



From: **Section 40** Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room 8245
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Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB

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Section 40

Gipton
Leeds

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ✓
Date
7 March 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of 'unidentified flying object', seen on 13 February 2000, the details of which were to passed us by London Air Traffic Control (Military), RAF West Drayton. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised 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. As a result we are unable to assist with your particular query.

I should wish to assure you that the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous policing of the UK Air Defence Region by the Royal Air Force and we remain vigilant for any potential military threat. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that on 13 February the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Report on
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E 20/11

Yours sincerely

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14-FEB-2000 10:10 FROM AIRSIDE/LEEDS TO SEC NO

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

MISSION DETAILS:		DTG of Transmission: 141010Z FEB 00	
From: AIS(M), LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU Fax No: 01895 42 [Section 40]		To: [Section 40] SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Fax No: 0171 218 [Section 40] 20/4	
AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT: FS [Redacted]		RANK/GRADE & NAME: AS AV 1A	
SIGNATURE: [Section 40]		SIGNATURE:	

DATE: 13 FEB 00	TIME: 1830 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:
DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number TWO Size B. OVER THAN A STAR Shape ROUND Colour RED + WHITE Brightness VERY Sound? NO		Smell? NO. Other
EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: CHAPELTOWN (LEEDS) Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving		
HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera		
DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful) NORTH		
ANGLE OF SIGHT: ON THE HORIZON		
DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): 6 MILES		
MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: STATIONARY		
MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): CLEAR		
NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: NO		
TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: Police: Military Organisation: Airport: LEEDS (BRADFORD). Other:		
INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: [Section 40] Address: [Redacted] LEEDS [Section 40] SE 333		
ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:		
OTHER WITNESS?		

Reps sent 6913 PFS E60



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Balgonie,
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ←
Date
2 March 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 14 February 2000, the details of which were passed us by RAF Leuchars. As you know, this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects' and the Ministry of Defence's position with regard to reports of 'UFOs' has already been explained to you in our letter to you dated 9 February 2000.

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 14 February from anywhere in the United Kingdom. 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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Report on 64/2 Pt J
Enclosure 21

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Report of Unidentified Flying Object

- a) **Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.**
1820 - 1836
- b) **Description of Object**
1 MASS OF WHITE LIGHT WITH GREEN-YELLOW
OUTLINE, FLASHING.
- c) **Exact Position of**
DUE EAST OF EGPH
- d) **How Observed**
NAKED EYE + BINOCULARS
- e) **Direction in which Object was First Seen**
STATIONARY
- f) **Angular Elevation of Object**
45°
- g) **Distance of Object from Observer**
35km
- h) **Movements of Object**
STATIONARY
- i) **Meteorological Conditions During Observations**
CLEAR SKY
- k) **Nearby Objects**
- l) **To Whom Reported**
AIC WATCH MANAGER
- m) **Name and Address of Informant**
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- n) **Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered**
COACTOWN OF BARBURNIE, GLENROTHA
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- o) **Other witnesses**
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- p) **Date and Time of Receipt of Report**
1840 14/02/00

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Issue: 1

30 August 1966

Reply sent on 64/3 PHS
encl 55

06-MAR-2000 08:57 FROM AIS(M)LATCC

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AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:		RANK/GRADE & NAME:	
SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	

A DATE:	1 MAR 00	TIME:	1650 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	10 MIN
B DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:	Number <u>1</u> Size Shape <u>CIGAR SHAPED</u> Colour Brightness <u>VERY BRIGHT</u> Sound? <u>NO</u>			Smell? <u>—</u> Other	
C EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:	Geographical location: <u>WESTGATE NR MORECAMBE</u>				
	<u>Indoors</u> Outdoors Stationary <u>Moving</u>				
D HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:	<u>Naked eye</u> Binoculars Camera Video camera				
E DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)	?				
F ANGLE OF SIGHT:	<u>VERY HIGH</u>				
G DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):	<u>NIL</u>				
H MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:	<u>SLOW</u>				
J MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):	<u>CLEAR</u>				
K NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:	<u>NO</u>				
L TO WHOM REPORTED:	Press: Police: Military Organisation: Airport: Other: <u>CONTACT INTERNATIONAL</u>				
M INFORMANTS' DETAILS:	Name: <u>ABOVE ORGANISATION WOULD NOT PASS ON</u> Address:				
N ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:	<u>PASSED ON BY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL -</u>				
O OTHER WITNESS?					
P DATE/TIME OF REPORT:	<u>4 MAR 00 0024 HRS</u>				

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Section 40

Bourneville
 Birmingham

Your Reference

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

Date
 February 2000

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 26 November 1999. The report was passed to the Ministry of Defence from Doncaster Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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

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 on 26 November from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	Tuesday 19 January at 22:10.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A brilliant white light travelling at extreme velocity
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Mosely Village in Birmingham. Outdoors
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	
6.	Approximate distance.	
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	
9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS) 2a1 answerphone

10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [REDACTED] Birmingham Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	Other witnesses.	
12.	Remarks.	
13.	Date and time of receipt.	25 January at 09:00



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Section 40

Corringham
 Essex

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ←

Date
 28 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your recent letter, which was passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects.' I have been asked to reply.

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

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With regard to your particular query, I can confirm that we received one report from the Thurrock area last year. The details of which, excluding the informant's name and address for confidentiality, are attached. I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

This Report should be submitted in accordance with General Policy & Guidelines Manual Section 7, paragraph 6.7, page 46]

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	2334 hrs 29-11-99 - viewed 10 mins → still in same positions at 0100 hrs 30-11-99.
2. Description of object (No. of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	Small light, too far away to ascertain shape. Glittering red, green and white.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors / outdoors, stationary / moving)	OUT DOORS - SHIP LANE AVENUE - ADJACENT TO THURROCK HOTEL
4. How observed (Naked eye, camera, camcorder, binoculars or other optical device)	NAKED EYE.
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	WHILE FACING SOUTH IN SHIP LANE, OBJECT WAS IN DIRECTION OF Q E Z BRIDGE SOMEWHERE TOWARDS OR BEYOND KENT.
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	N/E TOO GREAT A DISTANCE.
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/E TOO GREAT A DISTANCE.
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	DID NOT, HAS NOT MOVED.
9. Met. Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist, etc.)	CLEAR SKY - NO CLOUDS
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	NONE, TOO FAR AWAY
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc.)	POLICE.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(CAS)2
17 FEB 2000



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MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To SEC(CAS)2

Ref No 1196 /2000

Date 16/2/00

The Secretary of State, / _____ 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 receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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

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.

ROOM 6140 EXT **Section 40** MB

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 MAIN BUILDING, WHITEHALL
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CORRINGHAM

ESSEX

Section 40

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am currently collecting information and reports on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in and over the Thurrock area of ESSEX. Therefore I am writing to you in the hope that you maybe able to help me in this. Could you, if possible inform me of or send me any information regarding UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS in and over Thurrock. I have tried the local media, but to no success as in I have written several letters but as yet had no replies whatsoever. I know you cannot inform me of or send me information or reports that are still subject to Secrecy due to possible sensitive material or information contained within, but any information or reports that you have that do not fall into this category that you could send me would be most appreciated. I look forward to your reply

Yours faithfully

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Shrewsbury
Shropshire

Section 40

Your Reference

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

Date
25 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 10 February 2000, which was passed to us by RAF Shawbury. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised 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. As a result we are unable to assist with your particular query.

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 10 February from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

*Report on 64/2 PKT
Envelope 20*

Yours sincerely

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THU, 10-FEB-00 10:20 UKR RHF SHREWSBURY

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MOD Form 953
(Revised 4/99)

Unit Ref: **SHAW/2033/17/CR0**

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MILITARY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM

■ To be completed in CAPITALS
■ Forward the completed form to the authorities listed at Section 1 within 5 days.

SECTION 1: ACTION AUTHORITIES

Action	Info	Action	Info	Action	Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comd Sec HQ Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RAF HQ PTC
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MOD Sec(AS)2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> D/C+L (F+S) Claims 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N9 (Sec2)S02	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RAF HQ STC	Specify Sec(AS)2a	

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OS Grid Ref: SJ4415	Serial No: 00/2/116	File Ref: 9/5 E5
LFA: 9	Previous Complaint	No. of Complaints to date: 15
NS:	Serial No:	File Ref:

SECTION 2: DETAILS OF COMPLAINANT

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other: Section 40
Surname
Forename
Address:
Town/City: SHREWSBURY
County: SHROPSHIRE
Postcode: Section 40
Telephone No.

SECTION 4: DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Date: 10 FEB 00
Time: 1340
How many aircraft involved:
Type of aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Jet <input type="checkbox"/> Prop <input type="checkbox"/> Helo <input type="checkbox"/> Light a/c
Other (Specify) U.F.O
Markings <input type="checkbox"/> Grey <input type="checkbox"/> Camouflaged <input type="checkbox"/> Red/White <input type="checkbox"/> Black/Yellow
Other (Specify) METALLIC
Height <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
Estimation in Feet:
Direction:
Inside MATZ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes which MATZ?

SECTION 3: LOCATION OF INCIDENT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address at Section 2,
or:
Address:
Town/City:
County:
Postcode:

Reply sent
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NOW TURN OVER

THU, 10-FEB-00 16:21

CRO RAF SHAWBURY

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SECTION 5: PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINT (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

Section 40 CLAIMS HE SAW A SAUCER SHAPED CRAFT HOVERING IN SKY. THE CRAFT WAS SPINNING AND HAD "PROTRUSIONS" ON THE OUTSIDE AND FIVE DARK CIRCULAR AREAS AROUND THE MIDDLE. THE CRAFT DEVELOPED A CLOUD THEN SPED OFF AT GREAT SPEED, LEAVING A VAPOUR TRAIL. CRAFT WAS APPROX 700FT IN DIAMETER. SAW CRAFT RIGHT HAND SIDE OF MOON USING BINOCULARS.

SECTION 6: CLAIMS (DO NOT PROMPT)

Has the incident given rise to any injury to persons and/or livestock or damage to property which will result in a claim for compensation being submitted to the Ministry of Defence?

Yes No

If Yes, give details and copy form to D/C+L (F+S) Claims 3.

SECTION 7: UNITS RESPONSE

	Yes	No
Return Telephone call	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full written response sent (attach copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low flying leaflet sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written acknowledgement only (attach copy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit arranged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specify	<input type="text"/>	
Requires attention of HQ P&SS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify)	<input type="text"/>	

SECTION 8: DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING COMPLAINT

Time: (Local) 1345

Date Complaint received: 10 FEB 00

Signature: **Section 40**

Name: **Section 40**

Rank: AA

Unit: RAF SHAWBURY CRO

Tel. No: 01939 250351

IMPORTANT REMINDER

ALL ACTION TAKEN MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAI J5002 OF 1999.

THE COMPLETED FORM IS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AS LISTED AT SECTION 1 WITHIN 5 DAYS.

THU, 10-FEB-00 16:21

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ROYAL AIR FORCE

Shawbury Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4DZ

Please reply to the Community Relations Officer

Telephone, answerphone & fax:

01939 250351 (RAFTN 95531) Ext **Section 40**

e-mail: cro@rafshawbury.demon.co.uk

Section 40

Shrewsbury

Section 40

Your reference:

Our reference:

SHAW/2033/17/CRO

Date:

10 February 2000

Section 40

UFO SIGHTING

I am writing to acknowledge your telephone call taken by **Section 40** this afternoon to report the sighting of an UFO in the Shrewsbury area at 1.40 pm.

As the object was not identifiable as an aircraft and was not seen by any personnel at RAF Shawbury I am passing details of the sighting to the Secretariat (Air Staff) in the Ministry of Defence, London, for their records.

Thank you for contacting this office.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Squadron Leader
for Officer Commanding

cc: MOD Sec(AS) 2a - by fax

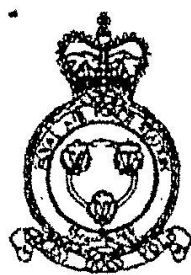
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ROYAL AIR FORCE
Shawbury Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4DZ

Please reply to the Community Relations Officer

Telephone, answerphone & fax:

01939 250351 (RAFTN 95531) Ext **Section 40**

e-mail: cro@rafshawbury.demon.co.uk

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Market Drayton

Section 40

Your reference:

Our reference:

SHAW/2033/17/CRO

Date:

10 February 2000

Section 40

DISTURBANCE BY LOW FLYING HELICOPTER

I am writing to acknowledge your telephone call taken by **Section 40** at Wattisham on Wednesday 2 February and am very sorry to hear that you were startled by a low flying helicopter which passed over your house at about 11.30 am. Details of the incident have been passed to me via the Secretariat (Air Staff) at the Ministry of Defence, London.

As I explained today, because we have up to thirty helicopters airborne throughout our training area each day it has not been possible to find out who the particular pilot was. Helicopter pilots generally adopt a very responsible attitude towards the people who live in the local community and our students are taught to avoid, wherever possible, directly overflying buildings at low level. However, mistakes are occasionally made as part of the learning process and it is possible sometimes that a pilot may not see a house early enough to take sensible and safe avoiding action.

I am at a loss to explain why you were connected at the time to the Army base at Wattisham, but whomever you spoke to at Tern Hill should have realised that a helicopter operating in your area would almost certainly have been from RAF Shawbury. We have continued to use Tern Hill airfield on a five-day-a-week basis since moving to Shawbury in 1976!

Please accept my sincere apologies for the noise disturbance and distress caused on this occasion and for the delay in writing to you.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Squadron Leader
for Officer Commanding

cc: MOD Sec(AS) 2b **Section 40** - by fax

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Section 40

Bideford
North Devon

Section 40

Your Reference

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

Date
25 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 February 2000, which was passed to the Ministry of Defence by Exeter Airport Air Traffic Control. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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

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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 6 February from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

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Yours sincerely
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07-FEB-2000 08:34 FROM AIS(M)LATCC

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Exeter Air Traffic Tel 01392 367433 x215 Fax **Section 40**

**EXETER AIRPORT.
AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROL.**

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Fax

To: AIS (MILITARY) LATCC FROM EXETER ATC

Fax: 01895 42 **Section 40** Pages: INCLUDING COVER: 2.

Phone: EXT **Section 40** Date: 060200

Re: U.F.O. SIGHTING CC:

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply

• Subject:

U.F.O. SIGHTING IN BIDEFORD,
N. DEVON.

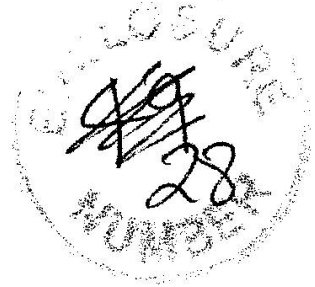
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6/13 P+S
Enclosure 50*

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

- A) - 060200 - 1928 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 - HAS SEEN OBJECT REGULARLY OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS. - DAY & NIGHT.
- B) - TRIANGULAR IN SHAPE.
 CHANGES COLOUR - RED / GREEN.
- C) - BIDEFORD (EAST OF THE WATER).
 NORTH DEVON.
 - INDOORS & OUTDOORS.
 - STATIONARY.
- D) - NAKED EYE & THROUGH A GUNSIGHT.
- E) - EAST.
- F) - ABOVE NORMAL AIRWAYS TRAFFIC.
- G) - "NOT VERY FAR" - NO KNOWN LANDMARK
- H) - OBJECT SWAYED FROM SIDE TO SIDE,
 & SPUN IN THE AIR.
- J) - SLIGHTLY CLOUDY - MAINLY CLEAR.
- K) - NO NEARBY OBJECTS.
- L) - FIRST REPORT TO EXETER ATC - (NOTHING SEEN ON EXETER RADAR.)
- M) - Section 40 , Section 40
 BIDEFORD
 N. DEVON
- O) - NONE.
- P) 0602 2000, 1928 $\frac{1}{2}$. Section 40



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Melksham
Wiltshire

Your Reference
Our Reference D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date 25 February 2000

Section 40
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I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 3 February 2000, which was passed to us by London Air Traffic Control (Military) RAF West Drayton. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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*Report on
64/12 PJ
E18*

Yours sincerely
Section 40
[Redacted]

X TRANSMISSION DETAILS:		DTG of Transmission:	
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AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
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A	DATE: 03 FEB 00	TIME: 1910 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING: 234 MINS
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number 4 Size LARGE Shape ROUND Colour ORANGE Brightness LIGHTS Sound?		Smell? Other SYMMETRICAL, FORMATION DIDN'T CHANGE, OCCASIONALLY LIGHT WOULD BLACK OUT + RE-APPEAR. SMALL TAIL OF SMOKE.
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: BOWER HILL MELKSHAM Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: ABOVE NEXT VILLAGE		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): 2-3 MILES.		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: STATIONARY		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): CLOUDY BUT DIDN'T COVER OBJECT		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: NIL		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: Police: Military Organisation: NIL Airport: Other:		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: Section 40 Address: Section 40 , MELKSHAM		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:		
O	OTHER WITNESS? FEMALE FRIEND		
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT:		

Reply sent
69/13 Pt 5
E49

Section 40 was
written before (67/3 Part R
Enclosure 85) and
knows MOD's position.

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As she knows our policy, if she wants
to make a report, fine, but we do not
need to write to her again.

Section 40

24/3/2000

25/02/00

21:06

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL → 0171218 **Section 40**

NO. 634 001

Report of Unidentified Flying Object 27/1

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting Local times to be quoted	1930/25-02-2000, 5 MINS DURATION
B. Description of Object Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc.	ONE OBJECTS. LIGHTS ON AND OFF THREE, NO SOUND. NO SHAPE MADE OUT.
C. Exact Position of Observer Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationery or moving.	INDOORS. STATIONARY.
D. How Observed Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera.	NAKED EYE.
E. Direction in which Object was First Seen A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing.	WEST. THEN MOVED SOUTH.
F. Angular Elevation of Object Estimated heights are unreliable	UNABLE TO ANSWER.
G. Distance of object from Observer By reference to a known landmark wherever possible.	OVER MOUNTAINS, 30 YARDS
H. Movements of Object Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed	TWO OBJECT MOVED SOUTH TOWARD BUCKINGHAM.
J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.	CLEAR SKIES.
K. Nearby Objects Telephone or high voltage lines; reservoir; lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings; tall chimneys; steeples; spires; TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories; pits or other sites with floodlights or other lighting.	HIGH VOLTAGE LINES, MARSH, RIVER, SPIRES, TV. RADIO MAST FACTORIES, QUARRY WITH LIGHTS.
L. To Whom Reported Police, military organisations, the press etc.	NOT REPORTED TO ANYONE.
M. Name and Address of Informant	Section 40 [REDACTED], NEWPORT, WALES Section 40
N. Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered	REPORTED ONCE BEFORE 3 MONTHS AGO (APPROX)
O. Other Witnesses	NONE.
P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report	1945, 25-02-2000

Action

Pass report by telephone to AIS (Military) at LATCC immediately. Forward written report to Ministry of Defence Sec (AS)2, Room 8245, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB. Fax. 071 218 **Section 40**

Report received by **Section 40** ATCA
Air Traffic Control, Bristol Airport, Bristol, BS19 3DY.
Tel. (0275) **Section 40**
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Section 40

Hull

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ✓

Date
25 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 2 February 2000, which was passed to us by RAF Leuchars. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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*Report on
64/12 PJ
Enclosure 1/7*

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Classification

Caveat

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Facsimile Transmission From Operations Squadron Royal Air Force Waddington

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Signature:	Signature:

Message/Remarks:

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A COPY OF
A UFO REPORT SENT TO US BY
HUMBERSIDE POLICE.

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SAC

Reply on 64/3
P+S
Envelope 47

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WADDINGTON-OPS

Fax: 01522-720271 Section 40

US REP 00 12:45

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Form 445 'D' Div. (July, 1994)

HUMBERSIDE POLICE
'D' Division, Tower Grange Police Station
Holderness Road
HULL HU8 9HP
Telephone 01482 781221
Facsimile Section 40

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

This matter is being dealt with by
P5 Section 40

on Tel. No. Section 40

return Fax No.

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

To RAF Waddington

Fax Number 01522 72 Section 40

For the attention of Section 40

From P5 Section 40

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Message Jifo Sighting
Log 849 2/2/00

*Reply on 64/3
Pt 5
Enclosure 47*

Date/Time

WADDINGTON-OPS

Fax: 01522-720271

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INT INCIDENT FACILITY

R.NO. 849H07V REC TEL BY 9290 AT 1838 02/02/00 (OTHER)

23 GRID 129326

LOG SENT FROM D11V TO D12V AT 1848

MESSAGE-4 FLASHING LIGHTS SEEN IN SKY ABOUT 7 MINS AGO. FORMED A SQUARE IN
THE SKY. WERE IN NORTH OF SKY, ABOVE ROOF TOPS APPROX 2 MILES AWAY GOING N.EAST

LOCATION-Section 40, HULL, Section 40

INFORMANT-Section 40

REMARKS-Section 40

ACTION

342 BY 9290 H07V-INCIDENT ALLOCATED AS NORMAL

343 BY 9290 H07V-THE LIGHTS ARE STILL THERE, GOING NNE, MOVING SLOWLY, STILL
FLASHING AND STILL FORMING A SQUARE. CALLER COULD NOT SAY
HOW FAR ABOVE THE HORIZON THEY ARE, BUT THINKS THEY ARE 2 MILES
DISTANT346 BY 8504 HS4V-SPOKE TO CALL TAKER - THIS OBJECT IS STILL THERE/STATIC.
IN VIEW OF THIS DO YOU HAVE A PATROL THAT CAN HAVE A LOOK?
OWNERSHIP OBTAINED BY HS4V

INCIDENT REALLOCATED TO D11V.

348 BY 1939 D11V-INCIDENT REALLOCATED TO D12V

348 BY 8059 D12V-RECEIVED AT D12V

348 BY 9290 H07V-CALLERS HUSBAND HAS ALSO SEEN THIS

351 BY 8059 D12V-RESOURCE SENT DR19 () ()

351 BY 419 DS1V-FURTHER CALLS RE THIS FROM THORNGUMBALD

352 BY 8059 D12V-OBS PASSED TO PATROLS

353 BY 1939 D11V-DR18 LOOKED OUT OF WINDOW OF TOWER NOTHING SEEN...

354 BY 419 DS1V-PLS SEE PRACTICE DIRECTION RE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

903 BY 419 DS1V-SPEAKING TO RAF WADDINGTON NOW

910 BY 1939 D11V-

PER E.B. NEW DIRECTIVE STATES WE HAVE TO GIVE

THE CALLER A NUMBER Section 40

AND THEY RING TO REPORT DIRECT

END OF PRINT INCIDENT

TOTAL P:01



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Section 40

Stoke-on-Trent

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3Date
22 February 2000

I am writing with reference to your reports of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 25 October 1999, the details of which were passed us RAF Leeming. 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 have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 25 October 1999 from anywhere in Staffordshire. 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

Section 40

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1. Summary of case:

The witness (who will be referred to as Mr. A throughout this case report), was travelling between Doncaster and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. During the journey, he observed a triangular formation of lights, which displayed unusual characteristics.

2. Witness:

Mr. A. is almost 25 years old at the time of writing, and lives in Essex. He holds a private pilots licence, and has flown approximately 120 solo hours. He works as a consultant in the computer industry. He does not use any medication likely to affect his perception of events, does not wear spectacles, and is strongly opposed to drinking and driving and narcotics abuse. I have only conversed with him via email, but I get the impression that he is sincere, relaxed about his experience, and rational.

3. Method of investigation:

The contact with the witness was exclusively via E-mail. I asked for a description of the sightings from Mr. A, which he provided. There was a lack of detail in his accounts, and I forwarded a series of questions to him based on his original accounts to encourage him to provide more relevant details, sometimes phrasing the same question in different ways to elicit more information without directing his response towards any particular conclusion. Once I had the majority of the facts as Mr A recalled them, I started research, looking for corroborative sightings on the internet, contacting a local ufology group¹ in the area of the sightings, consulting individuals or groups with expertise in particular fields, travelled part of the route, enquired at military and civil aviation installations close to the sighting, etc. Where the research has turned up anything relevant, the source is identified in the sighting information, or the footnotes. From the information provided by the facts and subsequent research, I have endeavoured to reach a conclusion for the sighting.

4. Specific sighting information:

4.1 Initial witness description:

“OK, I could dig out the exact date for you if required as I was on my way back to Newcastle where I was staying at the time (my job requires me to travel round the country and stay in hotels a lot) from a concert in doncaster, I still have the ticket somewhere with the date on it.

I was driving north towards Newcastle on the A1 (I believe) and as far as I can tell, checking the map and times etc, I must of been just north of yorkshire, I was travelling along a pretty straight piece of road and theonly other cars in sight was my friend in front of me and another car in front of him. I had my dashboard lights turned down dim so that I could concentrate on the road (it was quite late and I was feeling a bit tired). The cloud base was around 3000-4000 feet and it was broken cloud (I hold a private pilots license so I find it second nature to make weather observations all the time) as I was travelling along the road I noticed 3 lights in a triangular pattern travelling alongside the road out to my left, the height, as far as I can estimate (not knowing the size of the object) would be around 2000 feet, the lights were never obscured by the cloud so it must of been travelling under them, I watched it for roughly 20 – 30 seconds, and I checked ot make sure it wasn't just a reflection in my windscreen from my dashboard, a fact that was strengthened by the fact my friend who was driving in front of me called me on my mobile phone to ask if I had seen it!! The car in front of him had also seemed to slow down for no reason so I can only ASSUME that he had spotted it as well. After about 30 seconds the object speeding up so much that it what could be called a motion blur (I guess like the trail a shooting star would leave) then disappeared into the cloud cover.. That was the last I saw of it...”

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4.2 Establishing the date, time, and location of sighting.

Establishing the date of the sighting was relatively straightforward. The witness attended a concert in Doncaster, and a quick search on the internet revealed that the group he was watching was at that particular venue on 25/10/99, therefore the sighting was during the early hours of 26/10/99.

Establishing the timings proved difficult; the witness's initial estimates of time were as follows:

Depart Doncaster:	23:00-23:15
Sighting:	00:15-00:30
Arrive Newcastle-upon-Tyne:	02:00-02:30

It was established that his departure time² was actually 23:35. In spite of this error, the witness is still sure that the other times are reasonably accurate. He also believed that he travelled at an average speed of 70-80 mph over most of the route. Using the start time and assuming an average speed of 70 mph, then inputting these details into a route planner, he ought to have arrived at his destination at 01:46. This amounts to a relatively large margin of error in his estimates of time and/or speed. The most reasonable explanation for this is that his average speed over the journey was actually less than he thought, possibly due to a fuel stop on the way out of Doncaster, traffic congestion following the concert, and as a result of an accident³ which he passed on the A1.

Assuming then that his average speed was 55 mph, his arrival time would be around 02:04, again using the route planner to extrapolate the journey. If the sighting took place between 00:15 and 00:30, this would have placed him between the junction of the A1 and the M1, and the point where the A1 becomes the A1(M) near the village of Hunsingore.

The witness recalls a landmark that he passed some time before the sighting. It was a café or pub with the word 'Fox' in its name. Its name was written on the tiled roof of the building in large letters, and it was visible from the A1 on its West side. Efforts so far to identify this landmark have failed, the 'Brotherton Fox' has definitely been eliminated as a possible candidate.

4.3 Sighting details

4.3.1 Assumptions made in the production of this report

The sighting details are unsubstantiated, due to lack of correlating evidence regarding time and location, and a demonstrated inaccuracy of witness estimates. The following assumptions have been made:

1. Departure time from Doncaster was 23:35 on 25/10/99. (Confirmed)²
2. Average speed was 55 miles per hour (extrapolated from start time and estimated arrival time-this differs substantially from witness perception).
3. Time of sighting was between 00:15-00:30 on 26/10/99 (from witness statement, though other estimates within the witness statement appear to be relatively inaccurate).
4. Location of sighting was between the junction of the A1 and the M1, and the point where the A1 becomes the A1(M) near the village of Hunsingore (extrapolated from points 1,2, and 3 above)
5. Witness estimates of the characteristics of the object are reasonably accurate (due to his pilot experience).

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4.3.2 Refined sighting report

Between 00:15 and 00:30, Mr. A. was driving North on the A1, somewhere between the junction of the A1 and the M1, and the point where the A1 becomes the A1(M) near the village of Hunsingore. In the car in front of him, was a friend, and there was a third car in front of his friend, the drivers identity of which is unknown.

Mr. A. is a private pilot, and he estimates the cloud base at the time of the sighting to have been 3-4000 feet, and there was broken cloud cover.

At some point on the route, he noticed a triangular formation of lights on the West side of the A1 at 10 O'clock from his position, at an estimated distance of 2 miles. Mr. A estimated that the object was about the same size as a private jet. The height was estimated at 2000 feet (the formation was never obscured by cloud). Mr. A checked that he was not looking at a reflection on his windscreen from another source, and the object accelerated to a motion blur after 20-30 seconds, disappearing from view.

The three lights appeared to be fixed relative to each other in a triangular formation, and were intensely bright. They did not illuminate any ground features, or detail of any mass joining the lights together. The object appeared to maintain a steady, almost parallel course, though it seemed to ascend slightly. During the sighting, all 3 cars slowed down, suggesting that the driver of the first and second cars were also aware of the object. Mr. A's friend in the second car called Mr. A on his mobile phone, asking if Mr. A had seen it, and commenting about how bright and "out of place" it was.

Mr. A was struck by the acceleration of the formation, he is of the opinion that it exceeded the capabilities of a normal jet aircraft. He estimated that the formation accelerated from about 100 knots to 400 knots in a very short time, with no indication of an afterburner being used.

The nearest landmark the witness recalls was a short distance before the sighting, a Café or Public House with the word "Fox" in it's name. The name of the premises was clearly written on the roof of the building in large letters. The road in the area of the sighting was an unlit dual carriageway, with a central crash barrier, but no hard shoulder. The terrain was reasonably flat with an open aspect.

4.4 Follow-up activities.

Section 40 of the Hull UFO society was contacted. Although there were numerous reports of UFO sightings, especially triangular light formations, in the weeks prior to this sighting, HUFOS had no reports for the time in question.

A field trip was carried out on 30th January 2000, covering the supposed area of the sighting. No trace of the "Fox" was found. During the trip, I visited RAF Leeming, RAF Dishforth, and Marne Barracks. I was informed that RAF Dishforth is now operated by the Army Air Corps, and they fly Lynx helicopters only from the base. There is a policy which prevents flying after 23:00 at the base.

I got a very 'cool' reception from the guard commander at RAF Leeming. He recorded some details about the sighting, my personal details, and provided me with details of the Unit Press Officer (UPO). RAF Leeming also have a flight ban after 23:00. I subsequently received a phone call and a letter from the UPO at Leeming, the outcome of which was that they passed the details on to the MOD in Whitehall. A few weeks later, I received a letter from the MOD, but somewhere along the line, there was confusion, because the letter said that they had checked for corroborative sightings in the Stoke-on-Trent area (which is where I live!).

I visited Marne Barracks (it used to be RAF Catterick, and I thought it may still have an operational runway). There I was provided details of the UPO, and advised that the runway was unsuitable for any aircraft except vertical take off and landing (VTOL), eg Harriers and Helicopters, due to pot-holes on the tarmac. There are apparently no regular flights in or out of Marne Barracks, just occasional visits by Helicopters.

On the return route, I called in at the Leeds/Bradford International airport. Despite the fact that it was officially closed to the public at the time of my visit (the early hours of 31st January), they were very helpful. They allowed me to talk by telephone to one of the Radar operators, who said that they would have been able to track the object from there, and it would have been so unusual that it would have caused some discussion about it in the Radar operations room, but he could not recall any such event. The staff also gave me the telephone number for West Drayton, which co-ordinates all flights (civil and military) for UK airspace. I called them, but they had no record of any aircraft in the area at the time.

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4.5 Conclusion: INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

There are too many variables involved with this case to come to any definite conclusion. The witness appears to be an accurate observer, though his timing discrepancies are a minor cause of concern. He was unable to produce the mobile phone records (it was a company mobile, and he has since left the company) which would have confirmed the time of the sighting. His friend in the preceding car during the sighting is so far unwilling to co-operate with an investigation, and the trail has gone somewhat stale by now.

Efforts to identify 'the Fox' have so far drawn a blank.

In my opinion, it seems very likely that this was a military aircraft. In spite of the flight restrictions in operation at Leeming and Dishforth, I think that this only applies to aircraft based at these sites, and that it is possible that a visiting aircraft could land at either base. There have been a lot of similar sightings in the North East, and I suspect that they may be due to (possibly classified) military experimental aircraft, though I have no evidence to support this theory. The poor condition of the runway at Marne Barracks does not preclude such operations being carried out from there, because in many sightings, the objects have been seen to hover, which may suggest VTOL capability.

4.6 Suggested further avenues of enquiry.

The most important 'missing link' in the case is the uncertainty of the location. Identification of the 'Fox' would certainly help with this.

It may be possible, with the co-operation of the witness's previous employer to get the mobile phone bill details for the time in question, but this depends on the witness's willingness to allow contact with his ex-employer, and their willingness to help with the investigation.

There is also a chance that Yorkshire police would be able to identify the time and location of the road traffic accident referred to by the witness, which could help with the investigation.

There are a surprising number of other airfields in the area, and it may be worth checking with those. *It may be worth re-submitting the sighting report to the MOD, and it is my intention to forward a copy of this report to them, as they have obviously not recorded the correct details, judging from their response. If the MOD were to confirm the cause as a 'classified' operation, I would recommend no further investigation, but they are unlikely to do this.*

4.6 Supporting documentation.

I have all of the e-mail exchanges between the witness and myself and between myself and agencies which I have approached with respect to this sighting, and notes of telephone conversations plus a record of the field trip. I will retain them indefinitely, and subject to agreement from the witness, will produce them to anyone who wishes to review or investigate the sighting further. I also have the original written responses from RAF Leeming and the MOD, and the contact details of the UPO's at Dishforth, Leeming, and Marne Barracks.

Footnotes:

¹ Hull UFO Society (HUFOS).

² Time verified by evidence of a credit card receipt for petrol (he filled his tank on the way out of Doncaster).

³ Relatively early on in the journey, he passed an accident involving a transit style van or minibus which had overturned. Two police cars were in attendance.



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Section 40

Malaga
 Espana

Section 40

Your Reference

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

Date
 22 February 2000

Section 40 FH Lt **Section 40** (ret'd),

Thank you for your letter dated 25 January 2000 detailing your sighting of an 'unidentified flying object' on 10 August 1990 in Spain. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

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

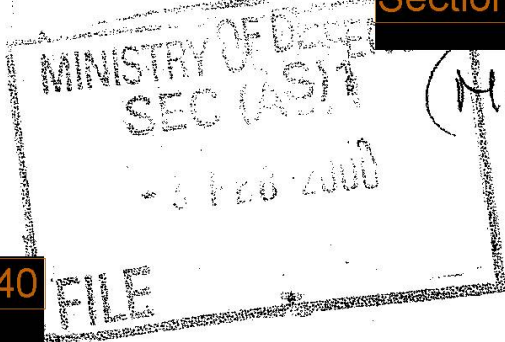
Section 40 left this office some time ago. If you wish to write to him, you may do so via **Section 40**. The views expressed by **Section 40** on the subject of 'UFOs' are entirely his own personal opinions and do not represent nor reflect the views of the MOD.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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(MALAGA) ESPAÑA

Section 40

25 JAN 2000

Dear F/LT

Section 40

FILE

I trust I have your rank correct. I believe that I saw your name mentioned on a TV series not long ago, as the UFO dept at MoD; so here goes.

I will give you some background information about my wife & myself, first.

I was a regular RAF officer, flight engineer flight lieutenant for many years, retiring in Sept 1960 from 22 years service. My

wife was also in the RAF for four years - World War II; in fact I think she may have caused it; the war I mean.

We came out to Spain to live in 1982 and lived on a small urbanisation close to the sea until 1996, when we moved.

On a beautiful sunlit evening on 10 Aug 1990 (brilliant sunshine) although it was about 9pm I drove my car home and as I parked at the pavement edge, my wife ran out of our patio calling Section 40 you'll never believe what I've just seen. As I was getting out of the car (brilliant sunshine) I (my wife too) saw

at a low height and ²low speed (about 100 knots and say 130 feet high) a long tube flying silently across the street within 20 yards of where we were standing. The tube was exactly like a (fluorescent ceiling ^{tube} lamp) about I suppose 15 feet long and 1 foot in diameter. It was entirely encased in St Elmo's fire; green blue fire ~~flicking~~ flickering like a kerosene burner.

I had seen St Elmo's fire many times before on bombers I was flying, and it was identical. But the one my wife had seen moments before was going down the street, at a gaiter about the same height & speed, but was encased in red flickering fire. Neither made any sound and she said it came from nowhere and disappeared into nothingness. She insists it

had a white nose cap. Within a moment or two a German girl who had been doing yoga on the beach said "Did you see that; it was a gift from God; I felt exactly the same way. Now my wife had just been communing with God on our patio moments before she saw the first one; and the German girl had too been doing a sort of communing with God with her yoga. Now unlike everyone else I know none

of this experience ^{is} ~~is~~ un toward. I sincerely believe that none of the UFO's come from space, I believe that they are here all the time and we just have to be "tuned in" to see them in another dimension. As I see it there are hundreds of TV and radio programmes going through our bodies all the time and we are entirely unaware of them. It needs a radio or TV set to receive them. Nothing more complicated than that; and the fact the both women were sent of communing with God, tuned them in to these things. By the way, we are not believers in any regular religion; we believe only in God.

We were extremely thrilled to see them - but the important thing is it was brilliant daylight and close to. They were as clear as my own hand and travelling at about general helicopter height & speed (well the chopper round here anyway).

Regards

Section 40

F.H.L.
 D.F.M.

Have now run out of writing paper, so please excuse the raggedness of the sheet.



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Section 40

Colchester
 Essex

Your Reference

Our Reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3 *↖*

Date
 22 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your reports of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 1 February 2000, the details of which were passed us RAF Fylingdales. 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 have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for either 1 February from anywhere in England. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

*Report on
 69/2 P & J
 E16*

Yours sincerely
Section 40

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Precedence ROUTINE
 DTG 021530Z FEB 00
 From RAF FYLINGDALES
 To MODUK AIR
 SIC Z6F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON

1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYIG OBJECT IS REPORTED

- A. 1 FEB 00, 0800 HRS CONTINUOUS
- B. SQUARE SHAPE, GREYISH
- C. OUTDOORS
- D. TELESCOPE
- E. NORTH
- F. 90 DEGS
- G. APPROX 300 KMS
- H. CIRCULAR
- J. CLEAR
- K. N/A
- L. RAF FYLINGDALES

M. Section 40 COLCHESTER. TEL: Section 40 E-MAIL

Section 40
N. SELF-EMPLOYED COMPUTER SALESMAN

- P. NIL
- Q. 021439Z FEB 00
- R. NIL
- S. NIL

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Section 40

Birmingham.
Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ←

Date
11 February 2000

Section 40

Further to my letter dated 4 February 2000, I can now confirm that there were no sighting reports from the Bobbington area of the West Midlands during May 1987. Once again, I apologise for the delay in responding to your query.

Yours Sincerely

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Your Reference
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D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
4 February 2000

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2000, requesting whether there were any sighting reports from the Bobbington area of the West Midlands during May 1987.

I am very sorry for the delay in responding to your query; I am currently retrieving the relevant files from our archives and will write to you as soon as I get them back.

Yours sincerely
Section 40

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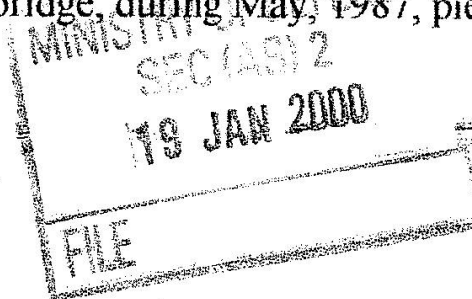
We have not received a reply to our last two previous letters, and attach a copy for your information.

Can you tell us, also, have you any Sighting Reports for the Bobbington area of the West Midlands, near to Stourbridge, during May, 1987, please?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

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Section 40

We have not received a reply to our previous letter sent to you, with regard to obtaining the ~~time reported~~ when a star-like 'object' was reported to the MOD as having been seen over the Wolverhampton area on the 23rd August 1995, and hope you can help us.

Secondly, can you confirm whether you have any Sightings from the Manchester area for the period 7-8th February, 1996, when according to our information a number of Police Officers saw a 'Triangular Craft' near to the Old Trafford Ground.

We thank you for your assistance, and look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

BIRMINGHAM,
Section 40

22/11/99

Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter, with regard to our enquiry to the Sightings that took place over RAF Cosford, and RAF Shawbury, on the 31st March, 1993.

We would endorse your opinion that the Sighting was not judged to be of Defence significance and would ask, under the circumstances, that some consideration be given to allowing us, as members of the public, access to the report, which was compiled by Section 40 who was your predecessor at Air Staff 2a.

We appreciate that it is unlikely you that will agree to this course of action, but wonder if you are willing to confirm that Section 40 accurately reflects the report that was submitted to your Head of Division.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



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Section 40

Dundee
 Scotland

Your Reference

Our Reference
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Date
 9 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your reports of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 February 2000, the details of which were passed to us by RAF Leuchars. 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 have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1 February from anywhere in Scotland. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

*Report on 64/2 P+T
 Enclosure 15*

Yours sincerely

Section 40



15.

ANNEX A TO
ORDER NO 16 TO
COC ORDERS
DATED 7 / JAN 55
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REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting:
..... 01-02-00 EARLY EVENING
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, sound, smell, etc): SLOW MOVING LIGHTS
3. Exact Position when Observed (Geographical Location, Indoors or Outdoors, Stationary or Moving): LOWGIE AREA OF DUNDEE
..... OUTDOORS WALKING
4. How Observed (Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Movie Camera/VCR):
..... NAKED EYE
5. Direction in which Object was First Seen (Possibly with Reference to a Landmark): DUE WEST INVERGOWRIE AREA
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated Heights are Unreliable):
7. Distance (With Reference to a Landmark if Possible):
8. Movements (Changes in 6, 7 & 8 may be better than Estimates of Heading and Speed): SLOW, MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH, THEN
..... STOPPED
9. Weather: (Moving Clouds, Visibility)

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10. Nearby Objects (Telephone or Power Lines, Lakes, Rivers, High Structures, Airfields, Generating Plants, Factories, Pits or Other Sites with Floodlights or Night-lights):

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11. To Whom Reported: DUNDEE POLICE

12. Name and Address for Informant: Section 40

Section 40 DUNDEE

13. Any Background on Informant that may be Volunteered:

VERY GOOD HEARING

14. Other Witnesses:

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15. Date and Time of Receipt of Report: 01-02-00 1950

16. Is a Reply Requested: NO

Notes:

1. Members of the public who submit reports should be informed that their reports have been passed to the Ministry of Defence.

2. Sightings by Service personnel and action taken as a result of civilian sightings must not be disclosed to members of the Press who, if they make enquiries, should be referred to the Ministry of Defence.

3. A routine unclassified signal, or Fax (Ext 82680) should be sent to Ministry of Defence, London (for the attention of MOD Sec(AS)2A). The format of the signal is as set out in the report above. The signal SIC is Z6F. GPTN 96621

4. Contact MOD Sec(AS)2a as soon as possible at MOD Main Building Ext 82140 or Fax Section 40

EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETED SIGNAL DEMAND THIS FORM.



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Dibden
Nr Southampton

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ✓

Date 9 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your reports of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 29 January 2000, the details of which were passed us by London Air Traffic Control Centre (Military), RAF West Drayton. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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*Report on 6th/2 R&T
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Yours sincerely
Section 40

31-JAN-2000 07:14 FROM AIS(M)LATCC

TO SEC HQ

P.01

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

FAX TO		MISSION DETAILS:	DTG of Transmission:
From:		To:	
AIS(M), LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU Fax No: 01895 42 [Section 40]		[Section 40] SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Fax No: 0171 218 [Section 40]	
AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:		RANK/GRADE & NAME:	
SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	

DATE:	29 JAN 00	TIME:	1615 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	15 SECS.
DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:				Smell?	
Number 1. OR GROUP OF MANY.				Other	_____
Size					
Shape LARGE SHADOW. 3x THE SIZE					
Colour BLACK. OF AIRLINE					
Brightness					
Sound? _____					
EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: SOUTH WEST → NORTHWEST.					
Geographical location: 2m FROM HYDE.					
Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving _____					
HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: HAD BINO'S NOT USED THEM.					
Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera _____					
DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful).					
SOUTH WEST THROUGH TO NORTHWEST.					
ANGLE OF SIGHT: 20°					
DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):					
POSSIBLY 5 MILES AWAY.					
MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:					
STRAIGHT LINE.					
MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):					
OVERCAST.					
NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:					
TO WHOM REPORTED:					
Press: _____					
Police: HYTHE POLICE STATION 01703 845511					
Military Organisation: _____					
Airport: SOUTHAMPTON AIRPORT.					
Other: _____					
INFORMANTS' DETAILS:					
Name: [Section 40]				[Section 40]	
Address: _____				[Section 40]	
DIDDEN, NR SOUTHAMPTON, [Section 40]					
ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:					
EX MATRIS TEACHER WORKED OUT ANGLES EST OVER 4000 MPH.					
OTHER WITNESS? FEMALE FRIEND WITNESSED ALSO.					

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Section 40

Birmingham

Section 40

Your Reference

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D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ✓

Date
9 February 2000

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Report on 64/2 Pt J
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Yours sincerely

Section 40

24-JAN-2000 09:12 FROM AIS(M)LATCC

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:		RANK/GRADE & NAME:	
SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	

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DATE: 23 JAN 00	TIME: 0230 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING: 2 min.
DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number SINGLE Size MINI CAR Shape ROUND Colour BLUE Brightness VERY Sound? NO		Smell? NO. Other
EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: IN REAR ROOM @ M.		
Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving		
HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera		
DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful) South.		
ANGLE OF SIGHT: 15°		
DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): 200'		
MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: STATIONARY AND THEN SHOT UPWARDS		
MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): CLEAR AND FROSTY		
NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: ONE OWNED HOUSE		
TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: Police: Military Organisation: Airport: BIRMINGHAM Other: [Section 40] AIR 2 SECRETARIAT MOD WHITEHALL		
INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: [Section 40] Address: BIRMINGHAM. [Section 40]		
ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: TREE IN BACK GARDEN WAS SCORCHED		
OTHER WITNESS? No.		

Reply sent on 6/13/05
E34



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 Ross-Shire

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ✓

Date
 9 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 3 January 2000, the details of which were passed us by RAF Kinloss. 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 have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 3 January from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Report on 64/12 P+J
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Yours sincerely

Section 40

5th Jan '00

Section 40

OC OPS WG

Not sure how we need to handle this - please check with MOD? & per a suitable response.

EVANTON 1/2

RUSS - SHIRE

Section 40

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SINCE 10.1.00

SV - 6 JAN 2000

RAF KINLOSS

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Dear Sirs,

On January 3rd at approx.

8.45 a.m. a strange looking aircraft flew over the Foulis Estate - south to north

from over the Black Isle.

It was a gold disc shape -

yes a classic.



picture of a U.F.O -

except

I don't believe they

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exist except in the mind.
 This craft was flying above
 low cloud — myself + two
 University Students then
 watched it as it disappeared
 behind cloud and then
 reappear^{higher} as a fast receding
 disc shape.
 We are curious to know what
 it was. Please can you
 enlighten us?
 Best Wishes
 Yours Sincerely

Section 40



ROYAL AIR FORCE KINLOSS

Forres Morayshire

Telephone Forres 672161

PSTN: (01309) 672161 Ext **Section 40**



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Your reference **KIN 1810/3/Org**

Our reference **18 January 00**

Date

Dear **Section 40**

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

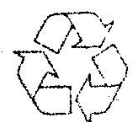
1. Thank you for your letter of 5 January regarding a sighting of a strange aircraft on January 3rd at 0845 hrs flying south to north over the Foulis Estate in Ross-shire.
2. As this was a public holiday there was very little military aircraft flying in the area. The Search And Rescue (SAR) helicopter at Lossiemouth was out on that day but in the Cairngorms, the SAR Nimrod was not called out. Therefore other than the Coastguard helicopter or a civilian aircraft I cannot help you with your strange shaped aircraft.
3. Therefore I have forwarded your letter to the UFO department in London for them to investigate further. Their job is to identify the aircraft rather than record an extra-terrestrial sighting, so please don't worry that by forwarding your letter, we think you saw something from outer space!
4. I hope you get an answer to your query soon.

Yours sincerely

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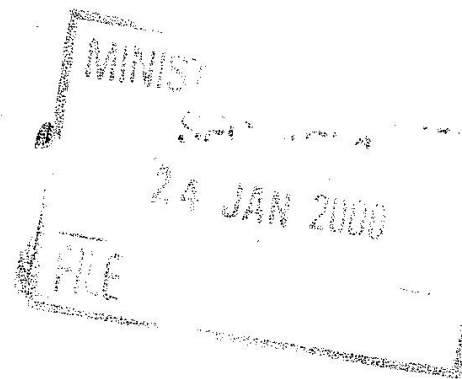


Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A
Rm 8245
MOD Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1A 1AA

Your reference **KIN 1810/3/Org**

Our reference

Date **18 January 00**



Dear Sirs

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. I have received that attached letter regarding a sighting of a strange aircraft on January 3rd at 0845 hrs flying south to north over the Foulis Estate in Ross-shire.
2. As this was a public holiday there was very little military aircraft flying in the area. The Search And Rescue (SAR) helicopter at Lossiemouth was out at that time of day but in the Cairngorms, the SAR Nimrod was not called out. Therefore other than the Coastguard helicopter or a civilian aircraft I cannot help with this strange shaped aircraft.
3. As she has not put a telephone number, I am unable to complete your report but hope that you will be able to help **Section 40** I have explained that your job is simply to identify the aircraft rather than record an extra-terrestrial sighting.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

PRESS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER



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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB

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Telephone (Direct dial) 0171 218 2140
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Southampton,
Hants,

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3 ←

Date
9 February 2000

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your reports of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 21 January 2000, the details of which were passed us by London Air Traffic Control Centre (Military), RAF West Drayton. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised 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. As a result we are unable to assist with your particular query.

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 21 January from anywhere in England. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Report on 64/2 P.T.J
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Yours sincerely

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24-JAN-2000 09:11 FROM HISUMJLHUC

TO SEC MD

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AX TRANSMISSION DETAILS:	DTG of Transmission:
From: SIS(M), LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU Fax No: 01895 42 [Section 40]	To: [Section 40] SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Fax No: 0171 218 [Section 40]
AUTHORISING OFFICER:	TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:	RANK/GRADE & NAME:
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE:

DATE: 21 JAN 00	TIME: 2030 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING: Few seconds.
DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:		Smell? NO
Number: 2 ITEMS		Other:
Size: FOOTBALL		
Shape: TAIL MADE THEM LIKE A TAIL		
Colour: DANCE		
Brightness: YES		
Sound? NO		
EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:		
Geographical location: Southampton		
Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving: outdoors		
HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:		
Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera: NAKED EYE		
DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)		
WEST		
ANGLE OF SIGHT: DOESN'T KNOW.		
DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):		
Rapidly going up		
MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:		
Rapidly		
MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):		
Very clear, no clouds		
NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:		
Inner city centre		
TO WHOM REPORTED:		
Press: Southampton weather centre,		
Police: Police		
Military Organisation: Southampton/EASTLEIGH AFB		
Airport: Southampton/EASTLEIGH AFB		
Other:		
INFORMANT Name: [Section 40]	[Section 40]	
Address: [Section 40]	[Section 40]	
ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: RECRUITING CONSULTANT		
OTHER WITNESS? HIS WIFE		

Reply sent 69/3 PLS
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Classification	UNCLASSIFIED
Caveat	NONE
Covering	UNCLASSIFIED

FAX TRANSMISSION SHEET

DOCUMENT DETAILS	
DTG of Transmission: 240900Z Jan 00	Reference:
From: AIS(Mil) LATCC(Mil) PORTERS WAY WEST DRAYTON MIDDLESEX UB7 9AU	Fax Number: Subject: VPN: 8495243 Ext Section 40 BT: 01895 42 Section 40
Total number of pages including covering sheet: 4	
To: Section 40 SEC (AS) 2 Room 8245 M.o.D. Main Building Whitehall	Fax Number: 0171 218 Section 40 Voice
TRANSMISSION OPERATORS	
Rank, Name & Appointment: WO Section 40	Rank/Grade & Name: SAC Section 40
Signature:	Signature:
Message/Remarks: Please find attached 3 x UFO reports received over the weekend. Rgds	
SACs: Section 40	

Classification	UNCLASSIFIED
Caveat	NONE
Covering	UNCLASSIFIED

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Date
9 February 2000

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I am writing with reference to your reports of 'unidentified flying objects', seen on 20 and 21 January 2000, the details of which were passed us by RAF Leuchars. 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 have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for either 20 or 21 January from anywhere in Scotland. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

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Yours sincerely

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21-JAN-2000 09:10 FROM AIS(M)LATCC

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AUTHORISING OFFICER: [Section 40]		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR: [Section 40]	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT: WO		RANK/GRADE & NAME: SAC	
SIGNATURE: [Section 40]		SIGNATURE [Section 40]	

DATE:	2101 JAN	TIME:	0040 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	30 MIN.
DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:				Smell?	NO
Number				Other	
Size					
Shape					
Colour					
Brightness					
Sound?					
EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:					
Geographical location: North of Glen Rothero					
(Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving) Indoors					
HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:					
Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera Binoculars					
DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)					
NNW of GALTOWN					
ANGLE OF SIGHT: 40° - 45°					
DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): ABOVE GLEN ROTHERO TOWN 3-3 1/2 MILES.					
MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: STATIONARY					
MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): CALM, APPROX 70 FT, SIGHT CONDITIONS VERY CLEAR					
NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: NONE IN VICINITY. ONLY DEN PLACE.					
TO WHOM REPORTED:					
Press: NATO EDINBURGH AIR DT,					
Police: MOD RAF LEICHALE					
Military Organisation: THEN D & D: LATCC(MIL)					
Airport:					
Other:					
INFORMANTS' DETAILS:					
Name: [Section 40] TEL: [Section 40]					
Address: [Section 40] BALGONIE [Section 40]					
ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: Ex Instructor Royal Air Force					
OTHER WITNESS? NIL - wife now gone to bed.					

Reply sent 6/13 PFS P 32