

[1] <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos>

[2] <http://www.Section 40.com/ufo/rendlesham4.htm>

From: Section 40

Sent: 20 June 2008 11:37

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FOI REQUEST RENDLESHAM FOREST 30-05-2008-093801-001

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Have you had any success in finding any correspondence relating to Rendlesham Forest and radiation?

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DERA

Radiation Protection Services
c/o Institute of Naval Medicine
Crescent Road
Alverstoke
Gosport
Hants PO12 2DL

Section 40
Fax Section 40

Ref: 150/17/11511/DRPS ✓

[Redacted]

21 August 1998

Dear Mr [Redacted]

References:

- A. Letter dated 19 Aug 1998
- B. 150/17/5817/DRPS dated 27 Sept 1996
- C. 150/17/5767/DRPS dated 19 Sept 1996

Thank you for your letter of 19 August (ref A). You will recall from our previous correspondence (Refs B and C) that in my original discussions with Mr Pope I did indeed state that the readings were around 10 times normal background levels, provided that the instrument was appropriate for measuring background radiation (at the time of our discussions he could not state what the instrument was), calibrated and being used/interpreted correctly.

I share the NRPB view that the use of a high-range survey instrument to measure (accurately) environmental levels of radiation is somewhat questionable and this must throw some doubt on the validity of the data reported.

I hope this is of use to you.

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[Redacted]

for DRPS Corporate RPA

Information

DERA Company Secretary (with references)

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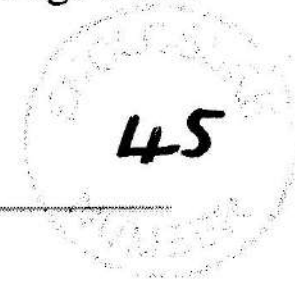
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Testing
No. 1305



Calibration
No. 0477



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 20 June 2008 10:52

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 20-06-2008-101125-003

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 20 June 2008 asking for copies of any records held by the MoD in relation to an alleged UFO sighting by a police helicopter crew on 7 June 2008.

Other than press enquiries, the MoD has no record of this alleged incident being reported to it.

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

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If you would like to take part in this study, please visit the following link to be taken directly to the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/6prff8>. Or, if you prefer, contact Ben Worthy at b.worthy@ucl.ac.uk or on 020 7679 4974 to ask more about the study.

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

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..sponse to your request.

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20-06-2008-151125-007

EX/ 18 JUL

From: Section 40
Sent: 20 June 2008 09:11
To: Section 40
Subject: Police helicopter/UFO report 7/6/08 Cardiff

Hello Section 40

I imagine your phone is ringing off the hook this morning, given the wide media coverage of this incident. The following links refer just incase you haven't seen them yet:

http://www.metro.co.uk/news/article.html?in_article_id=185134&in_page_id=34

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/2160814/Police-chase-UFO-over-Cardiff.html>

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1315843.ece>

Please can you provide any records held by the MoD in relation to this report. If you intend to post the details on the MoD web site, please let me know as early as possible.

Regards,

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From: Section 40
Sent: 26 June 2008 09:34
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 20-06-2008-101125-003

Dear Section 40,

I can confirm that the MoD, (including CT&UK Ops and P&SS), has not received a report on this incident.

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

From: Section 40
Sent: 20 June 2008 12:17
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 20-06-2008-101125-003

Hi Section 40

sorry to be a nuisance, but please can you check with CT&UK Ops and P&SS for this report which occurred at 00:40 (unclear if that is BST or GMT, but probably BST) on 8/6/08.

Regards,

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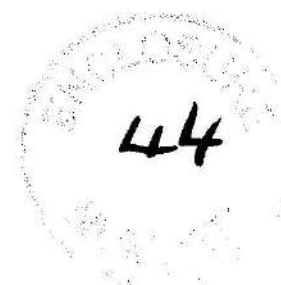
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From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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 Nederland

Our Reference
 13-06-2008-154329-003
 Date
 16 June 2008

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2008 asking whether a film made by yourself in 1978 and a RAF report related to it were included in files recently released to The National Archives. Your letter has been passed to this branch as we have responsibility for UFO matters within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and we are treating it as a Freedom of Information request.

The MoD UFO files covering 1978 have been passed to The National Archives and the contents are available for you to check yourself by contacting that organisation at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

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Yours sincerely,

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1052cc Amsterdam
Nederland

DG INFO IHUB
12 JUN 2008
FLOOR 6 ZONE F

1/6/2008

Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing for the return of a cinefilm which was taken from me in the summer of 1978. After filming a ufo from my back garden. My mother along with many of the neighbours who also saw the ufo reported the incident to the local police at the Collier Row Police station in Romford, Essex.

Two men came to our home to investigate the sighting. I had filmed the ufo until my mother dragged me off the garden fence and ran into the house. Anyway, these two men came to see us and they said they were ufo investigators. I took them to the site and there were several indications of a landing of some sort of craft. They took statements from me and my mother and soil samples from the area where I saw the craft land. They also took my cinefilm.

They explained that the R.A.F would analyze the findings to see if the film had been tampered with, which of course, it wasn't, and to make an analysis of the substances that were found nearby. A few weeks later the men returned with good news that the film was genuine and according to the R.A.F I, and half the street, had seen a ufo. The two men said the R.A.F had the report.

As far as I know my mother asked for the film back without success. In 1998 I asked the M.O.D for the film back so I could show it to my son. I was given some excuse that the FOI did not apply in my case and that I could not have the report or the film until September 2008. I was also threatened to forget the whole thing, which I have not as I do not take being threatened lightly and I will not be bullied by anyone. Not even the M.O.D.

I heard on the BBC news that the government in it's infinite wisdom has released documents of ufo sightings. I would like to know if my film and report from the R.A.F. is included in these released documents? If not, why not?

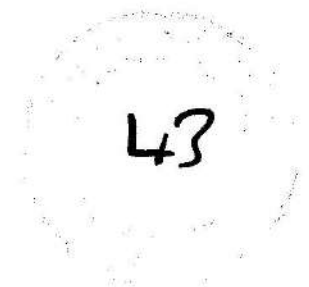
At the time my name was Section 40. My address was Section 40, Section 40, Romford, Essex.

I await your reply.

Yours sincerley,

Section 40

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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40

Case Number: 21-05-2008-111442-003

Expiry: 17 June 2008

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Section 40 has requested UFO reports for the year 2007 and for the current year.

Case for withholding information

We have withheld the sighting reports for the year 2007 and the current year so far.

We informed Section 40 of the website in which she can access the reports for the year 2007.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

We used exemption s.22, (information intended for future publication) as the UFO reports for the current year will be placed on the website in January 2009.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40

Signature: Section 40

Date: 6/6/08



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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Peterborough
 Cambridgeshire

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Your Reference:

Our Reference:

21-05-2008-111442-003

Date:

6 June 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for UFO sighting reports for the year 2007, and for the current year. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs. Sorry for the delay in replying, this Department has been very busy.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external 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 regards to your request for recent UFO sighting reports for the year 2007, the Ministry of Defence Information website has a database which contains information on UFO sighting reports from the year 1997 up to 2007. This can be accessed via the internet at:
<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme>,
 by searching under 'UFO' reports.

You may also wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1987 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU, or telephone 0208 876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

Finally, reports for the current year will be placed on the website in January 2009. Therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the MOD is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

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

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Yours sincerely

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Peterborough

DG INFO ADMIN Section 40

19 MAY 2008

Dear all

G F MB

I would very much like you to send me a copy of the new "dated" 1. Freedom of Information act of Reports of Flying Saucers UFO's I wrote you previously of my 2 sightings I got a Reply, my first sighting was in Eye 5 miles from here in 1990 second sighting was here in Back garden in November 2001. that one was Reported in the Sunday mirror "with other sightings" in August 2007 so its the newest one I am interested in.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

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From: Section 40
Sent: 03 June 2008 11:36
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI - 15-05-2008-071609-001

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for information on a UFO report from Brixham in Devon dated 28 April 1967. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are 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 (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regards to the sighting report in Brixham, Devon on the 28 April 1967, you may wish to be aware that MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1987 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

The MOD website also contains some released information on UFOs. This can be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.mod.uk>, by searching under 'UFOs'.

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EXP - 13 JUN 08

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 15 May 2008 02:14
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 15-05-2008-071609-001 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 02:13:40

txttitle: **Section 40**
txtfirstname: **Section 40**
txtlastname: **Section 40**
txtoccupation: Self employed
txtaddress1: **Section 40**
txtaddress2: **Section 40**
txttowncity: Torquay
txtstatecountry: Devon
txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like to request information of an UFO which was seen by the Brixham HM Coastguards in April 1967. The UFO travelled over Torquay, Devon and remained over Brixham, Devon for approx. 2 hours until it moved away.

Report: April 28, 1967; Brixham, Devon, UK
11:25 a.m. LT. A Coast Guard Station was alerted to a bright object in the sky and viewed it through 25x binoculars on a tripod. The object was stationary, revolving slowly. It was cone-shaped, pointed end up, and had a small triangular mark near the bottom, which had a crinkled appearance. A plane was seen to circle the object. More than an hour later, the object moved off slowly at a right angle to wind direction and disappeared into clouds. Possible radar detection.

Thank you

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From: Section 40

Sent: 03 June 2008 11:36

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI - 20-05-2008-072028-003

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for information on the files we hold relating to UFOs from the twentieth century and the present twenty first century. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are 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 (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regards to your question of requesting to see all information the MOD holds relating to UFOs for the whole of the twentieth century and the present twenty first century, I should inform you that this Department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. Before any of this information can be released, personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records, the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

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The Ministry of Defence (MOD) will be transferring a further 150 files to The National Archives over the next three years in chronological order, with the oldest files being released first.

Finally, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has a database which contains information on UFO sighting reports from the year 1997 up to 2007. This can be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme>, by searching under 'UFO' Reports.

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EXP: 18 JUNE 08

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 19 May 2008 17:28

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 20-05-2008-072028-003 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 17:27:52

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txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Retired

txtorganisation: Retired

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Loughton

txtstatecountry: Essex

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I request to see all of the information that you are holding, relating to unidentified flying objects for the whole of the twentieth century & the present twentyfirst century?

Thank you very much.

Section 40

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 20-05-2008-072028-003

Expiry: 18 June 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

All info on UFOs for 20th and 21st century.

Case for release of information

Preparation of this information would exceed £600. Just reading the 150 files we have would cost £3750

1 file takes 1 hr to read
150 files takes 150 hrs to read
1 hrs work is £25
150 hrs work @£25 = £3750

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to above exemptions.

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date: 3/6/2008

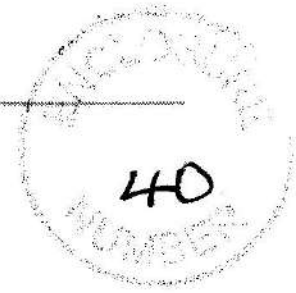
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From: Section 40

Sent: 28 May 2008 09:49

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 01-05-2008-144816-003



Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 April 2008 asking for details of UFO sightings reported under the Condor/Murphy/Anymouse/Acorn schemes during 2006-07. Additionally, you asked for details of these schemes including inception dates, the Service they related to, their predecessors and the retention regime. Additionally, you asked for similar details for the Defence Confidential Occurrence Reporting Scheme.

There have been no reports submitted under any of the MoD's Confidential Flight Safety Reporting Systems (Condor/Murphy/Anymouse/Acorn or DCORS) for the years asked for 2006/07. This is not surprising as the schemes are essentially for personnel to report technical or engineering problems with aircraft or, on occasion, failure to follow existing safety procedures.

Regarding the schemes requested, there appears to be no information available concerning the inception dates of Condor/Murphy/Anymouse/Acorn. There are however, Condor and Murphy reports at the Directorate Aviation Regulations & Safety (DARS) dating back some 35 years, but no UFO related reports have been found. Records for Anymouse and Acorn were checked for some 20 years with similar results. As these schemes have been around as far back as anyone can remember, there are no previous schemes which anyone is aware of, or holds information or reports on. Details of the schemes are as follows:

- a. Condor/Murphy. RAF Confidential Flight Safety Reporting System, Condor for Aircrew and Murphy for Groundcrew. Historically, reports were sent to the Head of the Inspectorate of Flight Safety (IFS) and following the introduction of the Defence Aviation Safety Centre (DASC) in 2000, these were sent to the Director DASC. DASC retained all previous Condors and Murphy reports and DARS continue to hold this data.
- b. Anymouse. Royal Navy Confidential Flight Safety Reporting System. Reports were sent to the Officer-in-Charge of the Royal Navy Flight Safety Accident and Investigation Centre (RNFAIC) at RNAS Yeovilton. Historical reports are retained at RNFAIC.
- c. Acorn. Army Confidential Flight Safety Reporting System. Reports were sent to the Directorate of Army Aviation at Middle Wallop. Again, historical reports are retained.

The Defence Confidential Occurrence Reporting System (DCORS) was introduced by DASC on 1 Jan 08, to replace Condor/Murphy/Anymouse/Acorn. The change was mainly brought about due to the increased nature of Joint Operations. RAF personnel send their reports to the Command Air Safety Officer (Operations) at the Aviation Safety Group, RAF High Wycombe. Navy personnel send them to the OIC RNFAIC and the Army to SO1 Flight Safety & Standards at Middle Wallop. Contractors personnel send them to DARS. All reports sent to the single services must also be copied to DARS. Both the single service and DARS will retain copies of all reports received.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail

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I hope this is helpful.

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From: DARS-Occ SO2 [c=GB;a= ;p=mod;o=raf;cn=DARS-OccSO2;ou1=northolt;ou2=station;]
Sent: 22 May 2008 15:18
To: DAS-FOI
Subject: FW: FoIA request - FLIGHT SAFETY REPORTING AND UFOs!

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I now have received all the information I needed to give you as full an answer as possible to the FOI Request.

1. There have been no reports submitted under any of the MoD's Confidential Flight Safety Reporting Systems (Condor/Murphy/Anymouse/Acorn or DCORS) for the years asked for 2006/07. Indeed we searched back 35 years and came up with nothing at all.

2. Regarding the scheme requested, there appears to be no information available concerning the inception dates of Condor/Murphy/Anymouse/Acorn. There is however, Condors and Murphys held at DARS as far back as 35 years, but as mentioned earlier no UFO related reports were found. As these schemes have been around as far back as anyone can remember there are no previous schemes of which anyone is aware or hold information or reports on. The individual scheme's an information requests is as follows:

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I hope this is sufficient information for the reply, if not let me know.

Regards

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Sqn Ldr **Section 40**
 DARS-SO2 Occurrences
 RAF Northolt

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 DARS Defence Intranet Website

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

From: DARS-Occ SO1
Sent: Friday 09 May 2008 09:51
To: DARS-Eng FW SO2
Subject: FW: FoIA request - FLIGHT SAFETY REPORTING AND UFOs!

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Wg Cdr
SO1 Occurrences
Directorate of Aviation Regulation and Safety
>RAF Northolt
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Civ: Section 40
DARS Defence Intranet Website

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

From: Section 40
Sent: Monday 28 April 2008 12:02
To: BEP-DASC-Occ-SO1; DARS-Occ SO1
Subject: FW: FoIA request - FLIGHT SAFETY REPORTING AND UFOs!

Wg Cdr Section 40

I have received an FOI request from a regular correspondent that you may be able to help with as flight safety reporting falls to your organisation to deal with.

As you can see from the request, the gentleman's real interest is in UFOs and whether any reports made under the named schemes could be interpreted as UFO reports. (For my sins I have MoD responsibility for UFO matters!)

I suspect he is interested in discovering whether we have any secret system for the reporting of UFOs that by passes normal reporting channels.

Could you call me to discuss?

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

From: Section 40
Sent: 26 April 2008 05:33
To: Section 40
Subject: FoIA request - UFO reports

Hello Section 40

I wish to submit the following request:

1. Copies (anonymised if necessary) of any reports submitted under the ANYMOUSE/ACORN/CONDOR/MURPHY reporting systems during 2006 and 2007 which could be interpreted as UFO reports.
2. Details of each scheme, including their inception date, which department holds records about them, which service(s) the scheme applied to, what similar schemes existed prior to their inception, and the retention regime for all schemes.
3. Details of the Defence Confidential Occurrence Reporting Scheme including inception date, which department holds records about it, and the retention regime.

Regards,

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From: Section 40
Sent: 26 April 2008 05:33
To: Section 40
Subject: FoIA request - UFO reports

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Regards,

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 01-05-2008-145035-004

Expiry: 28 May 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

1. In addition to the volume of requests in relation to UFOs, what other factors contributed to the eventual decision to release:

- a) The DI55 UFO related files, and;
- b) The DAS UFO related files.

to the National Archives? To what extent did these other factors influence that decision?

Example: The decision by the French Government to release the Geipan files had a negligible/slight/significant/major influence on the decision by DAS.

2. In respect of each department;

- a) When was the idea of a wholesale release first suggested?
- b) What specifically triggered the idea?
- c) On what dates did any meetings (including teleconferences) to discuss the idea take place, what were the titles of the meetings, which departments were represented at the meetings, and who were they chaired by?
- d) On what dates were key stages reached in regard to the eventual decision and what were those stages?

3. Do you have a projected schedule for the staged release? If so, may I have a copy? If not, when do you expect to have one?

4. Have any FOIA requests been refused on the grounds of the scheduled release? If so, may I have copies of those requests and the responses provided?

5. Are the records relating the decision held in specific files by DI55 and DAS? If so, what are the titles and references of the files?

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold this information. Exemption s.40 has been applied to 2 previous FOI requests provided to the applicant

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05 **Section 40**

Date: **22/5/08**

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From: **Section 40**
Sent: 22 May 2008 16:03 
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 01-05-2008-145035-004
Attachments: FOI Request 20-02-2008-070338-002.pdf; FOI Request 09-04-2008-093901-001.pdf

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 April 2008. You asked a number of questions that I shall respond to in turn. DIS will respond separately.

In addition to volume of requests, what other factors contributed to the eventual decision to release the UFO files?

The overriding reason to release the files to the public through The National Archives was to reduce the level of work taken up in answering UFO related FOI requests. Additionally, it was considered that the Freedom of Information Act had made eventual, if piecemeal, full release inevitable. By establishing our own programme of release, the files could be placed in the public domain in an orderly fashion avoiding duplication of effort. There were also considered to be presentational advantages to the MoD in releasing this information voluntarily. Additionally, it was considered that the files themselves contained minimal amounts of information of direct defence relevance.

To what extent did these other factors influence the decision to release?

This question is difficult to answer satisfactorily as all the above factors needed to be considered in the decision making process. However, if you are looking for external influences other than volume of work, then I am afraid that there are none. I am aware that there has been a considerable degree of speculation that the French release of their own files played a part in our decision to release our own files. Other than noting it increased media and internet speculation on the subject of UFOs, this is simply not the case. There has also been speculation that the decision of the MoD to release its UFO files is part of an international agreement, allegedly to prepare the worlds population for the news that aliens are amongst us. I am afraid any such speculation is pure fantasy.

When was the idea of a wholesale release first suggested?

The notion of a wholesale release has been discussed within DAS for some years and is certainly not new. It was considered by my predecessor but not taken up primarily due to the heavy workload created by answering FOI requests. I had discussed the matter with her informally (it was not within my remit at the time) whilst she was still in post in 2006 and held informal discussions with my line managers and my opposite number in DIS, when I first covered the post on a temporary basis in late 2006 and early 2007.

What specifically triggered the idea?

The DIS decision to review their files for release caused DAS to revisit the question of release themselves.

Details of meetings to discuss release?

The MoD held, and continues to hold, a number of meetings to discuss the release. These have involved, at various times, staff from DAS, DIS, Corporate Memory, MoD Press Office and The

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National Archives. Chairmanship of these meetings was based on the subject matter and who called the meetings. The majority have been quite informal, without title or minutes.

What dates were key stages reached in decision to release and what were those stages?

On 18 September 2007 a Ministerial Submission was sent to the Under Secretary of State for Defence asking him to agree the proposal to release the UFO files. This was agreed on 25 September 2007. I can think of no other key stages.

Does DAS have a projected schedule for release? If not, when does it expect to have one? Please provide a copy.

Any schedule for release is dependant upon files being accepted by The National Archives and until such time as this happens, it is not possible to provide a meaningful schedule. However, it is hoped that files covering the period 1979-92 will be released over 2008, those covering 1992-2000 in the 2009 and the remainder in 2010. It is planned that files will be released throughout the year rather than in a single batch. Naturally, if we are able to release files ahead of this schedule, we will do so.

Have any FOI requests been refused on the grounds of the scheduled release. Please provide copies of requests and answers.

Two FOI requests have been refused by DAS under exemption s.22. Both are attached for your information. Personal information has been withheld under exemption s.40.

Are the records relating to the decision to release held in a particular file? If yes what is the reference and title?

Details relating to the decision to release are not currently held on any particular file.

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

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01-05-2008-145035-004

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 26 April 2008 02:08
To: Section 40
Subject: FOIA request - Release of records

Hi Section 40

Following on from requests 25-06-2007-161221-003 and 08-10-2007-090830-001 I wish to submit the following request:

1. In addition to the volume of requests in relation to UFOs, what other factors contributed to the eventual decision to release:

- a) The DI55 UFO related files, and;
- b) The DAS UFO related files.

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5. Are the records relating the decision held in specific files by DI55 and DAS? If so, what are the titles and references of the files?

Regards,

Section 40

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 April 2008 11:13
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-04-2008-093901-001

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 9 April 2008 asking to see UFO reports for Northumberland and the Scottish Borders for 1995-96.

You may be interested to know that the MoD will shortly be commencing a programme to release some 160 UFO and UFO related files to the National Archive. The files from the Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff will cover the period from the late 1970s to 2007. The files themselves will be released in accordance with the same principles that the MoD applies when it releases information for Freedom of Information requests such as yours. The files will be released in chronological order and the programme is likely to take some three years to complete, although I would expect the files covering the information you are interested in would be transferred within the next 12 months. A public announcement will be made when the first files are ready for viewing at the National Archive. Therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the MOD is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

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

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 09 April 2008 00:49

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: foi email request 09-04-2008-093901-001 [REDACTED]

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 00:48:30

txttitle: [REDACTED]

txtfirstname: [REDACTED]

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtoccupation: [REDACTED]

txtorganisation: [REDACTED]

txtemailAddress: [REDACTED]

txtinforequest: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE "UFO" REPORTS DURING 1995/6 FOR
NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND AND SCOTTISH BORDERS (e.g.)EYEMOUTH FISHERMEN).
YOU ONLY APPEAR TO HAVE MADE UFO FOI AVAILABLE FROM 1997 AND I KNOW A
"REPORT" WAS MADE EARLIER FOR A SIGHTING IN NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND NEAR
WOOLER PRIOR TO THE EYEMOUTH FISHERMEN SIGHTING.
THIS IS MY SECOND REQUEST BY EMAIL, THE FIRST GAINED NO RESPONSE OR
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 March 2008 11:41
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 29-02-2008-070338-002

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 28 February 2008 asking for the release of as many documents on UFOs and the alien phenomena as possible. Additionally, you asked for information on the above topic that is at Secret, Top Secret or above Top Secret level of classification. You also asked for the re-publication of any information on UFOs that might have been withdrawn from the MoD website. Further to that you asked for information on Peter Horsley and the Janus case.

You may be interested to know that the MoD will shortly be commencing a programme to release some 160 UFO and UFO related files to the National Archive. The files from the Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff will cover the period from the late 1970s to 2007. The files themselves will be released in accordance with the same principles that the MoD applies when it releases information for Freedom of Information requests such as yours. The files will be released in chronological order and the programme is likely to take some three years to complete. A public announcement will be made when the first files are ready for viewing at the National Archive. Only a handful of files and documents are actually classified as Secret, but Ministers are content for them to be released, subject to Defence or National Security concerns (for example if they discuss radar capability or weapons capability). Whilst I have not looked at these documents recently, I expect that we will only need to withhold minimal amounts of information on these grounds. Therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the MOD is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

I am unaware of the MoD holding any files or documents on UFOs or aliens that are classified as Top Secret and there is no classification of Above Top Secret.

I am sorry to hear that you have had difficulty locating documents on UFOs on the MoD website. It is possible that there were difficulties with the website when you tried. Might I suggest that you search in both the Publication Scheme and the Disclosure Log under the subject of UFO. However, I can confirm that the MoD file on the so called Rendlesham Incident, together with information relating to the Corsham incident have been removed from the website.

Whilst investigating the best way to the release our UFO files, it became clear that placing letters from non MoD sources such as members of the public on our website, without the express agreement of the individuals who wrote those documents, would place the MoD in breach of copyright. Since the above documents contain a great many documents written by the public, and we simply do not have the resources to trace every individual who wrote to us, we recently (within the last week) withdrew the above document from publication. It may have been possible to leave the MoD documents on the website, but it was felt that the remaining documentation made little sense without the public correspondence that related to it. That having been said, not only will this information be released at a future date to the National Archive as part of the release programme I mentioned earlier, but we can still release the information to members of the public as part of a direct response to a Freedom of Information request as the responsibility for complying with copyright legislation effectively transfers to the individual requesting the information.

Finally, you have asked a copy of the Peter Horsley and Janus case file. I am unaware of any such

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file existing.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
 Sent: 28 February 2008 12:56
 To: Info-Access-Office
 Subject: FOI written request PS 29-02-2008-070338-002 [REDACTED]

EXP 31 MAR 08

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
 Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 12:55:50

 txttitle: [REDACTED]

txtfirstname: [REDACTED]

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtaddress1: [REDACTED]

txtaddress2: [REDACTED]

txttowncity: [REDACTED]

txtstatecountry: [REDACTED]

txtzipcodepostcode: [REDACTED]

txtcountry: [REDACTED]

txtemailAddress: [REDACTED]

txtinforequest: Could you please release all or as much as many
 documents as possible regarding the UFO and alien phenomena.

I do believe that you are holding documents with the aforementioned
 information that are classified as "top secret" and "above top secret"
 because as Nick Pope (Ministry of defence, UFO desk 1991-1994) says
 "over the past few years we have seen the release of documents [about
 UFO's] which at the time have been classified as top secret"

I have tried your search bar with minimal success recently, (a few
 months back there were many documents on UFO's that would be displayed,
 Over 150 i do believe) is this because you have withdrawn them?

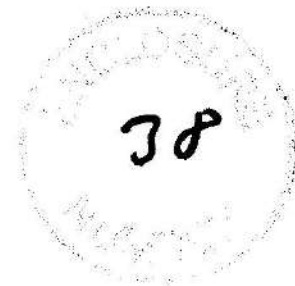
If so, under the FOIA, could i please request that these are published
 again.

Also could i request the Peter Horsley and 'Janus'. case file.
 This is the case in which Mr Horsley believed that his mind was "being
 read by an alien" in a house in Chelsea. Mr Horsley said himself that
 this was investigated and is classified "Above Top Secret", so saying
 that you have not investigated the aforementioned case is not adequate.

Summing it up, could i please request under the FOIA:

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1. As much information as possible about UFO's and aliens
 2. As much information as possible about UFO's and aliens that is classified as "Secret, Top Secret or Above Top Secret"
 3. Information on the Peter Horsley and 'Janus' case
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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 19-05-2008-093903-001

Expiry: 13 June 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copy of Cosford documents previously appearing on MoD website.

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold this file. Personal information has been withheld under s.40 (Personal Information)

The redactions have been updated in accordance with existing MoD policy. This has been explained to the applicant.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information subject to above exemptions.

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date:..... *22/5/08*



From: **Section 40**
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Our Reference

19-05-2008-093903-001

Date

22 May 2008

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 May 2008 asking for a copy of documents on the Cosford Incident that had previously been available on the MoD website, which I enclose.

Some personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers etc has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information). You will notice that whilst most of the information withheld has been blacked out manually with a marker pen, some has clearly been blacked out electronically. These are amendments to bring the documents into line with current MoD practice and therefore the documents do not exactly match those that appeared on the website. That having been said, I do not believe that these amendments substantially alter the documents.

You may also wish to know that the original file that these documents were drawn from is one of 160 due for transfer to The National Archives as part of the three year programme that has recently been featured in the media.

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Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 21 May 2008 21:52
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-05-2008-093903-001 - COSFORD INCIDENT

Please address this to

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UK

A CD version would be best if you could post it to this address.

Thanks

Section 40

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-05-2008-093903-001 - COSFORD INCIDENT
Date: Wed, 21 May 2008 13:53:39 +0100
From: Section 40
To: Section 40

Dear Madam,

Your e-mail of 14 May 2008 requested a copy of the information relating to the Cosford incident that until recently was available on the MoD website. The document is too large for me to forward by e-mail and I should therefore be grateful if you would let me know whether you require a paper copy or would accept a CD version.

Additionally, I will need your address details in order to forward it to you.

Yours faithfully,

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MoD Main Building

Whitehall

London

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22/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

Section 40

19-05-2008-09393-001
EX 13 JUN 08

From: Section 40
Sent: 14 May 2008 21:09
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: The UFO incident at Cosford in Mar 1993

I would like a copy Please.

Regards

Section 40

Miss your Messenger buddies when on-the-go? [Get Messenger on your Mobile!](#)

19/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: [defe/24/2448/1](#)

FILE NOTE:

Papers released in response to this request (19-05-2008-093903-001) are available to view on the website of The National Archives (TNA) under TNA catalogue reference DEFE 24/2086/1



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40** [redacted]

Case Number: 19-05-2008-094234-002

Expiry: ~~22 May 08~~ 16 Jun 08

Section 40 [redacted]

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copy of Cosford documents previously appearing on MoD website.

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold this file. Personal information has been withheld under s.40 (Personal Information)

The redactions have been updated in accordance with existing. This has been explained to the applicant.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information subject to above exemptions.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40** [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40** [redacted]

Date: 21/5/08

NOTE: TO SAVE PAPER,
I HAVE NOT PRINTED
OUT THE PAGES SENT.

Section 40 [redacted]
23/5/08



From: **Section 40**

Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone	(Direct dial)	020 7218 2140
	(Switchboard)	020 7218 9000
	(Fax)	Section 40
e-mail	das-ufo-office@mod.uk	

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Tamworth
 Staffordshire

Section 40

Our Reference

19-05-2008-094234-002

Date

21 May 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 16 May 2008 asking for a copy of documents on the Cosford Incident that had previously been available on the MoD website, which I enclose.

Some personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers etc has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information). You will notice that whilst most of the information withheld has been blacked out manually with a marker pen, some has clearly been blacked out electronically. These are amendments to bring the documents into line with current MoD practice and therefore the documents do not exactly match those that appeared on the website. That having been said, I do not believe that these amendments substantially alter the documents.

You may also wish to know that the original file that these documents were drawn from is one of 160 due for transfer to The National Archives as part of the three year programme that has recently been featured in the media.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 21 May 2008 14:37
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-05-2008-094234-002 - COSFORD

Dear Section 40
Many thanks for your email. If you could send a paper copy of the document, my address is:

Section 40
Tamworth
Staffordshire
Section 40

Your help is much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 wrote:

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> Dear Section 40
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> information relating to the Cosford incident that until recently was
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> me know whether you require a paper copy or would accept a CD version.

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> Additionally, I will need your address details in order to forward it
> to you.

> Yours sincerely,

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19-05-2008-094234-002

EXP- 16 JUN 08

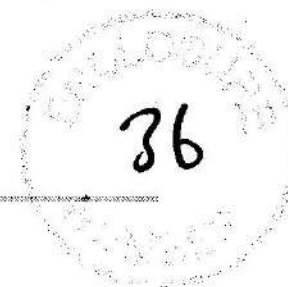
From: Section 40
Sent: 16 May 2008 12:57
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Cosford Incident Documents

Dear Sir/Madam,

I should be most grateful if you could provide me with copies of the documents relating to the 1993 Cosford 'UFO' incident. The freedom of information section of your web page states that although the documents have been withdrawn for copyright reasons, it is still possible to obtain copies.
Many thanks.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 May 2008 11:07

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 15-05-2008-124015-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 May 2008 asking for copies of UFO sighting reports. I assume you are referring to the reports mentioned in the 8 files recently transferred to The National Archives. If this is incorrect, please let me know.

These files are now available for examination over the internet on The National Archives website, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1987 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. You may also wish to be aware that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has already released a great deal of information about UFOs, including details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD for the period 1997-2007. These are available via our website, www.mod.uk, and can be located by searching under "UFO reports".

You may be interested to know that the MOD will be transferring some 160 UFO related files to The National Archives over the next 3 years. The files will be transferred in chronological order, with the oldest files being passed to The National Archives first.

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

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I hope this is helpful.

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21/05/2008

Catalogue Reference:de/24/2448/1

EXP 12 JUN 08

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 14 May 2008 18:31

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 15-05-2008-124015-001 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 18:31:18

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Student

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Livingston

txtstatecountry: West Lothian

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Hi! Under the FOI Act I want to request a copy of the reports about the UFO Sightings as the MOD has now announced that they are going to make them available to all members of the public. Acceptance of this request will be highly appreciated. Cheers!



Section 40

19-05-2008 P-094551-223

EXP - 16 JUN 08

From: Section 40
Sent: 16 May 2008 12:01
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: u.f.o's

can you please let me have all previously withheld information on Extra Terrestrial/U.F.O.'s activity observation that is now available to us:
thank you

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19/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 May 2008 09:20

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-05-2008-094551-003

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May 2008 asking for all previously withheld information on Extra-Terrestrials and UFO activity now available to the public.

Before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1987, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) will be transferring a further 150 plus files to The National Archives over the next three years in chronological order, with the oldest files being released first.

The MOD website also contains some released information on UFOs. This can be accessed the internet at: www.mod.uk by searching under "UFO".

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

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I hope this is helpful.

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21/05/2008

Catalogue Reference:defe/24/2448/1

Section 40**From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 20 May 2008 14:58**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 20-05-20058-134956-007Dear **Section 40**,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20 May 2008 asking whether Mr Nick Pope (UFO author) was ever a Minister at the UK Ministry of Defence.

Mr Pope was not a Minister at the Ministry of Defence.

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

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20/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 20 May 2008 13:51
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 20-05-2008-134956-007 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request or do you feel it would be best answered by DGCP.

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk
Section 40

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 20 May 2008 09:44
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PS 20-05-2008-134956-007 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 09:43:49

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: Hi,

I am an Australian Media Producer, wondering if anyone there could confirm if Nick Pope (UFO author) was ever a Minister at the Ministry of Defence, UK as he claims?

Thanks,
Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 21 May 2008 10:47
To: Section 40
Cc: Section 40
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 20-05-20058-134956-007

Dear Section 40

Thank you soo much for your prompt response! I thought it was a scam just wanted to make sure. He is getting alot of publicity online, on UTube and at so called 'National Press conferences' lately. Alot of people are convinced he is for real...very frustrating to watch.

Regards,
Section 40

Quoting "Section 40" :

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20 May 2008 asking whether Mr Nick Pope (UFO author) was ever a Minister at the UK Ministry of Defence.

Mr Pope was not a Minister at the Ministry of Defence.

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

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 May 2008 11:42

To: 'info@Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 20-05-2008-134956-007

Dear Section 40

Whilst it is not MoD policy to provide personal details regarding employees (which, with more junior employees, would include career details) in fairness to Mr Pope, I feel I should point out that during the period 1991-1994 he was the desk officer with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD. The post he held during this period (and which I now hold) was a civil service post at what was known then as *Executive Officer*. This is a junior management grade.

In the context of your FOI request, *Ministers* are all members of the UK parliament, whether in the upper or lower chambers, and therefore are at the very highest level of government.

I hope this clarifies matters.

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21/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1



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From: **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
 (Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
 (Fax) **Section 40**
 e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

Farnham Common
 Bucks

Section 40

Our Reference
 20-05-2008-081551-001
 Date
 20 May 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 19 May 2008 asking for a copy of the MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident, which I enclose on computer disk.

Some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

20.05.2008-081551-001

EXP 18 JUN 08

From: Section 40
Sent: 19 May 2008 22:04
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Rendlesham Forest Incident

Hello,

Please may I have a copy of the Rendlesham Forest Incident. If it can be emailed please use this address but if the file is too large please mail it to:

Section 40

Farnham Common
Bucks

Section 40

Many thanks for your assistance

Section 40

Sent from Yahoo! Mail.
A Smarter Email <http://uk.docs.yahoo.com/nowyoucan.html>

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 24-04-2008-092858-004

Expiry: 22 May 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copy of MoD Rendlesham file.

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold this file. Personal information has been withheld under s.40 (Personal Information)

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information subject to above exemptions.

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05 **Section 40**

Date: **19/5/08**



From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone	(Direct dial)	020 7218 2140
	(Switchboard)	020 7218 9000
	(Fax)	Section 40
e-mail	das-ufo-office@mod.uk	

Section 40

Selby
 North Yorkshire

Section 40

Our Reference

24-04-2008-092858-004

Date

19 May 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 April 2008 asking for a copy of the MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident, which, in accordance with your e-mail of 16 May 2008, I enclose on computer disk.

Some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

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Yours sincerely, **Section 40**

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 14 May 2008 11:22

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: RENDLESHAM FOREST 24-04-2008-092858-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 April 2008 asking for a copy of any and all files held on the Rendlesham UFO incident.

The MoD only has one file on the Rendlesham incident, D/Sec(AS)12/2/1, which appears to be a compilation file created some considerable time after the event. This is currently being prepared for release to The National Archives. However, I should be in a position to send you a copy of the file in the very near future. You have not specified whether you want a hard (paper) copy or an electronic (PDF) version which can be provided on CD, thus saving on paper. I am afraid that due to the size of the document, I am unable to e-mail it to you.

If you would let me know what format you would like the information in, I should be grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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14/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

EXP 22 MAY 08

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 23 April 2008 12:20

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 24-04-2008-092858-004 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 12:19:45

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtoccupation: support worker

txtorganisation: b.i.r.t

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: [REDACTED]

txttowncity: selby

txtstatecountry: north yorkshire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: I would like to see every file regarding the rendlesham forest ufo incident, at bentwaters airbase and surrounding area. {during the 80's in particular} My reason are that it is unlikely that this incident needs to be kept under raps anymore, as the base is no longer operational, and the mod officially does not recognise ufo's exist - yet american personel at the time elude to british forces searching for evidence- so i would be very grateful for all files regarding this incident- yours Section 40

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 19-05-2008-095012-004

Expiry: 16 June 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Number of requests regarding Rendlesham since the incident.

Sight of other incident files released on line.

Where can latest files to be released be viewed.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Costings – 1 file takes 1 hr to read
100 files take 60 hours
100 hours at £25 = £2500

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date: **19/5/08**

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 19 May 2008 15:03

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-05-2008-095012-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May 2008 asking how many requests for information regarding the Rendlesham Incident there had been since the incident itself. It is being treated as a new Freedom of Information request. Your outstanding request for a copy of the MoD's file on Rendlesham will be answered very shortly. Additionally, you asked whether files on other cases would be released and if not, where they can be viewed on line.

The Rendlesham Incident has aroused consistent interest from member of the public interested in UFO matters. Most of this is in the form of letters asking for information which are stored on paper correspondence files (amongst others) in the date order they are received and not on the single file the MoD has on the topic. Accurately answering your question would involve manually checking some 100 plus files, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, I can tell you that this branch, which is the lead branch for UFO matters within the MoD, has received some 26 requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act on the subject of Rendlesham since 2005.

As you may have seen last week in the press, the MoD is releasing some 160 UFO files over the next three years which will be available for viewing at The National Archives. This will include all the 100 plus files mentioned in my second paragraph, together with other case files. When they are released, you will be able to view them at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

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I am sorry I was unable to be more helpful.

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Section 40

19-05-2008-095012-004
EX 16 JUN 08

From: Section 40
 Sent: 16 May 2008 10:38
 To: Section 40
 Subject: RE: RENDLESHAM FOREST 24-04-2008-092858-004

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your prompt response, i have no preference for the hard paper copy or cd - It would be probably best on cd format, thanks - save trees {ironically}.
 It was a bit of a surprise that the govt released files, at the very time i asked for the rendlesham incident case -just a strange coincidence.
 I just wondered if you could tell me how many requests for the rendlesham incident there have been, since the incident - sorry i forgot to ask in the first place.
 Is it possible to access other released files on line of other cases, if not where can i see the latest files released - thanks again Section 40

Subject: RENDLESHAM FOREST 24-04-2008-092858-004
 Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 11:21:37 +0100
 From: Section 40 @mod.uk
 To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 April 2008 asking for a copy of any and all files held on the Rendlesham UFO incident.

The MoD only has one file on the Rendlesham incident, D/Sec(AS)12/2/1, which appears to be a compilation file created some considerable time after the event. This is currently being prepared for release to The National Archives. However, I should be in a position to send you a copy of the file in the very near future. You have not specified whether you want a hard (paper) copy or an electronic (PDF) version which can be provided on CD, thus saving on paper. I am afraid that due to the size of the document, I am unable to e-mail it to you.

If you would let me know what format you would like the information in, I should be grateful.

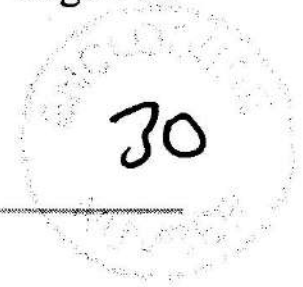
Yours sincerely,

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 DAS-FOI
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 MoD Main Building
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 SW1A 2HB

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19/05/2008

Catalogue Reference:defe/24/2448/1



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 13 May 2008 12:05

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-05-2008-101843-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 9 May 2008 which asked for details of all UFO sightings over Gloucestershire over the last 10 years. Specifically, you asked for details of date and location, the nature of the sighting, how many were reported by more than one person, which ones were investigated and what measures were taken. Additionally, you asked which three years since records began produced the most sightings over Gloucestershire and which three sites in Gloucestershire were most popular for UFO sightings.

Accurately answering your question would involve manually checking some 160 plus files, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, if you could limit your request to one or two years we may be able to help you a little more.

That having been said, details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 are available via our website www.mod.uk by searching under "UFO reports" and this may provide you with much of the information you request.

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

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I am sorry I was unable to be more helpful.

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13/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 09 May 2008 10:28

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 09-05-2008-101843-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, May 9, 2008 at 10:28:10

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Reporter

txtorganisation: Gloucestershire Echo

txtaddress1: 1 Clarence Parade

txtaddress2: Cheltenham

txttowncity: Cheltenham

txtstatecountry: Gloucestershire

txtzipcodepostcode: gl50 3ny

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: How many UFO sitings have been reported in Gloucestershire during the last ten years. What was the date and location of each siting, and what was the nature of each one.

How many and which ones of these were reported by more than one person, and by how many.

How many of the total sightings in the last ten years resulted in your staff investigating and what measures were taken.

Which three years, since records began, saw the most sightings in Gloucestershire and how many were there and where.

Which three sites in Gloucestershire have had the most reports of UFOs since records began.

Please include copies of material which you hold in the form of paper and electronic records

including emails.

I would be grateful if you would supply this information in the form of email or post.

If I can help to clarify this request please contact me using the details below.

I look forward to hearing from you promptly, as required by the legislation, and in any case

within 20 working days.

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40** (The Gloucestershire Echo)

Case Number: 09-05-2008-101843-002 Expiry: 9 June 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Individual details of UFO sightings over Gloucestershire over last 10 years, including location, who reported them, whether they were investigated. Also most popular 3 years for sightings over Gloucestershire since records began and 3 most popular locations.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Costings – 1file takes 1 hr to read
160 files take 60 hours
160 hours at £25 = £4000

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date:..... **13/8/08**



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



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Maidstone
 Kent

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 02-05-2008-121421-002
 Date:
 12 May 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request asking for a copy of the report entitled 'Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region' otherwise known as the Condign Report. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external 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 regards to the Condign Report that you request a copy of, the MOD has scanned this large document and placed it on the MOD website at:
<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/UnidentifiedAerialPhenomenauapInTheUkAirDefenceRegion.htm> in order to make it available to as many individuals as possible. The MOD makes no charge to view, download or print this information.

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

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<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 02 May 2008 04:43

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 02-05-2008-121421-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday,
May 2, 2008 at 04:43:15

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Student

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Maidstone

txtstatecountry: Kent

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I don't mean to cause any troubles and I apologise if
this is at all a time waster but I'd like to request a copy of the
"Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defense Region" Internal
Review. It's out of curiosity that I wish to discover as much
information as possible about the increase of UAP/UFO activity and with
increases of recent evidences of Extra Terrestrial lifeforms, I feel
the need to learn more about the situation to stay out of the shadow of
ignorance. Thank you Very much.

Section 40

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From: Section 40
Sent: 07 May 2008 11:47
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI-11-04-2008-073909-007

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for information regarding an incident on the 7 February 1974 at Ruabon Mountain in Llangollen C, in North Wales. You also asked for any UFO reports for that date and location.

The MOD files for this period have been transferred to The National Archives. They can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also has a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

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

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

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07/05/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

EX 12 NAM OP

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 10 April 2008 23:24

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: foi email request PS 11-04-2008-073909-007 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 23:23:56

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: N/A

txtorganisation: N/A

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I am looking for information in to a insident that took
place on the 7th Febuary 1974 at Ruabon Mountain, in Llangollen Rural C !
North Wales.

I am looking for reports of UFOs on that day in this area. Yours

Section 40



Section 40

From: **Section 40**

Sent: 07 May 2008 11:46

To: **Section 40**

Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI-14-04-2008-070935-003

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request enquiring if the Ministry of Defence is in possession of any non man made flying machine. 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 (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of at potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

You asked if the Ministry of Defence was in possession of any non man made flying machine and the answer is no. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters to the question of the existence of extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

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

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

EX 13 MAY 08

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 13 April 2008 04:47

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 14-04-2008-070935-003 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 04:47:15

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **[Redacted]**

txtoccupation: none

txtorganisation: none

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **[Redacted]**

txttowncity: St. Louis

txtstatecountry: Mo.

txtzipcodepostcode: 63104

txtcountry: USA

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Do you have in your possession any non man made flying machine?

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 06-05-2008-144514-003

Expiry: 4 June 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Individual details of UFO sightings over Devon and Somerset over last 10 years, including location, who reported them, whether they were investigated and whether there were any images or video of them.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Costings – 1file takes 1 hr to read
60 files take 60 hours
60 hours at £25 = £1500

It may be possible to reduce time taken as we have dates for incidents, but this is still likely to take 30 minutes per file which will result in a cost of £750 which is still over the £600 limit.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date: 7/9/08

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 07 May 2008 11:01

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 06-05-2008-144514-003

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 6 May 2008 which asked for details of all UFO sightings over Somerset and Devon over the last 10 years. Specifically, you asked for details of location, who reported them and whether they were investigated and if there are any images/video of them.

Accurately answering your question would involve manually checking, as a minimum, some 60 plus files, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

However, details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 are available via our website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO reports*" and this may provide you with much of the information you request.

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

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I am sorry I was unable to be more helpful.

Section 40

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Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 06 May 2008 15:46

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 06-05-2008-144514-003 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 15:46:13

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: journalist

txtorganisation: **Section 40**

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Weston-super-Mare

txtstatecountry: Somerset

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like to know about all UFO sightings in the past 10 years in Somerset and Devon.

How many have there been?

Can I have details of each one individually - location, what are they of, who reported them and were any investigated?

Are there any images/video of any of them?

Thanks

Section 40

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From: Section 40

Sent: 06 May 2008 10:01

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 06-05-2008-070538-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 2 May 2008 asking whether there had been any UFOs or extra-terrestrial designed craft controlled by Homo-Sapians, over Grimsby on 2 December 1997 between 01:00 and 05:00.

The MoD has no reports of UFOs or extra terrestrial objects being sighted over Grimsby on that date. Additionally, we have no knowledge of the existence of any craft of alien design controlled by Homo-Sapians.

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

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Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 02 May 2008 20:50

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: foi email request PS 06-05-2008-070538-001 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday,
May 2, 2008 at 20:50:10

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Dear MOD,

Were any Unidentified Flying Objects, or objects that could be
identified as extra-terrestrial in origin, or objects that could be
identified as extra-terrestrial in design but controlled by Homo
Sapiens and of earthly origin, flying over the town of Grimsby on
December 2nd 1997 between 01:00 and 05:00hrs?

Thankyou.



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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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 (Fax) **Section 40**

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Section 40

Broadcast Journalist
 Silk FM

Section 40

Macclesfield

Cheshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 27-03-2008-104329-011

Date:
 22 April 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for the number of UFO sightings in Cheshire between January 2005 and March 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external 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 regards to your question of the number of sightings in Cheshire between January 2005 and March 2008, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has a database which contains the details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2007 which can be accessed via the internet at:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme>,
 by searching under 'UFO' reports.

Finally, so far in 2008, there has been one UFO sighting from Chester in Cheshire on the 31 January.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent

internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 22 April 2008 11:42
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: Section 40 FOI Letter
Attachments: Section 40, FOI Letter.doc

22/04/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

EXP 24 APR 08

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 27 March 2008 11:40

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 27-03-2008-104329-011 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 11:40:07

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtoccupation: Broadcast Journalist

txtorganisation: Silk FM

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: [REDACTED]

txttowncity: Macclesfield

txtstatecountry: Cheshire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: How many reported UFO sightings were there in Cheshire
between January 2005 and March 2008?



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

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Journalist
 Trinity Mirror

Section 40

Hinckley
 Leicestershire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 31-03-2008-152837-007

Date:
 22 April 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for the number of UFO sightings seen in Hinckley, Leicestershire and the surrounding areas in the past five years. 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 (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regards to your question of sighting reports seen in Hinckley in Leicestershire and the surrounding areas for the last five years, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has a database which contains the details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2007, which can be accessed via the internet at:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme>,
 by searching under 'UFO' reports.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an

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Yours sincerely

Section 40 [REDACTED]

From: Section 40 [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 April 2008 11:41
To: Section 40 [REDACTED]
Subject: Release-Authorised Section 40 [REDACTED] FOI Letter
Attachments: Section 40 [REDACTED] FOI Letter.doc

22/04/2008

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From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 31 March 2008 13:53

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 31-03-2008-152837-007 **Section 40**

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 13:52:37

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Journalist

txtorganisation: Trinity Mirror

txtaddress1: Hinckley Times

txtaddress2: Brunel Road

txttowncity: Hinckley

txtstatecountry: Leics

txtzipcodepostcode: LE10 0AB

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like to know how many UFO sightings there have been in the Hinckley (in Leicestershire) and the surrounding towns and villages in the past 5 years.



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant **Section 40**

Case Number: 25-03-2008-121607-008 Expiry: 22 Apr 2008

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

All information on Cosford and Rendlesham Incidents

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act:

Costings 1 file takes 1 hour to read
 100 files takes 100 hours
 100 hours @ £25 = £2500

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

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

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date: 16/4/08