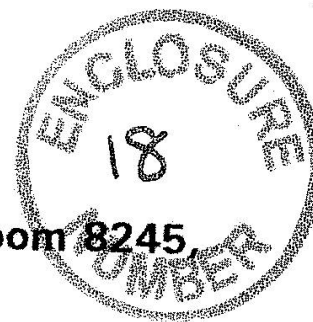




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**28** May 1998

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1. Thank you for your letter of 25 May regarding a sighting which took place on 3 April 1997 near Hinckley. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.
2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.
3. 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.
4. I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MOD did not receive any reports for 3 April 1997 from anywhere in the UK. I have also established that there were no military aircraft were operating below 2000 feet in the Hinckley area on 3 April 1997 at 02:00. Most military low flying training is carried out during daylight hours on weekdays. It is, of course, possible that the aircraft seen was civilian. If you wish to pursue your investigations on this basis, you should contact: The Civil Aviation Authority, CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40**

# HUFORT

Section 40  
HUFORT (Chairman)  
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Leicestershire  
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Tel

25th May 1998

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the Chairman & Senior Field Investigator of a UFO research group, and I am investigating a report of a Flying Triangle which was seen near a Town called Hinckley in Leicestershire.

It was witnessed by 4 separate people on the same night and almost at the same time, the descriptions that I received were very much identical.

I was wondering if it could of been a military aircraft which passed over on the night of April the 3rd 1997 at 02.00, I would be very grateful for any information on this matter.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully

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Dear **Section 40**,

1. Your letter of 27 April to the Under Secretary of State for Defence in which you raise several issues in connection with the subject of 'unidentified flying objects' has been passed to this office for reply. Sec(AS)2a1 is the MOD focal point for correspondence of this nature.
2. Mr Spellar's letter to Ieuan Wyn Jones MP of 2 April set out the limit of the Ministry of Defence's interest in 'UFO' matters. It remains the case that unless there is evidence to suggest an unauthorized incursion of the UK Air Defence Region by foreign military activity, the Department is not under remit, nor is there any requirement from a defence perspective, to investigate every seemingly inexplicable sighting reported to the MOD. As Mr Spellar said, it would be an inappropriate use of resources voted for defence purposes if the MOD were to do so.
3. You comment on documents held in the Public Record Office at Kew. In accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967, all surviving contemporary paperwork relating to 'unidentified flying object' reports for the 1950s have been transferred to the Public Records Office. It is the case that all available information is a matter of Public Record and there is nothing further I can add to it.
4. I hope this explains the position.

Yours sincerely,

**Section 40**



## MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS) 2

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Date 28/4/98

The ~~Secretary of State~~, US of S has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

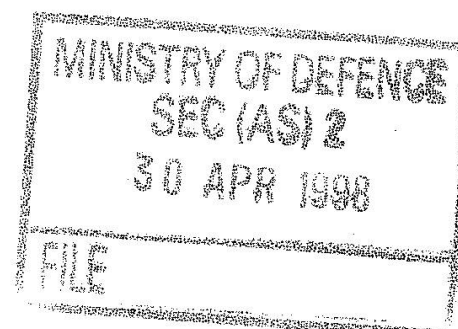
Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent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

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force on in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 54/98; further information is available from DOMD on extension **Section MB**.

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

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

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Mr John Spellar  
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2539

Dear Mr Spellar,

Having read a copy of the letter you sent to Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones (dated 2 April 1998), I have found several points I wish to raise with you. You make several statements in your letter which clearly show you are either unaware of the facts, or you are in complete denial of them.

Firstly, you make the statement, "We believe that down to earth explanations can be found for these reports". I take issue with this, and would very much like to see your explanation regarding the West Freugh incident, the Topcliffe and Church Lawford incidents of the 1950s, all of which are detailed in documents obtained from the public records office, copies of which I have enclosed. These are clearly incidents involving craft with design and performance parameters far in excess of cutting edge technology.

I also must disagree with your policy of branding UFO incidents as being of no defence significance, as it is documented that many incidents involving UFOs have taken place near military installations and energy establishments. Clearly, incidents such as these are of considerable defence significance, especially when the military installation in question is housing nuclear weapons, as was the case with the Rendlesham Forest incident of December 1980, a document relating to which is also enclosed.

In addition, there are some anomalies in some documents I have obtained which I would appreciate explanations on, for example, I have included a document numbered Air 20/9321, relating to West Freugh incident. Paragraph 9 of this document contains the sentence, "There were not known to be any aircraft in the vicinity nor were there meteorological balloons.", yet in an article published in a news paper called the Evening Standard (dated 6 April 1957) it clearly states that, "An official said then that they had checked with the radar station, and that the object was a weather balloon". This is a rather dubious comment, since officially, there were no weather balloons in the area.

I would also like to question a section of document Air 20/9320, requesting that the Secretary of State does not refer to the sightings at West Freugh and Church Lawford specifically as radar sightings.

Please find enclosed documents, some of which have been obtained from the public records office, and are subject to the issues I have raised, and others are from the CIAs Freedom of Information database.

I would very much appreciate your consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 2

## The mystery of the object in the sky

6. 4. 57  
Evening Standard Air Reporter

The mystery of an unidentified object picked up by a Royal Air Force radar screen at West Freugh, Scotland, on Thursday, deepened today.

Was it a weather balloon or was it something else?

An Air Ministry spokesman said today: "We are still investigating the reports. There is no further evidence yet."

Yesterday the Air Ministry had no doubt about it. An official said then that they had checked with the radar station, and that the object was a weather balloon, which had been sent up from Aldergrove airfield, Northern Ireland.

### Telephone report

Northern Ireland is only 25 miles across the North Channel from West Freugh.

RAF intelligence officers who deal with reports of unidentified objects have received a telephoned report from Wing Commander W. Whitworth, commanding officer of the West Freugh station.

He is sending a full written report to the Air Ministry.

### 'Very high'

Radar stations (Britain's watch against any surprise attack) are constantly manned. Other radar sets are used in air traffic control and are not on all the time. Objects which cannot be identified are reported to the Air Ministry.

It is understood that the West Freugh object was plotted at a great height.

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D.D.I.(Tech)/C.290/3/

Unidentified Objects at West Freugh

1. On the morning of April 4th radar operators at West Freugh detected unidentified objects on the screens of their radars. A summary of this incident is given below.
2. The object was first observed as a stationary return on the screen of a radar at Malacaloch. Although its range remained appreciably constant for about 10 minutes its height appeared to alter from about 50,000 to 70,000 ft. A second radar was switched on and detected the "object" at the same range and height.
3. The radar sets used were capable of following objects automatically besides being manually operated. The information is obtained in the form of polar coordinates but it can be converted to give plan position indication together with heights. This information can be fed into a plotting board which displays the position of the object by means of an electronically operated pen, while the height is shown on a meter.
4. The unidentified object was tracked on the plotting table, each radar being switched on to the table in turn to check for discrepancies. After remaining at one spot for about ten minutes the pen moved slowly in a N.E. direction, and gradually increased speed. A speed check was taken which showed a ground speed of 70 m.p.h., the height was then 54,000 ft.
5. At this time another radar station 20 miles away, equipped with the same type of radars, was asked to search for the "object". A echo was picked up at the range and bearing given and the radar was "locked-on".
6. After the "object" has travelled about 20 miles it made a very sharp turn and proceeded to move S.E. at the same time increasing speed. Here the reports of the two radar stations differ in details. The one at Malacaloch tracked an "object" at about 50,000 ft at a speed of about 260 m.p.h. while the other followed an "object" or "objects" at 14,000 ft. As the "objects" travelled towards the second radar site the operator detected four "objects" moving in line across about 4,000 yards from each other. This observation was confirmed later by the other radars, for when the object they were plotting passed out of range they were able to detect four other smaller objects before they too passed out of range.
7. It was noted by the radar operators that the sizes of the echoes were considerably larger than would be expected from normal aircraft. In fact they considered that the size was nearer that of a ship's echo.
8. It is deduced from these reports that altogether five objects were detected by the three radars. At least one of these rose to an altitude of 70,000 ft while remaining appreciably stationary in azimuth and range. All of these objects appeared to be capable of speeds of about 260 m.p.h. Nothing can be said of physical construction of the objects except that they were very effective reflectors of radar signals, and that they must have been either of considerable size or else constructed to be especially good reflectors.
9. There were not known to be any aircraft in the vicinity nor were there any meteorological balloons. Even if balloons had been in the area these would not account for the sudden change of direction and the movement at high speed against the prevailing wind.
10. Another point which has been considered is that the type of radar used is capable of locking onto heavily charged clouds. Clouds of this nature could extend up to the heights in question and cause abnormally large echoes on the radar screens. It is not thought however that this incident was due to such phenomena.

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11. It is concluded that the incident was due to the presence of five reflecting objects of unidentified type and origin. It is considered unlikely that they were conventional aircraft, meteorological balloons or charged clouds.

Appendix 5

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SECRET3A. 51411  
D.D.I.(Tech)/S290/ JAWS.6 (Mr. Went)

With reference to your loose minute 511/S.6 dated 11th April, 1957, it is regretted that due to an oversight the West Freugh, Wigtownshire incident was listed twice; once as a newspaper report and once as a radar sighting under investigation. The error in listing the incidents means that there were fifteen reports this year. The newspaper reports were, in fact, only two and not three as given.

2. The four reports, amplifications of which you require, are as follows.

Radar sightings under investigation

- (a) A report was received from Royal Air Force Church Lawford on 26th March, 1957 of a sighting of an unusual nature. The object moved at a speed timed as exceeding 1400 m.p.h. This in itself was unusual as the object had accelerated to this speed from a stationary position. No explanation has yet been found for this sighting but, supplementary report, including a copy of the radar plot, was requested and has been received from Church Lawford this afternoon.
- (b) Signals from Royal Air Force Stations Rempton and Lakenheath on 19th March reported unusual responses which did not resemble those from conventional aircraft. Aircraft sent to find the object made no contact with anything in the area of the response.

The meteorological office are at present trying to find whether any unusual phenomena were observed by their stations in that area.

It is possible that the response was due to a seasonal phenomena known as "Angels" and "Anaprop" which is a result of Inversion and Reflection from the Ionosphere.

- (c) Ministry of Supply, Bomb Trials Unit, West Freugh, Wigtownshire picked up an unusual response from an almost stationary object on 4th April 1957; the object was tracked for thirty-six minutes continually increasing in speed while losing height. Enquiries, so far, reveal that no service nor commercial aircraft were in the vicinity at the time. We are at present trying to find out whether a private aircraft might have been in the area at the time.

The possibility of a balloon has been eliminated because the object was proceeding against the wind.

Newspaper Report

- (d) A review by the 'Daily Worker' of a book recently published on German wartime weapons contained references to a German flying saucer which was flown at a speed of 1250 m.p.h. to a height of 40,000 ft.

3. The Wigtownshire report referred to in para 5 of our minute 3 of folder P.Q. 133/57 is the same incident as reported in the news cuttings forwarded with your minute and returned herewith.

4. It is unfortunate that the Wigtownshire radar incident fell into the hands of the press. The two other radar incidents have not been made public and reached us by means of official secret channels. We suggest that S. of S. does not specifically refer to these incidents as radar sightings. We suggest that in answering the original question S. of S. might reply:-

"Of the fifteen incidents reported this year ten have been identified as conventional objects, two contain insufficient information for identification and three are under investigation."

5. If supplementary questions are asked the S. of S. might wish to refer to the answer given to Major Wall on 4th May 1955. Reports received since that date do not suggest that there need be any change in the answer given at that time.

*[Signature]*  
D.D.I.



Appendix 3

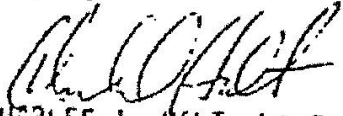
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13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.
2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.
3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

  
CHARLES I. NALT, Lt Col, USAF  
Deputy Base Commander

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((TEXT)) URUMQI, SEPTEMBER 13 (XINHUA) -- AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) WAS SIGHTED OVER URUMQI, CAPITAL OF THE XINJIANG UYGUR AUTONOMOUS REGION, AT 11:13 PM ON SEPTEMBER 6.

THAT NIGHT TONG YUWEI, A WORKER IN THE CITY SAW A DARK CLOUD SUDDENLY LIGHT UP. FOLLOWING A GOLDEN FLASH, A SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH A BLACK CAP ON ITS EDGE APPEARED. AFTER HOVERING IN THE SKY FOR A MINUTE, THE UFO, BATHED IN RED AND YELLOW LIGHT, ROTATING AT HIGH SPEED, DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT TOWARD THE SOUTHWEST.

DURING THE TIME OF THE OBJECT'S APPEARANCE, OBSERVERS REPORTED HEARING SOUNDS LOUDER THAN A CAR ENGINE.

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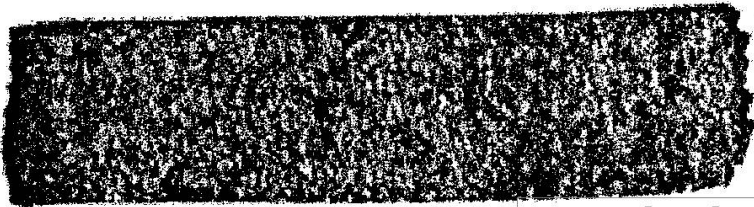
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SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS IN SWEDEN -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 18 May 54

Lulea -- A snowstorm on 17 May made it impossible for the Gaellivare police to investigate the celestial objects which were recently seen in various places in northern Norrbotten Province. The police do not think that the objects were meteorological balloons but do not have any theories to account for the sightings. The latest eyewitness account was given by Valdemar Ylinentalo from Kuusijaervi, who declared that he saw a silvery football-shaped object coming from the Finnish side of the boundary; it had a fiery tail 70-80 meters long and appeared to descend to earth about half a kilometer from where he was. Jenny Karlsson, another eyewitness, stated that she saw a sphere-shaped object attached to a meter-long rod pass her at a distance of 4-5 meters (sic) and come to earth in the forest, a short distance from her. No traces of this object have been found.

CELESTIAL OBJECT TO BE DUG UP IN DENMARK -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 24 May 54

In the near future, an investigation will be made to determine whether a flying object which landed in a field near Spjellerup about 6 months ago is a meteor, a shell, or some part of a "flying saucer." The object made a hole in the field about 3.5 meters deep and 25 centimeters in diameter and passed through a thick stratum of flint. The owner of the land pushed a long iron rod into the hole and determined that the object at the bottom is metallic. It is said that at the time the object descended to earth, there were quite a number of unidentified flying objects over the area. Excavation of the object will be performed with assistance from the military.

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SIGHT UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT OVER TAURUS MOUNTAINS OF TURKEY -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah,  
7 May 54

Mersin, 6 May 1954 -- Today, an unidentified aircraft was sighted by residents of the town of Mersin at approximately 1130 hours. The craft, which appeared over the Taurus Mountains, seemed to be about 10 meters in length and was traveling in a straight line. It was visible only for a few minutes and then disappeared.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SEEN OVER WEST GERMANY -- Douala, L'Eveil du Cameroun,  
17 Jun 54

Two unidentified flying objects were reported to have been seen recently for about 10 seconds by a PTT (Postes, Telegraphes, et Telephones, Post, Telegraph, and Telephone Service) engineer and by another person between Frankfurt and Darmstadt, near the Rhein-Main Air Base. The objects were described as glowing disks, which descended almost vertically to a certain [unspecified] distance above the earth at high speed and then rose rapidly, describing a parabola. US radar did not pick up the objects.

New York, N. Y. Staats-Zeitung und Herald, 20 Jun 54

Employees of various air lines at the Dusseldorf airport recently observed a shiny, round object which approached from the south at high speed, then turned toward the west, and disappeared above the 6,000-meter overcast. An employee of the Condor serial-advertising firm, who happened to be watching a skywriter of his firm at the time, called the object a "flying saucer" and stated that it could not possibly have been an airplane, balloon, or aerial measuring device. Several other airport employees confirmed his observation.

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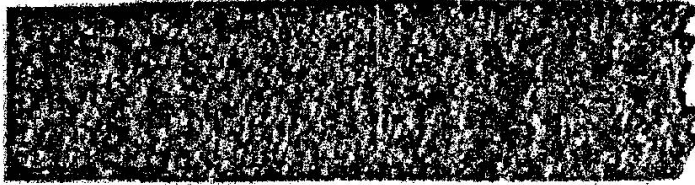
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FLYING SAUCERS OVER BELGIAN CONGO URANIUM MINES

Fritz Sitte

Recently, two fiery disks were sighted over the uranium mines located in the southern part of the Belgian Congo in the Elisabethville district, east of the Luapula River which connects the Meru and Bangweolo lakes. The disks glided in elegant curves and changed their position many times, so that from below they sometimes appeared as plates, ovals, and simply lines. Suddenly, both disks hovered in one spot and then took off in a unique zigzag flight to the northeast. A penetrating hissing and buzzing sound was audible to the onlookers below. The whole performance lasted from 10 to 12 minutes.

Commander Pierre of the small Elisabethville airfield immediately set out in pursuit with a fighter plane. On his first approach he came within about 120 meters of one of the disks. According to his estimates, the "saucer" had a diameter of from 12 to 15 meters and was discus-shaped. The inner core remained absolutely still, and a knob coming out from the center and several small openings could plainly be seen. The outer rim was completely veiled in fire and must have had an enormous speed of rotation. The color of the metal was similar to that of aluminum.

The disks traveled in a precise and light manner, both vertically and horizontally. Changes in elevation from 800 to 1,000 meters could be accomplished in a few seconds; the disks often shot down to within 20 meters of the tree tops. Pierre did not regard it possible that the disk could be manned, since the irregular speed as well as the heat would make it impossible for a person to stay inside the stable core. Pierre had to give up pursuit after 15 minutes since both disks, with a loud whistling sound which he heard despite the noise of his own plane, disappeared in a straight line toward Lake Tanganyika. He estimated their speed at about 1,500 kilometers per hour.

Pierre is regarded as a dependable officer and a zealous flyer. He gave a detailed report to his superiors which, strangely enough, in many respects agreed with various results of research.

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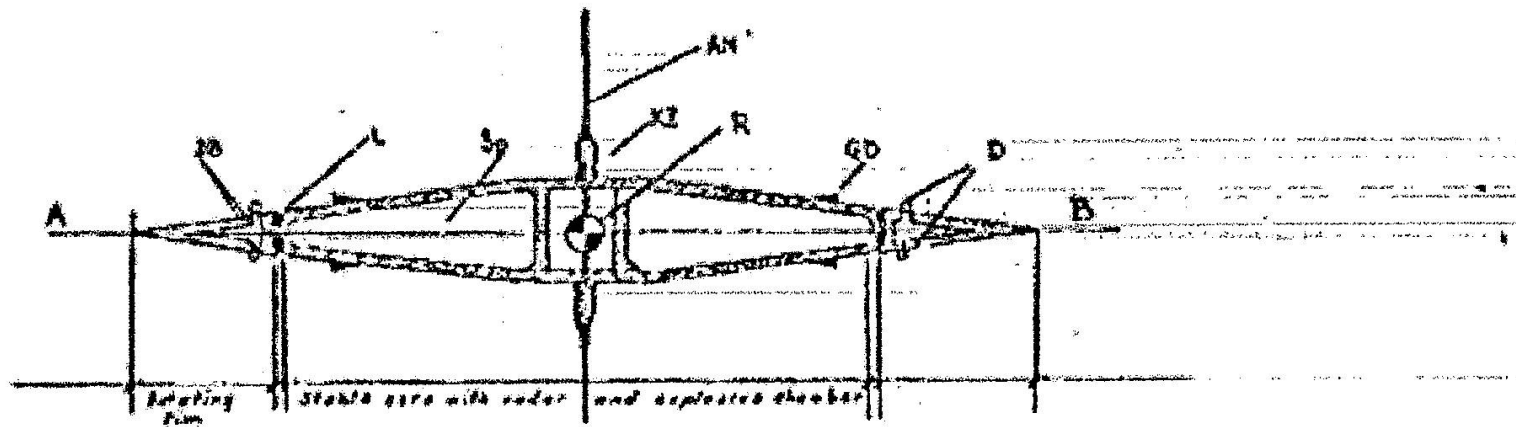


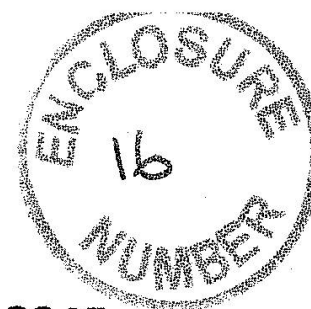
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The sketch below shows the construction principle of the "flying saucers." The captions are, in part, purely conjecture, based on reports by pilots who pursued the disks; in part, they were learned from secret research institutions. The central core contains the explosive (SP) and the installations for radar steering (R). It has catapult knobs (KZ) and antennae (AN) as well as counter-pressure housing (GD). Around this core, a rim rotates which has jets (D) on its upper and lower side, plus fuel chambers (DB). The roller bearing is shown by the letter-L. The launching occurs at a sharp angle in the manner of a discus throw; the revolutions per minute of the rim probably amount to 22,000. The jets on the bottom of the rim serve to propel the disk vertically upwards; lateral steering results from switching on and off various jet groups.

[Appended sketch follows:]





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*Dear*

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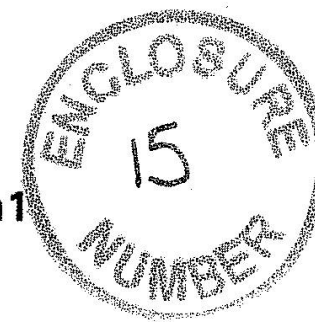
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*Yours sincerely,*

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**Section 40**

Sutton in Ashfield  
 Nottinghamshire

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date  
 20 May 1998

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 9 April, in which you asked a number of questions in connection with 'unidentified flying objects'.
2. You ask about RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge during an alleged incident at the end of December 1980. All substantiated evidence available at the time was looked at by those within the Department with responsibility for air defence matters and the judgement was that nothing of air defence concern occurred on the nights in question. It is the policy of this and previous Governments to neither confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons at any site either past or present. The information is being withheld under Exemption 1 of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.
3. You also ask about the role of Secretariat(Air Staff)2a. All alleged sighting reports made to Ministry of Defence establishments, including military bases, are forwarded to this Branch which is the MOD focal point for handling correspondence and queries of this nature. Since the beginning of this year there have been no alleged sightings by on duty military personnel.
4. You will know from earlier correspondence the extent of the MOD's interest in the 'UFO' phenomenon. It is UK Government policy that the air defence and air traffic implications of 'unidentified flying objects' are the responsibility of the MOD and the Civil Aviation Authority respectively. Within the remit placed upon the MOD in relation to this policy, action, as necessary is taken in respect of any further investigation. Where there is no evidence on an alleged incursion of the UK Air Defence Region by unauthorized foreign military activity it is a matter of policy that no further action should be taken.



5. Finally, you asked about the role of the Provost and Security Service (P&SS) in respect of 'UFO reports'. The alleged involvement of P&SS is frequently misunderstood. Until 1992 the Flying Complaints Flight (FCF), part of the HQ P&SS(UK) based at RAF Rudloe Manor, was the central coordination point for any 'UFO' reports made to RAF stations by members of the public or service personnel. Its function was simply to record the details and pass on the reports directly to Sec(AS)2a. Sec(AS)2a examined the reports and decided, with advice as necessary from air defence experts and others, whether what was seen had defence implications. The FCF involvement in the collection of 'UFO' reports ceased in 1992 when all reports received by RAF stations were sent instead directly to Sec(AS)2a. Since that date, the extent of the FCF's involvement in the 'UFO' reporting process, in common with all other RAF stations, is to note down the details of any reports made to them from the local area and forward them to Sec(AS)2a.

Yours sincerely,

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Main Building  
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9 April 1998

Dear Sir/Madam

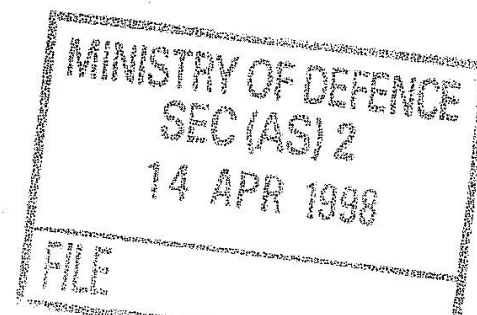
I am writing to you regarding the 28th December 1980 sighting at the twin base complex of R.A.F. Bentwaters and R.A.F. Woodbridge in Suffolk. I have some questions that I hope you can answer for me.

1. Were Nuclear weapons stored at R.A.F. Bentwaters?
2. Was R.A.F. Bentwaters on full alert at the time, due to problems in Europe?
3. Who did the analysis, and on what basis did the Ministry conclude there was no threat?
4. After the incident, why was a large section of the forest cut down?
5. Is Section (2A 1A) simply a clearing house for UFO reports, or is there a higher office which disseminates reports beyond those which reached you?
6. How many military sightings have there been this year?
7. Has official British policy towards the UFO phenomenon been affected by Washington?
8. Why is it MOD policy to play down the subject of UFO's, and to avoid attaching undue attention or publicity?
9. Are the Provost Security Service department still investigating UFO's?

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

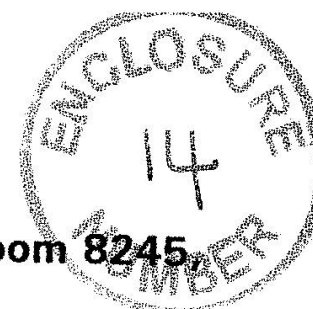
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**Section 40**

Forest Hill,  
 London.

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date  
 20 May 1998

*D&V* **Section 40**

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone regarding the strange occurrences in your household over the past 18 months. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".
2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.
3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, 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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*Yours sincerely,*

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**Section 40**

Willerby,  
 Hull.

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
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Date  
 19 May 1998

*Dear* **Section 40**

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone regarding "unidentified flying objects" seen high in the sky on the evening of 17 May. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.
2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.
3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, 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.
4. With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 17 May from Hull or the surrounding area and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

*Yours sincerely,*

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19 May 1998

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**Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 2 May (received 18 May) in which you have asked for information on a sighting dated 7 January 1966.
2. As is the case with other government files, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive are already available for examination by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. Files from 1967 onwards will be routinely released to the Public Record Office at the 30 year point.
3. In view of the above I cannot be of any further assistance in this matter but you may wish to visit the Public Record Office in person to continue your research into this matter.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40**

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BPLM

HULL  
Section 40

Date 2/5/98

Dear, [Section 40], I am writing to you regarding a (u/f) report of a PC Colin Perks which was note and sent of to the British M.I.D) which is you.

In total the (M.I.D) completed a 20page file on PC Colin Perks and his alleged encounter.

The file was note on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1966 when a (u/f) was seen at 4.10 Am on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1966.

What I attchally want if you would please send me a copy of the attnal file which was note on the date stated above.

The sighting was reported to the Ministry of Defence by a newspaper, and S4F then penned a memo about the new sighting to DI 61e, (Air) described what appeared to be an independent back up witness to Mr Perks encounter.

yours

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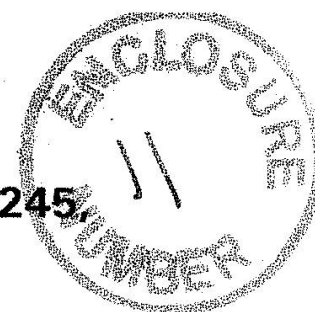
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P.S/ Thankyou, Please

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Harlech  
 Gwynedd

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
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Date  
 18 May 1998

*Dear* **Section 40**,

1. Thank you for your recent letter in which you have included a description of an unexplained aerial sighting.
2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.
3. 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.
4. With regard to the observation detailed in your letter, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 24 April from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

*Yours sincerely,*

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on PC; not always on.

**Wales Federation of Independent Ufologists: Mid Wales Co-ordinator.**

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Phone No: Section 40

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**HARLECH  
Gwynedd**

Section 40

I have just had this e-mail report of a sighting, details below. It seems to possibly be aircraft, BUT it is just possible that someone else saw the same object(s) in more detail to be able us to come to a definite conclusion as to the nature of the object, which seems to be of conventional origin from the report.

Do you have any other reports?

Yours Section 40

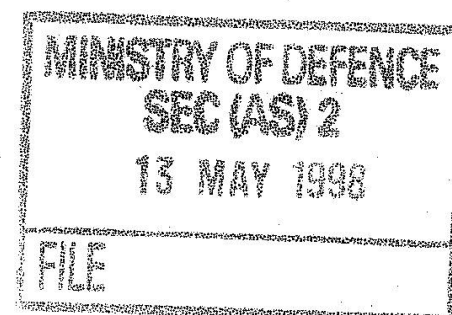
Hi Section 40

I placed an advert in a newsgroup last weekend saying that I had seen a UFO sighting and who do you report these things to. I was given your name by someone and enclose my information for your interest.

I am not a wacky person and consider myself of reasonable intelligence as I am teaching student doing a University degree and also caring for a family of three children. I do not believe in UFO's as a rule but on the 24th of April while out delivering newspapers with my two sons, we saw something in the sky that none of us could explain. I would be interested if anyone can explain what it was and if anyone else saw it. Unfortunately it is hard to put into words what I saw but I enclose the best description I can.

Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, United Kingdom - 24 April 1998

It was approximately 8 o'clock in the evening on a fine evening just before dark and the sky was clear. We saw in the sky, not very high - lots of separate spiral shapes moving in a circular motion. It was as if there was a space ship of some sort that was invisible and we could only see the movement of some form of engine under it like you see smoke from a car engine. The spirals were positions apart in a circular movement and they all moved across the sky together staying in a circle. We watched this move above two streets and across a main road and then it was gone and it was dark within 10 minutes of this. There is an abandoned gas works near there and I am sure that could be no relevance to that surely. This is a residential area and the nearest industry is a British Petroleum plant and a British Steel Works both mile or more away in different directions. I would welcome any information on suggestions it can be and any knowledge of anyone else seeing it then or at another time.





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Thanks for your time on this matter.

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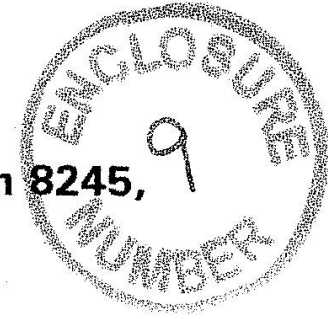
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**Section 40**

Your reference  
Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)/64/3  
Date  
18 May 1998

*DOAV* **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 April in which you have asked about the recent press articles alleging a 'UFO' sighting over the North Sea.
2. All of the press reports were incorrect and speculative; RAF Fylingdales has not tracked any 'UFOs' on its radar. The RAF Cranwell 'Military Exploitation of Space' Symposium in June is not concerned with alleged 'UFO' sightings and this office did not receive any "UFO" sighting reports which correlate with the descriptions given in the newspaper articles. To date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of "UFO/flying saucers".

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40**

27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 1998

Section 40

SECRETARIAT (AIR STAFF) 2A/A,  
 ROOM 8245,  
 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,  
 MAIN BUILDING, WHITEHALL  
 LONDON,  
 SW1A 2HB.

DEAR Section 40,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN THE HOPE THAT YOUR OFFICE CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING REPORTS IN TODAY'S (27/4/98) PRESS REGARDING R.A.F. FYLINGDALE'S PHASED ARRAY RADAR IN NORTH YORKSHIRE. CAN YOUR OFFICE CONFIRM OR DENY THE FOLLOWING:

1) THAT ~~THE~~ FYLINGDALE'S TRACKED AN OBJECT "THE SIZE OF A BATTLESHIP" & THAT THIS OBJECT "ZIG-ZAGGED AT UP TO 24,000 MPH FOR 15 MINUTES".

2) THAT THE DUTCH AIR FORCE WERE IN ATTENDANCE & CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF THIS OBJECT.

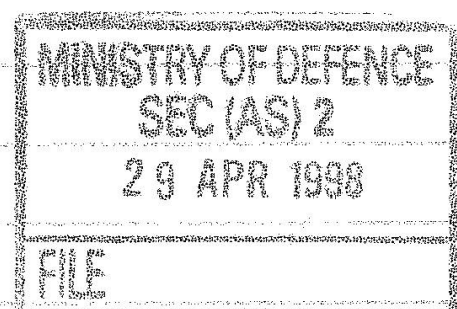
3) THAT FYLINGDALE'S, ON A SEPARATE OCCASION, TRACKED A "GROUP OF 12 OVAL OBJECTS" THAT "SEEMINGLY CHANGED SHAPE, TO THE AMAZEMENT OF OBSERVERS".

4) THAT THE TAPES ARE "TO BE SHOWN TO BRITISH & AMERICAN EXPERTS".

5) THAT "DETAILS ARE DUE TO BE REVEALED IN EARLY JUNE.... AT THE R.A.F.'S CRANWELL STAFF COLLEGE".

6) ON WHAT DATE'S DID THESE TWO INCIDENTS OCCUR?

7) WERE R.A.F. CREW'S SCRAMBLED? IF SO, WHERE FROM?



P.T.O.

H) WERE REPORTS MADE TO (AIR STAFF) 2A1A, OR OTHER M.O.D. COMPONENTS REGARDING THESE EVENTS.

FINALLY, WHAT EXPLANATION IS THE M.O.D./SEC(AS) 2A1A OFFERING FOR THESE INCIDENTS? DOES YOUR OFFICE AGREE WITH "ONE SENIOR OFFICER" WHO SAID: "WHAT WE HAVE SEEN ARE NOT SECRET WEAPONS. THEY ARE CRAFT OF WHICH WE HAVE NO TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE... WE CANNOT EXPLAIN WHAT THEY ARE".

YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS ENQUIRY IS APPRECIATED & I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON.

YOURS SINCERELY,

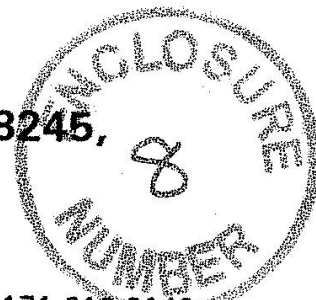
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Braintree,  
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**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
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Date  
 18 May 1998

*Dear*

**Section 40**

1. Thank you for your recent letter in which you have requested information on the alleged Roswell incident of 1947. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to reports of "unidentified flying objects."

2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. 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.

4. The alleged incident in Roswell in 1947 is entirely a matter for the United States Government. Should you wish to pursue your query with the US Government, you may write to the US Embassy at 24 Grosvenor Square, London, W1A 1AE.

*Yours sincerely,*

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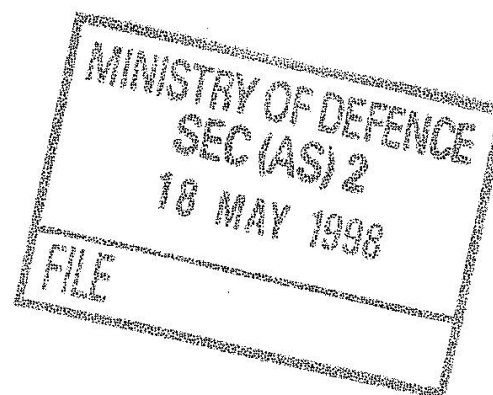
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Dear Sir/Madam

I herewith request a copy under the Freedom of Information Act Regulations, documents relating to any UFO sightings especially Roswell. If yours is not the department to fulfill this request, I would be grateful if you could transfer my request.

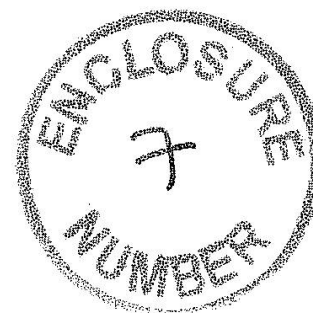
Yours faithfully

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Edmonton  
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Your reference

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Date  
18 May 1998

Dear Section 40,

1. Thank you for your letter of 12 May and the invitation to attend a 'UFO' briefing conference which you are organising.
2. In his letter of 10 February, the Under Secretary of State for Defence explained to your MP, Andrew Love, the Department's limited interest in the subject of 'unidentified flying objects'. The Ministry of Defence is unable to accept your invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40





12th May 1998

Dear **Section 40**

We are writing to invite you to attend a U.F.O. briefing conference entitled "U.F.O.'s - The Global Evidence".

The speakers are Dr. Steven Greer, Michael Hesemann, and Nicholas Redfern. Dr. Greer is the founder of CSETI, and has briefed many world leaders on the U.F.O. subject including senior U.N. diplomats, and held historic "closed" briefings with U.S. Congress in April 1997. Michael Hesemann has briefed the San Marino government and the Vatican on the subject as well as investigating incidents in 42 countries throughout the world. Nicholas Redfern is author of "A Covert Agenda", and "The F.B.I. Files" which has recently been released. Nicholas began investigating the subject as his father worked for the forces and was witness to U.F.O. encounters captured on radar, these tapes were impounded and the witnesses informed not to talk about the incidents, strongly suggesting a government and/or military cover-up.

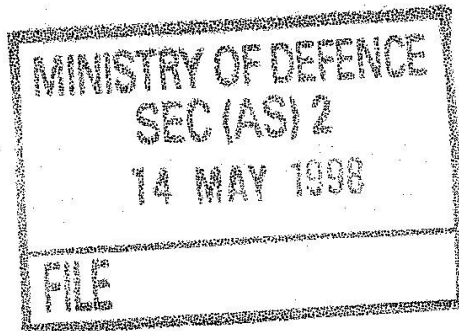
The speakers are experts in their field of investigation and have uncovered much information which should be formally released to the worlds population. If you wish to attend the conference you may begin to understand the high level of research and information which has been gathered on the subject. Upon acceptance of our invitation we will issue a nondescript visitors pass for the conference, details of the offices in attendance will not be disclosed by Universal Promotions to any of the attendees or the speakers prior to the event. We will only inform the speakers of your attendance after the conference has ended unless you notify us otherwise.

We trust you will seriously consider this invitation and we will adhere to any request regarding confidentiality to those attending on the day. Please contact us in writing or by telephone if you wish accept this offer.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Promoter



c/o **Section 40** Edmonton, London, **Section 40**



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Date  
May 1998

Dear **Section 40**,

1. Thank you for your letter of 12 May and ~~for~~ the invitation to attend a 'UFO' briefing conference which you are organising.

2. In <sup>Ris</sup> ~~the~~ letter of 10 February ~~from~~ the Under Secretary of State for Defence <sup>your MP,</sup> to Andrew Love ~~MP~~, ~~he~~ explained the Department's limited interest in the subject of 'unidentified flying objects', ~~in response to an enquiry initiated by you. I am afraid that as the subject of the conference is outside the MOD's remit, it would not be appropriate for me to attend.~~

*The Ministry of Defence is unable to accept your invitation.*

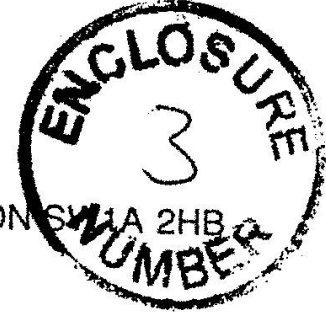
Yours sincerely,

17 FEB 1998



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10 February 1998

Dear Section 40

*Their mistake*

Thank you for your letter of 16 January to George Robertson of 16 January enclosing one from your constituent, Section 40 of Section 40 Edmonton, about 'unidentified flying objects' and extraterrestrial lifeforms. I am replying as this matter falls within my area of responsibility.

By way of background I should explain that my Department does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain open-minded. I should add that to date the Ministry of Defence knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

My Department does examine any reports of 'unidentified flying object' sightings sent to us, but this is solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance, namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been breached by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. Unless there are defence implications, and to date no 'UFO sighting' reported to us has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each report. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

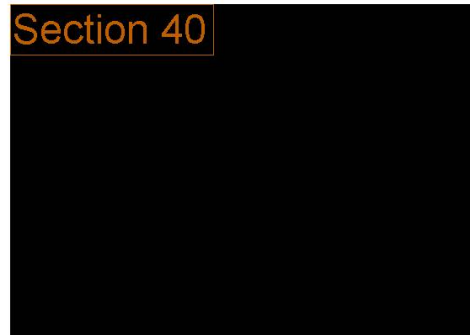
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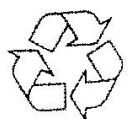




In the light of my Department's limited interest in these matters I am unable to support **Section 40** request concerning 'Project Starlight'.

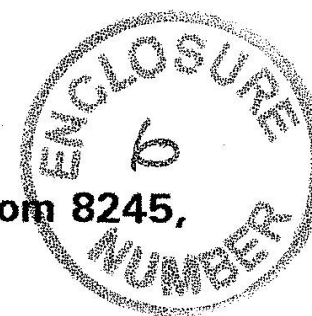


JOHN SPELLAR MP





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**Section 40** [REDACTED]

Enfield,  
 Middlesex.

Your reference

Our reference  
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date  
 18 May 1998

*Dear* **Section 40** [REDACTED]

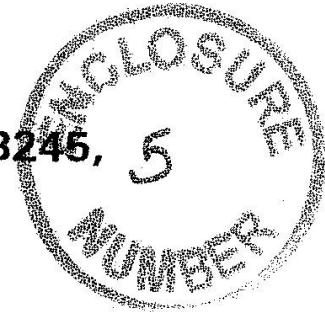
1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone regarding the "unidentified flying objects" that you saw approximately two weeks ago. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.
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3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, 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.
4. If you wish to report your sighting, there are two ways in which you can do so. Either write to me at the address given above or leave another message on the answerphone giving details of the time, date and location of the sighting, along with a description of what you saw.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40** [REDACTED]



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Section 40

Itchen,  
Southampton.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date  
14 May 1998

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your recent letter in which you requested a form to report an "unidentified flying object".
2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.
3. 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.
4. If you wish to report your sighting, there are two ways in which you can do so. Either write to me at the address given above or leave a message on the answerphone (0171 218 2140). Please provide details of the time, date and location of the sighting, along with a description of what you saw.

Yours sincerely,

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ITCHEN.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Section 40

Dear Sir,

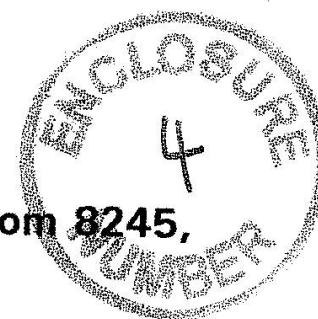
Please can you  
send me a form, so I can  
report a UFO sighting, that  
in my opinion would be  
a breach of security over  
Vospen. Which make Naval  
vessels. Please reply to this  
matter in a serious manner.  
Thank you for your help.

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
SEC (AS) 2  
12 MAY 1998  
FILE



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**Section 40**

Bracknell,  
 Berkshire.

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
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Date  
 14 May 1998

*DAW*

**Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 21 April in which you have asked about a 'sighting' in The Wash on 5 October 1996.
2. You are aware of the MOD's interest and policy in respect of reports of 'unidentified flying objects' which has been explained to you in previous correspondence. Unless there is evidence of an unauthorized incursion of the UK Air Defence Region by foreign military activity then no attempt is made to determine the precise nature of each 'sighting' reported to us.
3. At the time of the incident in The Wash it was determined that there was no evidence that the integrity of the UK Air Defence Region had been compromised. All available sources of information have been examined by the Department and we are completely satisfied that the sightings were not of air defence significance. Our air defence system found no evidence of unidentified flying craft throughout the period in question. The only radar plot observed, which was identified on the National Air Traffic Services Claxby radar in the position of Boston, was judged by experienced operators at two separate locations to be a permanent echo, caused by a natural phenomena (something that does occur in certain weather conditions), not suspicious in nature nor of any significance to air or maritime safety, and of no air defence or air concern.
4. There was very little reliable or accurate bearing or elevation information in connection with any of the sightings of lights observed in the area of The Wash. From that provided, the Greenwich Observatory view is that the lights were of celestial origin and likely to be Venus which had been exceptionally bright during the week in question.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40**



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21-4-98

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BERKSSection 40  
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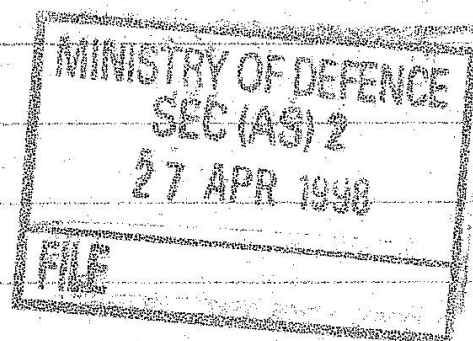
DEAR [REDACTED]

Section 40  
[REDACTED]

I WOULD LIKE TO ENQUIRE INTO AN INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF 5<sup>TH</sup> October 1996, IN THE WASH AREA BORDERING LINCOLNSHIRE/NORFOLK.

THOSE INVOLVED IN COMMUNICATION ON THE NIGHT WERE

- 1,, SKEGNESS POLICE.
- 2,, THE CREW OF THE OIL TANKER 'CONOCOAST'.
- 3,, CIVIL AIRCRAFT
- 4,, RAF NETISHEDD
- 5,, RAF KINLOSS
- 6,, RAF NORTHWOOD
- 7,, RAF WADDINGTON
- 8,, ANGLIAN RADAR
- 9,, CLAXBY RADAR
- 10,, LONDON NORTHWOOD RADAR
- 11,, THE MOD
- 12,, G. C. H. Q.



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TWO SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS WERE CALLED TO ATTEND THE OAKLEY SITE AT G. C. M. Q. AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF TRACKING + DISCUSSION, IT TRANSPIRES THAT THE OBJECT POSED NO THREAT TO THE UK AIR DEFENCE REGION. HAVING SAID THIS, THE OBJECT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BEEN TRACKED + MONITORED. ESTIMATES WOULD HAVE BEEN GAINED AS TO SPEED, ALTITUDE, DIRECTION OR, WHAT EXACTLY THE 'OBJECT' WAS.

Only once the object was gone, would any monitoring have ceased, due to the threat of violating U.K. AIR SPACE.

I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY NOT TO REVEAL INTELLIGENCE GATHERING METHODS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PRESS etc.

BUT, AS THIS INCIDENT DID NOT POSE ANY THREAT TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE UK AIR DEFENCE REGION, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1, WOULD YOUR DEPARTMENT DESCRIBE THIS INCIDENT AS ONE OF THE '10%' OF UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENON?

2, WERE THERE ANY INDICATIONS OF SPEED, DIRECTION, ALTITUDE GATHERED?

3, THE SITUATION WAS DESCRIBED AS "NOT VIOLATING THE INTEGRITY OF THE UK AIR DEFENCE REGION". WOULD YOU SAY THEN, THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS OF 'EXTREME DEFENCE SIGNIFICANCE'?

411 IF PRESS STATEMENTS AT THE TIME WERE -  
" INCORRECT, ILL-INFORMED + SPECULATIVE". Could you  
CLARIFY THE WHOLE INCIDENT TO STOP FURTHER  
'SPECULATION'?

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME + EFFORT IN  
CONSIDERING THESE QUESTIONS.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40





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**Section 40**

Your reference

Crumlin,  
 Gwent.

Our reference  
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date  
 14 May 1998

**Section 40**

*D&V*

**Section 40**

1. I am writing with reference to your letter of 11 May sent to the RAF Community Relations Officer (Wales) regarding an "unidentified flying object" seen by yourself, your wife and daughter on 9 May. Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.
2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.
3. 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 down to earth explanations, such as aircraft lights, dirigibles 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.
4. With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 9 May from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military activity.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40**

*The letter from **Section 40** followed a report made to the RCRO (Wales). Report held on file 64/2 pt G enc 104/1.*

FROM FROM CRO WALES

05.12.1998 10:52

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GPTN & Fax: Worcester MOD Section 40



FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

To: Section 40  
Sec AS Room 8245

From: Section 40

Date: 12. 5. 98

Number of Pages Sent (Including Cover Sheet): 4

Message/Subject:

Section 40

Please add these details to the form I posted to you yesterday

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
SEC (AS)1  
12 MAY 1998

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PLEASE ADVISE PROMPTLY IF TRANSMISSION IS ILLEGIBLE OR INCOMPLETE

FROM FROM CRO WALES

05.12.1998 10:53

P. 3

Telephone

Section 40

Section 40

Mr. Grumler  
Gwent  
S. Wales.

Section 40

Dear Sir,

11.5.98

Further to my telephone conversation of this morning, I am enclosing a diagram as you requested.

I will now give you further details of what we seen on Saturday, May 9th at 9.40 pm. 1998 and details of the structure of the craft we seen.

First of all my Daughter, Section 40 was in the garden with her dog and came rushing in saying look at the sky quickly. Myself and wife looked up and went outside to get a better look. We could see lights shining from the inner structure to the outer structure showing a grey coloured outline. The red, green and white lights were pulsing as a heart beat would in an anticlockwise direction. I would describe the object as being a space station. The height from where we were stood to the height of the craft was approximately 6 miles high. From the time we sighted it to the time it went out of sight was 35/45 seconds. Our Daughter must have seen it for a minute. It was a very clear sky, not a cloud in sight.

The craft was travelling slow enough for us to get details of it. The inner circle of the craft was grey to black in colour. When I put on diagram grey lights shining from inner structure to outer structure I meant the lights were shining showing the grey. The outer structure had steel peaking upright struts spaced out as on diagram.

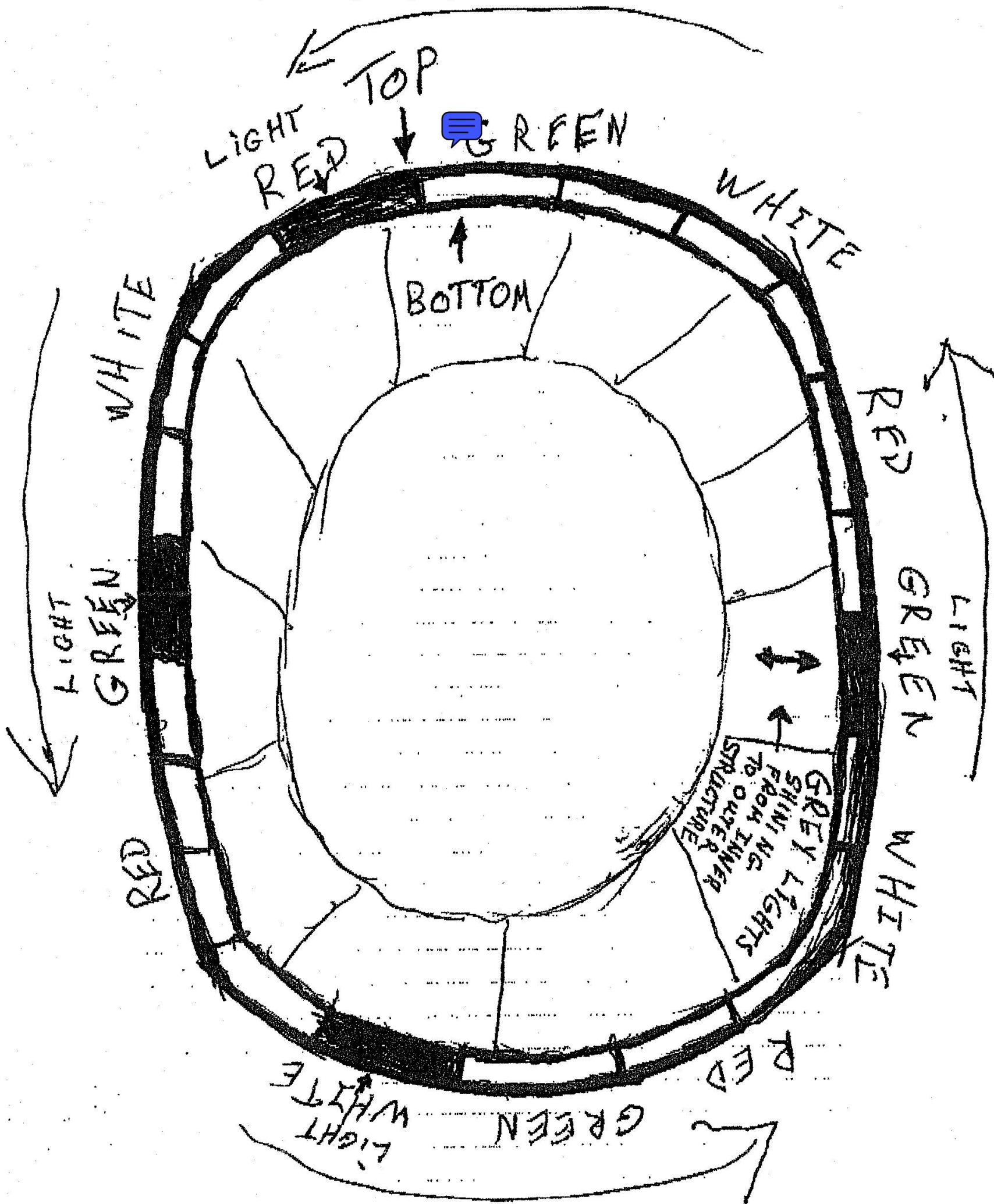
Please do contact us should you require any further information.

Yours most sincerely

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# LIGHTS ROTATING IN THIS DIRECTION





FROM FROM CRO WALES

05.12.1998 10:54

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GPTN: Worcester MOD Section 40

CRO (WALES) /303/6

12 May 1998

Section 40

Crumlin  
Gwent

Section 40

Dear Section 40

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter and diagram dated 11 May 1998.

I can confirm that these details have now been forwarded to a department at the Ministry of Defence in London which deals with these sightings, along with the details received over the telephone yesterday.

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to forward these to us.

Yours sincerely

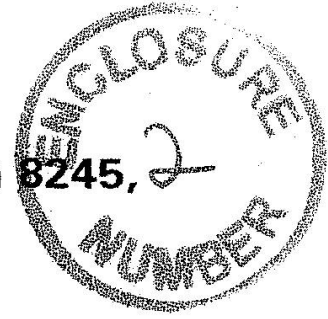
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RAF CRO (WALES)

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**Section 40**

Nantwich,  
 Cheshire.

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date  
 13 May 1998

Dear

**Section 40**

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone regarding an "unidentified flying object" seen during the early hours of 10 May. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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4. With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 9/10 May from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

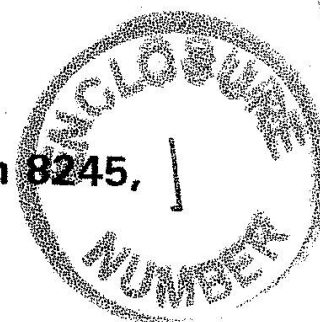
Yours sincerely,

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Fishponds,  
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**13** May 1998

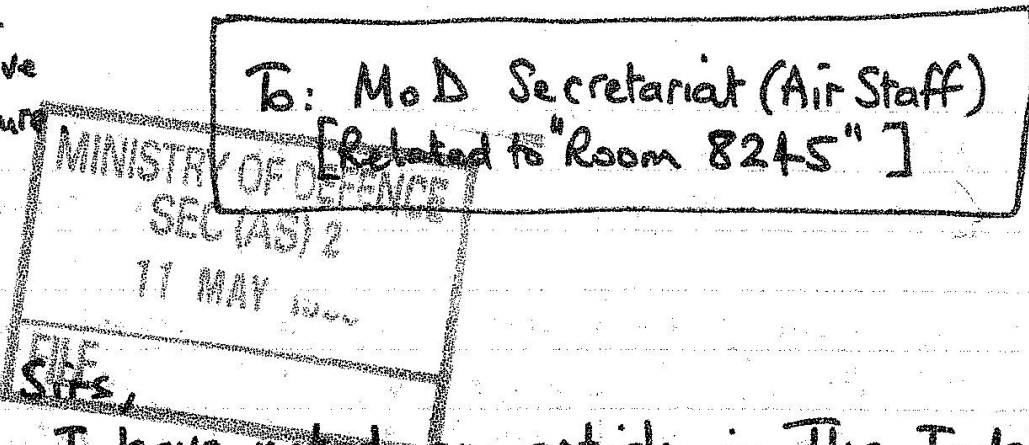
Dear **Section 40**,

1. Thank you for your letter of 5 May regarding "unidentified flying objects" the content of which has been noted.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40**

P.S. This is scrappy,  
but it is all  
can achieve  
at this juncture



Section 40

Fishponds,  
Bristol [Section 40]  
Tel: [Section 40]

5 May 1998

Dear Sirs,

I have noted an article in The Independent on Sunday dated 3rd May 98 on the subject of UFO and IFO reporting.

I am NOT reporting UFO's! However, I am reporting some relevant background facts.

I have retired from working at British Aerospace Airbus Ltd. I was responsible for airborne software QA, and was significantly involved in the development of RTCA DO-178B. [In fact, I was [Section 40] until I resigned in early 1991.] [Keywords: Mod Def Stan 00-55; 00-56]

1. Main Point: We have real errors in our scientific/engineering philosophy. These are of the type that would be corrected if discovered on an aircraft development project. That is - they are not mirages.
2. Consequences: The problems are endemic in all human activities. There is a standard reaction of rejection of the conception because the "check" processes sensible people use are "corrupted" to some degree.
3. Pragmatic Analogies: Following Recipes.  
How current computers work.

People do not like to be likened to computers, but they do follow recipes, and are ~~are~~ required to comply with procedures and laws. Should these recipes be invalid, then behaviour compliant with these recipes will be invalid. [One defines invalid by ~~the~~ actual results, rather than intended results.]

4. Dormant failure in Safety Mechanisms/Processes:

In order to increase confidence in the achievement of safety or validity, we add checks. However if such checks are failed, then the safety label is merely an intention, and NOT a realised reality. The assumption of validity can lead to a rejection as "unsafe" of valid primary processes.

5. I am faced with many pragmatic and philosophical difficulties in proceeding with the very simple ideas I am considering.
- e.g. I am not selling, but people are used to default protocols, so they will not buy! I cannot know the recipients, and it is difficult to guess what "trick" will stimulate a necessary change in response from default dismissal.
6. So, I prefer to start with concrete facts: -

On a map of scale 1:1,000,000, the North/South length of the island of Great Britain is approximately 36 inches. The separation between Wick (in Scotland) and ~~the~~ Boulogne (in France) is 36 inches on my map.

A line drawn between Cape Wrath (NW corner of Scotland) and Dungeness (SE corner of England) passes through North Berwick, York, Lincoln and Chelmsford.

These distances scale at 300 millimetres: -

Liverpool-Dorchester; Liverpool-Chelmsford; Liverpool-Waterford  
 Liverpool-Exeter; Exeter-Chelmsford; Exeter-Waterford  
 [Dorchester-Calais?]; Exeter-Quimper (France).

The line Liverpool-Quimper is 600 millimetres, equivalent to 600 kilometres (2x186 miles), and passes through Start Point. Quimper to Portland Bill is 300 km.

There are many such systems both <sup>in</sup> metric and imperial measurements.

## 7. WHY? - Whole Earth Circumference and The Metre.

The metre is defined as 10,000 km between the North Pole and The Equator. So a whole circumference is 40,000 km. In miles this is 24,861 miles [Reader's Digest Atlas]

Taking 63 inches to be 1 metre 60 centimetres, this leads to the whole circumference being  $9 \times 7 \times 25 \times 10^6$  inches, which calculates to 24,858 miles. Using the 100 inches as 2 metres 54 centimetres precisely, one gets a change of one part in 8000, or 3 miles for the whole earth.

These measurements/traces on the ground are natural "wireless".

## 8. Technical Explanation: Organ Pipes; Ripple Tanks; Masers.

a) ~~Basic~~ Basic Milk Bottle Resonance:- One blows over the top of a milk bottle. The air inside is excited and favours a specific pitch of sound-note. Add water to change the resonant length, and the pitch of note increases with decreasing length of air column. [This is more directly relevant than a violin string, however the violin string gives a more graphic sub-division model.]

b) Basic PASS FILTER Mechanism:-

A system has its own resonant behaviour, passing at one set of frequencies and phases, and blocking at the rest.

When trying to excite such a system, one may be unsuccessful with many frequencies - these are blocked. That means that the system 'casts a shadow'. Compared to a background such a shadow may stand out, EVEN THOUGH IT DOES NOT EXIST!

Important point: Shadows DO EXIST } yet what we "see" is  
Holes DO EXIST } "non-existent" materially.

[We ADD holes by REMOVING Material. Think hard about this.]

c) Frequency/Wavelength Relationships; Position Outputs

Given a phenomenon propagates at a given velocity, we can relate a turn on/turn off behaviour of the "signal" with a position over a solid sub-strate. We can think of an artillery "fall of shot" model which normally detects muzzle velocity or angle of barrel, but which could detect firing rate if one ~~tracks~~ tracks the barrel across the line of fire.

Raster scanning puts the electron beam of a TV over different parts of the tube end.

d) COCHLEA type Analysers - [VERY SIGNIFICANT Technologically]

A phenomenon inbound to a turning point interferes constructively and destructively with the outbound signal, leading to a range from turning point (and bearing) analysis of the signals. (Ripple Tanks)

## 8 Continued TECHNICAL EXPLANATION

e) Illumination; Wireless Holography; Sun Waves; Moon Bounce.

I use the term "Visual Intellect" to describe how I know. Words do not convey shape unless one has pre-calibrated.

### COMMS FAILURE

This happens: I can see the patterns as I could draw them on a drawing board. However, I cannot point to the same board as you would see except through this static piece of paper.

But you have heard of "The Road Runner" and "The Coyote".

Churchill College, Cambridge knows something about what I have been looking at, and the medical health problems that led to my retirement. The current Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University is Sir Alec Broers. He was Master of Churchill. I have not met Sir John Boyd.

We are talking about a Global Health Problem - or rather its solution, given the understanding available. Note Well: that Messrs Blair and Straw, and their potential replacements could have severe political problems dealing with unmanaged revelations.

Commercial/Civil Aviation Safety, confidentiality, and integrity rules MUST BE APPLIED to avoid disaster. I insist.

As Douglas Adams writes "DON'T PANIC" (but do react)

Snail Mail is a good way to build a sound relationship.

**STOP**

Yours sincerely

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P.S. Note that MoD(PE) is nearby. Splatts Abbey Wood!  
P.P.S. Policy Advice: There is categorically nothing supernatural about these phenomena.