend suggested, a flying street lamp. It moved completely soundlessly, we listened for engines (as there was no traffic around on the roads we would certainly have heard any helicopter or plane engine) but heard nothing. It seemed to fly in a different way to any plane or helicopter - its movement was smooth and very swift, almost like a distress flare when it arcs across the sky, except it kept a level trajectory the entire way. We watched it until it was out of sight and it did not once lose either its height or its glow. For these reasons I am pretty certain it could not have been a balloon, a plane, a helicopter or a glider. The all-over bright orange glow, the shape, speed and style of movement were of a type I have never seen before. It was moving too slowly to be a shooting star and was far too big.

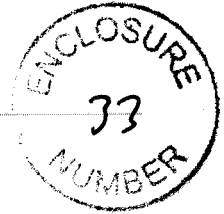
I'm happy to accept there may be a completely normal explanation for it, but would be curious to know either if there were other sightings tonight or if any natural or man-made phenomenon would provide a logical explanation

Yours Sincerely,

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 27 January 2009 12:06  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090127-UFO Report Section 40 Northholt-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of a bright orange light, seen on 26 January 2009 over Northolt. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 27 January 2009 11:13  
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
Subject: Weird sighting by RAF Northolt

Dear Sirs,

I know I may seem like a lunatic but I was walking home from work with a colleague last night at approx 5.15pm when in the sky we saw what can only be described as a bright orange oval in the sky. At first we thought a plane from Heathrow or a helicopter from RAF Northolt was on fire but as it kept moving it became apparant this was not the case after watching it for 5 minutes. It was travelling in the direction from RAF Northolt towards Heathrow Airport. After about 5 minutes the bright orange glow petered out and continued but now was totally black.

I've lived in this area all my life and have never seen anything like this before.

Sorry to trouble you with this but due to it's location and the security level at the moment I thought I should mention it.

Many thanks

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Northolt  
Middlesex

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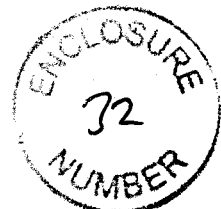
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Carterton  
Oxfordshire

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UFO Sighting Report

27 January 2009

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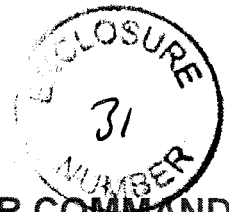
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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
Jan 09		Carterton	Oxfordshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A very bright constant red light.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
High as an aircraft			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	ATC Birmingham	Air Traffic Control employee	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
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Worthing  
West Sussex  
Section 40

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UFO Sighting Report

27 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 26 January 2009 over Tarring, West Sussex, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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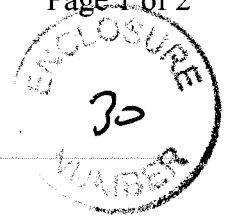
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# UFO REPORT

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26 Jan 09	21:45	Tarring	West Sussex
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Four orange lights. At first mistook them for stars. Faded one by one			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
In car.			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Western sky.			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Quick and fast. Movement was very strange.			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 26 January 2009 13:40

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090126-UFO Report Section 40 Anlaby, Hull-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 23 January 2009 over Anlaby. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from the Humberside area for 23 January 2009.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 23 January 2009 23:49  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** ufo sighting  
**Attachments:** P1010450.JPG

To whom it may concern.

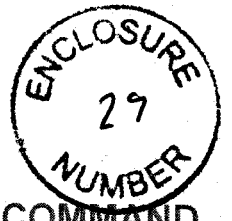
Tonight at 8:40 pm myself and my partner looked out of our kitchen window to find a very unusual object. The object was a very large ball ( looked like a fireball) it looked liked it was coming towards us but looked very close down to us. My partner got my digi cam and we ran outside to see it again. I took a picture of this object. It was moving rather quickley so i could not get it close up. By the time we got out side the object was rather small but not far away. No noise came from this object and i did infact get a small videoclip of it moving. Me and my partner saw the object in Anlaby at the Haltemprice leisure center then it moved towards Morrisons supermarket.

I contacted humberside police (ref number 606 23rd jan 09) and they asked me to contact you. i have infact been trying to call you and i used all the credit on my mobile phone to do this. I asked an employee of the MOD to call me back as my credit was running out but he refused. I tried to reverse call to the MOD but again the mod wouldn't accept the calls. I would be grateful if you could please contact me for further details on Section 40. I have already put a ticket out on your website then i found this address so i thought i would give this address ago.

Your sincerley

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Perton

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

26 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 January 2009 between Perton and Pattingham. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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*Yours sincerely*  
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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	25-1-09 18:00hrs
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	No Noise Star Shaped Very bright Brilliant white changing shape
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors Perth s/w
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Naked Eye Digital camera
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Between <del>East</del> Perth & Perthingham
6.	Approximate distance.	Not known
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Up, down, side to side & Circles
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	clear with some cloud

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	MAS Officer Cosford
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [Redacted] Perton Section 40 [Redacted]
11.	Other witnesses.	Husband & Neighbour
12.	Remarks.	changes shape & colour
13.	Date and time of receipt.	25 - 1 - 09 18 - 00

Teletax

To: [Redacted]

Fax: [Redacted]

From: SIL MCO COSFORD

Date: 26 JAN 09

Pages: 2

Form 11/Notes 7099

Received at Cosford guardroom.

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Milton Regis  
Kent

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

26 January 2009 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 January 2009. The details you gave the Kent police have been passed to this office which is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs. I understand from the police that you are content for the Ministry of Defence to write to you.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Kent for 25 January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
25 Jan 09	23:25	Sittingbourne	Kent
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A strange ball of bright orange light. Light faded out.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
In car. Stopped to observe.			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Curving across the sky from south to north east			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Kent Police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Personal details passed to us by Kent police with his approval			



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West Cross

Swansea

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

26 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 23 January 2009 over West Cross in Swansea, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Swansea for 23 January 2009.

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*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
23 Jan 09	21:40	West Cross	Swansea
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Large ball of light. Light did not diminish. Very strange. Made no sound. Very strange.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
Back garden.			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Overhead moving towards Talbot steel works/.			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Slow straight steady path			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Herne Bay  
Kent

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

21 January 2009

Dear Section 40

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

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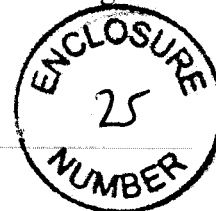
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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
Nov 08		Herne Bay	Kent
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
UFO Report			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
The bright light in the centre moved very slightly.			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
Witness made two reports over a 30 minute period and confirmed the lights had not gone away			



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From: Section 40

Sent: 21 January 2009 15:17

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090121 UFO SIGHTING Section 40 GLASGOW-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 December 2008 over the south side of Glasgow. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Glasgow for Christmas Day 2008.

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From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 14 January 2009 08:25  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

Another one. No flying on Christmas Day neither, but Glasgow is part of Glasgow Airport's Air Traffic Zone.

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 13 January 2009 14:24  
To: Low Flying  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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txtlastname:   
txtaddress1:   
txtaddress2:   
txttowncity: GLASGOW  
txtstatecountry: STRATHCLYDE  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: Christmas Day 25/12/08 8.20pm



txtrequest: Enquiry: I hope that you can help as this isn't a complaint. Like many others my husband and I saw strange objects flying in the south side of Glasgow. We were driving on Cathcart Road in Glasgow (think G44 postcode) heading towards the city centre. To our left were what we counted as 6 objects, in what to the eye was a static formation. Two lines of 3 sitting side by side, one line a little higher than the other. One object above the other.

We turned off the main road to park the car and take photographs. They were now in front of us and we were facing west.

We have never in our lives seen objects in the sky like this. Luckily we pulled over where other members of the public had pulled over, along with dog walkers who had congregated in amazement. Without managing to take a photo the objects seemed to start moving further away, drawing themselves together to make themselves look like one object and it/they it disappeared into the distance heading towards the west.

At first quick glance they looked like they could have been helicopters but they definitely weren't. The light that they emitted was very strong and surrounded each object in full. It was a yellow/orange.

The whole sight was so extraordinary that after talking about it for hours we began to doubt ourselves. This is why we're so very glad to have met with other members of the public so that our doubts couldn't be varified. We began to reason that the event would be in the local news as some sort of Christmas hoax but unfortunately we've not heard of anything apart from sightings on the 30th December about 20 minutes away by car!

We would be most very thankful if you could inform us as to what these could have been.

Many thanks and kind regards, Section 40

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 21 January 2009 14:45  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised:20090120-UFO SIGHTING Section 40 U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of orange lights', seen over the Besthorpe/Morley/Wicklewood area on 26 December 2009. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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Sent: 26 December 2008 20:22  
To: Info-Access-Office  
Subject: FOI written request PF 29-12-2008-125529-015 **Section 40**

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txtoccupation: Admin Manager  
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txtaddress2: **Section 40**  
txttowncity: Wymondham  
txtstatecountry: Norfolk  
txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**  
txtcountry: United Kingdom  
txtemailAddress: **Section 40**  
txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: On 26th December 2008 at approx 18.15, myself and many other people in Wymondham witnessed 7 strange orange lights moving at great speed in the sky approx 1000-1500 ft high. They appeared one by one and remained stationary for about 30 minutes before disappearing. I reported this to the Police Ref:353 28.12.08. I would suggest that this was not directly over Wymondham, perhaps more directly Besthorpe/Morley/Wicklewood?

I would like to know the explanation for this. I noticed there were aircraft in the area immediately following this event.  
Many Thanks.



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*M. J. F. (L)*

Section 40

Fenham  
Newcastle upon Tyne

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

21 January 2009

Dear Section 40

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

I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). The MoD UFO files for 1967 to 1992, which would cover the incident you are interested in, and any files prior to 1967 which have survived, have been passed to The National Archives at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

You may also be interested to know that the MoD has a programme to transfer a further 150 files covering the period up to 2007 to The National Archives by the end of 2010. The MoD has also released details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-07 on its website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk), which can be found by searching under "UFO Reports". Details for 2008 will be added shortly.

I hope this is helpful.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail [InfoXD@mod.uk](mailto:InfoXD@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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*Yours sincerely*

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*If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.*

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 10 January 2009 21:58  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** FOI Request Re. RAF Wildenrath

Dear sir/Madam

I would like to request a copy under the freedom of information act 2000 of any and all files relating to an event involving an alleged UFO sighted shadowing an airliner over Cologne in 1988/1989 I'm not sure of the exact date, i also understand that 2 Phantom jets were scrambles to either intercept or observe this object and on of the jets went supersonic, the resulting sonic boom was first thought to be an IRA bomb attack but later rejected as the cause, i also understand there was involvement by military personnel from RAF Wildenrath and the whole case was reported in the press following the sighting.

If this request has landed on the incorrect desk i would be very grateful if you could pass my request onto the relevant dept.

I also submit my full postal address for any files you can forward to me.

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Newcastle Upon Tyne

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Your Respectfully

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Ref no: 13-01-2009-152612-010  
Due 09/02/2009



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 January 2009 15:26

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090121-UFO REPORT OLD COULSDON Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail regarding an object you saw over your house in Old Coulsdon in Surrey, around midnight on 12 January 2009.

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

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I have checked and can confirm that there were no military aircraft booked into the low flying system at this time. However, you might like to consider contacting your local police force to see if any police helicopters were operating in the area at the time.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 20 January 2009 14:19  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: LOW FLYING/UFO

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Nil trace in the TVAA.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 19 January 2009 07:41  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: LOW FLYING/UFO

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 16 January 2009 14:51  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** LOW FLYING/UFO

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Anything booked in the low flying system for Old Coulsdon in Surrey at midnight on 12 January.

In particular, any military helicopters?

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 12 January 2009 14:47  
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
Subject: UFO

I would like to report an incident which occurred in the early hours of this morning

It was midnight and I heard what I thought was a helicopter outside my house which is on the Old Coulsdon in Surrey

I looked out of the window and could make out a shape in the sky which didn't look like a helicopter but sounded like one but was very very loud

It hovered in the same place for an hour after which it moved sideways heading towards Caterham in Surrey where it was spotted by a friend of mine who thought it was going to Crash into the houses the noise was so bad.

Please could this be looked into ?

Regards  
Section 40

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Section 40

High Wycombe  
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Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

21 January 2009

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With regard to your particular observation, you may be interested to know that we have received two other UFO sighting reports for the High Wycombe area this month.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Jan 09		High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A cloud coloured, opal shaped, object shooting across the sky. Had been outside the individuals house for some nights and then one night. (Message received 21 Jan 09)			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Moving in different directions			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			

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Leyton  
London

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

21 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009 over Leyton, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Leyton for those dates.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

  
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# UFO REPORT

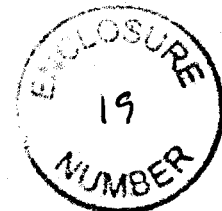
DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
13 Jan 09		Leyton	London
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			

# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
14 Jan 09		Leyton	London
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
18 Jan 09		Leyton	London
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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[Redacted]

Sawtry  
Cams

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

21 January 2009

Dear Section 40  
[Redacted]

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

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

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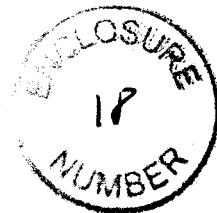
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Sawtry for January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*  
Section 40  
[Redacted]

# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
Jan 09		Sawtry	Cambridgeshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A UFO			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Section 40

High Wycombe  
Bucks

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

20 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 13 January 2009 over High Wycombe, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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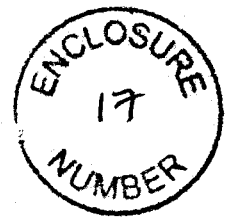
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from High Wycombe for 13 January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful and please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
13 Jan 09	20:15	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Strange burning objects in the sky			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Section 40

London

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

16 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 January 2009 in the Streatham Hill area. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have addressed this letter incorrectly. I am afraid the answer machine can be a little unclear sometimes.

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.

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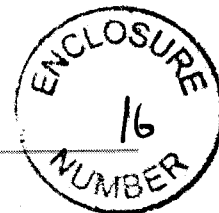
However, I can tell you that the MoD has received no other reports of UFOs for the Streatham Hill area for 1 January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
1 Jan 09		Streatham Hill	London
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Lambeth Police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



Section 40

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 14 January 2009 09:22  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090114 Section 40 UFO SIGHTING-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 31 December 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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Sent: 08 January 2009 21:43  
To: Info-Access-Office  
Subject: foi email request

This request has been received via [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk).

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

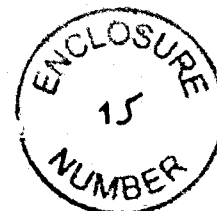
txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: reporting the sighting of an ufo, seen on new years eve night appox 9pm. can only explain that at first it looked like a ball of fire just sitting in the sky but seemed to change from red to orange in like a diamond shape it moved up further in the sky and seemed to move up and down then moved backwards and went up and was moving in circles and suddenly shot of into the sky and disappeared this was watched appox 15 mins by 5 members of my family in cluding my Section 40 granddaughter, we did not think any more after this untill the sighting in linconshire on 7/1/2009.





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Porthcawl  
Mid Glamorgan

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

13 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in January 2009 over Porthcawl, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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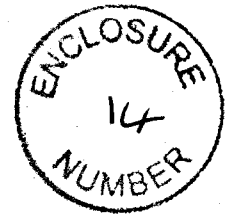
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Porthcawl for January 2009.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Jan 09		Porthcawl	Mid Glamorgan
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Witness in back garden. A diamond shaped red light came towards him from the sea. Rear end of diamond was a blue light. It was incredibly hot as it passed overhead. No sound			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
Garden			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
From the sea			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Halifax  
 West Yorkshire

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Our Ref:  
 UFO Sighting Report

12 January 2009

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in January 2009 over Halifax. It has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. We do not have your name and were therefore unable to address this letter to you as an individual, for which I apologise.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Halifax for January 2009.

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*Yours sincerely*

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*NOTE. ATTACHED REPORT FROM SWANICK RECEIVED AFTER LETTER SENT.*

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Jan 09		Halifax	West Yorkshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A silver disc shaped light seen for two minutes. Witness was in his lounge			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
Witnesses' lounge			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Air Traffic Control London	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			

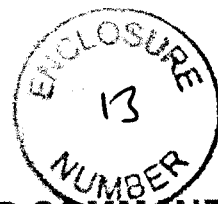
Swanwick LAC/LTC Incident checklist

**Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Reports**

Report of Unidentified Flying Object	
Date	10 JAN 09
Time	0352
Sighting Duration	2 MINS
Description of Object	Silver disc shaped light
Exact Position of Observer	Section 40 Section 40, HALIFAX, Section 40 (FROM LOUNGE)
How Object was Observed	NAKED EYE FROM SIDE WINDOW.
Direction in which Object was First Seen	UNK
Angular Elevation of Object	UNK
Distance of Object from Observer	300M
Movement of Object	<del>NONE</del> MOVING AWAY
Meteorological Conditions During Observations	CLEAR
Nearby Objects	NONE
To Whom Reported	WAKEFIELD POLICE
Name of Informant	Section 40
Address of Informant	AS ABOVE TEL: Section 40
Background Information on Informant that may be Volunteered	NONE
Other Witnesses	NONE

## Swanwick LAC/LTC Incident checklist

Date of Receipt of Report	12/01/09
Time of Receipt of Report	<del>0235</del> 0530
Actions	Time
Complete report of UFO with as many details as possible and send to: FOI1 5 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, ZONE H MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB	
Telephone details immediately and leave a message on 0207 218 2140.	



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Section 40

Sandbach  
Cheshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

12 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen over the weekend of 3-4 January 2009 near Sandbach, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Sandbach for January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Tom [Signature]*

Section 40

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
3-4 Jan 09		Sandbach	Cheshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A UFO. An orange/yellow light			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Section 40

Rossendale  
Lancashire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mailed report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 4 January 2009 over Haslingden. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Haslingden for 4 January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be more helpful.

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 08 January 2009 22:59  
 To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
 Subject: 9 x UFOs 04/01/09 - Rossendale, Lancashire

Sirs



In fear of being labelled 'crazy', I wish to report the following inexplicable occurrence that I witnessed recently whilst walking my dog just after midnight, Sunday 4th January 2009!

Date: 04/01/09

Time: 00:25 to 00:30

Weather: Freezing cold, clear sky, some slight cloud

Place: Section 40 Haslingden, Lancashire Section 40

- I set off from my home and turned left at the end of Section 40 on to Section 40
- Just before the telephone pole at the 90 degree left turn on Section 40 I noticed directly in front of me, at some distance and through some trees, a moving, bright, solid-orange light.
- My first thought was as to how ridiculously low that aircraft was flying (I guess from the south-east/Manchester direction), but dismissed that thought when the light approached the Ramsbottom-ish area and was followed by 2, 3, 4 & more identical objects!
- I then thought they might be military helicopters, due to the follow-the-leader formation but could see **no** flashing lights or red/green lights of fixed-wing aircraft. Also, in the quietness of that time of night, apart from the odd distant car - **there was NO noise from these objects whatsoever!**
- As the first light - which seemed to follow the Rossendale Valley/M66 - came closer (at what seemed a considerable speed), it rose almost vertically over the other side of the valley (above Scoutmoor Windfarm/maybe towards Rooley Moor, Rochdale), followed at regular 2 to 3 second intervals **by a further EIGHT identical objects.**
- At this point, I was stood with the dog, motionless in front of the house on this 90 degree corner wondering what the hell I was looking at.
- Behind me there was a couple in the house watching TV and I beckoned them to the window to watch/witness what I was seeing. Although I didn't speak to them ("*who is this madman waving outside our house*"), they did come to the window when I pointed skyward and they certainly saw these objects.
- Once all **NINE** lights had risen to a height when their brightness was faded, they gathered, I kid you not, in a 'diamond nine' formation, then one by one - in the order that they had passed me and risen - they faded and disappeared, or simply gained further height and went out of sight.
- **DID ANYONE ELSE SEE THIS, OR AM I GOING CRAZY?**
- Please contact me if you would like to ask any questions. I need to find a logical explanation for this event, as I can't offer any suggestion(s) of my own.

I am unable to give distances and speed of these things, having no sort of reference to their size - but they were quick!

Yours faithfully

Section 40 (address supplied)

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Section 40

Nuneaton  
warwickshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 2 January 2009 over Nuneaton. The details have been passed to this office which is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Nuneaton for 2 January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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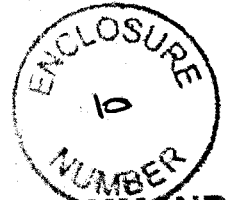
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**Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Reports**

Report of Unidentified Flying Object	
Date	02 JAN
Time	1700
Sighting Duration	3 MINS
Description of Object	5 X YELLOW / ORANGE OBJECTS IN CIRCLE LIKE FORMATION
Exact Position of Observer	NUNEATON
How Object was Observed	NAKED EYE
Direction in which Object was First Seen	EAST - WEST,
Angular Elevation of Object	45°
Distance of Object from Observer	SEVERAL MILES POSS 10
Movement of Object	SLOW BUT STRAIGHT
Meteorological Conditions During Observations	CLEAR SKIES
Nearby Objects	BUILT UP AREA
To Whom Reported	LOCAL POLICE
Name of Informant	Section 40
Address of Informant	§ Section 40 NUNEATON Section 40 Section 40
Background Information on Informant that may be Volunteered	SOUND MIND
Other Witnesses	Section 40

## Swanwick LAC/LTC Incident checklist

Date of Receipt of Report	02 JAN 2009	
Time of Receipt of Report	1745	
	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Time</b>
	Complete report of UFO with as many details as possible and send to: FOI1 5 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, ZONE H MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB	
	Telephone details immediately and leave a message on 0207 218 2140. ✓	



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Section 40

High Wycombe  
Buckinghamshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen earlier this month over High Wycombe, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise that I have not written to you by name, but the answerphone can sometimes be difficult to understand and I was unable to make out your name.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from High Wycombe for January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

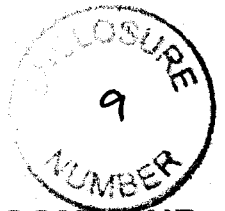
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*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
Jan 09		High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A bright object travelling very fast overhead. Not a plane.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
Very fast			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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[Redacted]

Colington  
Edinburgh

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40  
[Redacted]

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen earlier this month over Edinburgh, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your name, I am afraid the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Edinburgh for January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

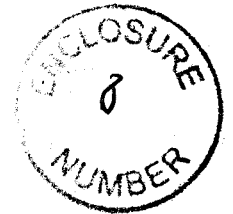
I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*John [unclear]*

Section 40  
[Redacted]

# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Jan 09		Colington	Edinburgh
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Lights in the sky.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Northampton

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 January 2009 over Northampton, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Northampton for January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

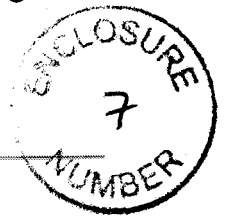
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*Your sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
6 Jan 09	21:00	Northampton	Northamptonshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Strange lights. Eleven in total.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 January 2009 15:06

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: 20090109-Response to Section 40 Ashford UFO Sighting-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your enquiry of 30 December 2008 detailing an unusual sighting you made in the sky over Kennington, Ashford in Kent on Boxing Day and asking if the Ministry of Defence (MoD) had any record of any similar sightings. It has been passed to this office to deal with as we have responsibility for answering questions relating to "UFO"s.

Firstly, I think it would be helpful if I gave you some background about the MoD role in UFO matters. Despite what many people think, 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. The MoD examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural 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.

I can however, tell you that the MoD received no other reports for Kent on 26 December 2008.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 09:49  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Defence Website Enquiry PF 09-01-2009-093912-002 Section 40  
**Categories:** BAU - Air Command

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Do you want to treat this a TOC?

Regards, Section 40

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**Sent:** 09 January 2009 09:41  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
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Air,

One for Section 40

Thanks.

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Main Building

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**From:** Web Master [mailto:webmaster@dgics.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 08 January 2009 14:04  
**To:** Info-Access-Office  
**Subject:** FW: Defence Website Enquiry PF 09-01-2009-093912-002 Section 40

Hi Section 40

09/01/2009

Not sure if this is the best place to send this feedback, but could you take a look please?

Thanks

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**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** Tue 30/12/2008 22:54  
**To:** Web Master  
**Subject:** Defence Website Enquiry

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

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txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

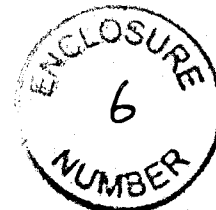
txtrequest: Dear Sirs, I have recently experienced some unexplained aerial activity and would be interested in your response. It happened on the eve of Boxing Day between 1900 & 1930hrs over Kennington, Ashford, Kent. I was driven to my home by my daughter just after 1900hrs, to collect our dog and walk her back to my daughters to continue our festive family day. Upon arriving at my address, about to unlock the door, when my daughter (& pointing) said 'look dad, what is that up there' and looking upward I observed an orange shape travelling from the NE to the SW at a fair pace, but not excessive. Height was difficult to judge, but it seemed slightly higher than normal light aircraft altitudes we have overhead. Could be 2000ft + depending on the distance it was, and of course the size? As I said, it was a bright tangerine orange object similar to an inverted light bulb in shape, configured vertically, with a distinctive orange glow around it. I fumbled for my digital camera and photographed it, by then some distance away on standard setting. My daughter then left for home and I proceeded to get the dog ready for my return on foot to my daughters house. On leaving my home I glanced back to check the gate was closed and to my astonishment another of these objects appeared, followed by two more. I could not believe what I was seeing, and again took out my camera, set it to night mode and took several pictures - again by then travelling further away from me. The direction and altitude were pretty much identical to the single one some 15mins previous. There was NO sound at all, not an aircraft of any known description to me (I am an aviation enthusiast and amateur historian). If this was a prank it was well done, it looked convincing to me! I have tried to enhance the photos but it only reveals crude orange shapes, which is not surprising when holding the camera at night. Do you have any knowledge of such sightings at this time? Incidentally, totally independent of my sightings, my wife reported to me some week or so before, that she saw an orange light shoot across and upward in the sky one evening, while looking at the stars.

Sorry for the drawn out tale, but that's how it happened as I saw it.

Yours sincerely

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PS. I am normal, age 64 and I was sober...



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Section 40

Cardigan

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 January 2009 over Cardigan, details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Cardigan for January 2009. There were two military aircraft authorised to fly over Wales within the low flying system between 15:00 and 16:00 on the date in question.

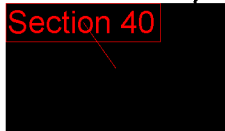
The Civil Aviation Authority who can be contacted on [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk) may be able to tell you if any civilian aircraft were operating in the area at the time. We are, however,

satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 09:33  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: UFO SIGHTING

Only aircraft booked into LFA 7 (the whole of Wales) were a Tornado from RAF Marham booked into LFA 7 between 1534 and 1549 and a Tucano from RAF Valley between 1500 and 1540.

It must've been aliens from outer space.

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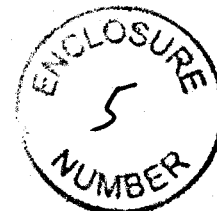
**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 08:44  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** UFO SIGHTING

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Did we have anything booked into the low flying system for 6 Jan 09 at "sundown" which I suggest is between 15:30 and 17:00.

5 bright orange lights over Cardigan which is on the Welsh coast (Pembrokeshire).

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Section 40

Blackpool  
Lancashire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 8 January 2009 over Blackpool, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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 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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Blackpool for January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

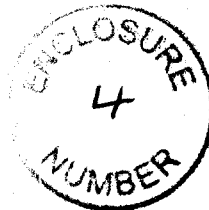
Sorry I could not be more helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
8 Jan 09	04:40	Blackpool	Lancashire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
A green light with a white light on the outer rim. Flew over the hills and disappeared once it passed the motorway.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Penwith to Carlisle			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Blairgowrie  
Perthshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 January 2009 over Blairgowrie, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Blairgowrie for either New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
1 Jan 09	00:10	Blairgowrie	Perthshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Four bright orange lights in a group.			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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St Albans  
Hertfordshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

9 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen earlier this month over St Albans, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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 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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from St Albans for January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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# UFO REPORT

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
Jan 09		St Albans	Hertfordshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Something lit up the sky. There was smoke in the sky afterwards			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			



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Melton Mowbray  
Leicestershire

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Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

8 January 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 January 2009 reporting 2 objects in the sky over Milton Mowbray in Leicestershire. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "UFO" matters.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Leicestershire over this period. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:[no-reply@feedback.mod.uk](mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk)]

Sent: 01 January 2009 12:28

To: Low Flying

Subject: Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk).

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtaddress1: [REDACTED]

txtaddress2: Melton Mowbray

txttowncity: Leicestershire

txtstatecountry: As above

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtincident: 00:05hrs - 1st January 2009

txtrequest: Sorry if this is not the correct way to report this but I need to report a sighting of a UFO.

There were 2 round, bright, orange lights/objects in the sky at the above mentioned time and date over Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. I live in South of the Borough of Melton and I saw them whilst I was facing North from the front of my house.

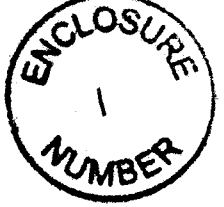
They hovered & glided quite slowly and at one point looked like they were going to collide then one sort of flashed and disappeared after about 1 minute and then about another minute later the other one disappeared. They did not make any noise that I could hear.

I had 5 others in the house, my husband included and we all have the same opinion that these objects were definately not helicopters, planes or fireworks. We had all consumed alcohol but were sober enough to realise this fact, otherwise I would not even think of reporting the sighting officially because I can hardly believe what I saw myself.

I would be grateful if someone could get back to me in some form or another.

Many Thanks

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Section 40

Chippenham  
Wiltshire

Section 40

Our Ref:  
UFO Sighting Report

8 January 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 January 2009, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far from Chippenham for 1 January 2009. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

*Yours sincerely*

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# UFO REPORT

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b> 1 Jan 09	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b> Chippenham	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b> Wiltshire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> A UFO			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b> N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b> Naked Eye			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b> N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b> N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b> N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b> N/A	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b> UFO Hotline	<b>OCCUPATION</b> N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b> Son			
<b>REMARKS</b>			